Consultation on possible changes to bus routes 138, 269, 336 and 367

Response to Issues Raised

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Response to main consultation issues

1 Introduction

This document summarises TfL’s responses to the main issues raised. Responses to this consultation are contained in a separate document. Both are available on the TfL website.

London Borough of Bromley are intending to make various urban realm improvements throughout Bromley North Village (the area between Widmore Road and Bromley North Station). As part of the scheme it will no longer be possible for buses to use East Street.

East Street is currently served by routes 138, 269, 336 and 367 southbound only. Northbound buses use West Street and it is expected that no changes to northbound routeings will be required. The scheme also requires removal of the stops in Market Square (stops I and O).

2 The consultation

It was proposed to reroute southbound buses on routes 138, 269, 336 and 367 via Tweedy Road (instead of East Street and Widmore Road) as detailed below.

From Bromley North station, buses on routes 138, 336 and 367 would be rerouted along Tweedy Road direct to Kentish Way. The nearest stops to Market Square will be at Bromley North Station or at Kentish Way near Bromley Civic Centre.

Route 269 would be rerouted from Bromley North station, along Tweedy Road direct into Widmore Road. The nearest stops to Market Square would be at Bromley North station, or in Widmore Road at Kentish Way.

As buses will no longer serve East Street, bus stop F in East Street at Market Square would close. Routes 138, 269, 336 and 367 would no longer serve bus stop J in Widmore Road.

Bus stops and I and O in Market Square will also need to close but the routes concerned will stop in High Street and Widmore Road.
Main issues raised and TfL's response

Concerns about the additional walking distance from Sainsbury's store and East Street to the new stops, especially for mobility impaired passengers.

It is acknowledged that was substantial opposition in the consultation to the scheme however the closure of East Street to buses and the closure of the stops I and O in Market Square are required as part of the Council’s scheme. This is to allow streetscape improvements at Market Square which does not include provision for replacement stops in this area.

A number of options were investigated for alternative routeings including two-way via West Street and diverting services via London Road and High Street. West Street is not wide enough to accommodate two-way bus movements.

Diverting via London Road would result additional journey time for passengers boarding at Bromley North if it were possible to serve London Road. Presently this routeing is not possible due to the layout of the road network at Bromley North.

It is approximately a 200 metre walk between East Street and the stops at Bromley North. Passengers on Widmore Road would have to walk approximately 120 metres to the nearest stops on Kentish Way or further east on Widmore Street.

Passengers using route 269 would have a walk of approximately 200 metres to Bromley North Station or 300 metres to Widmore Road.

The closure of stops I and O would cause inconvenience for those wishing to access the town centre

Stops I and O on Market Square will be closed and routes serving them moved to stop L on the High Street approximately 150 metres away. Although this will increase walking distances to some parts of the town centre, the new stopping location is designed to improve the waiting environment for passengers as the proposals include widening the footpath.