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Set out below are the main points put to us during the consultation on our proposals to stop running route 691 and our response to these.

Our proposals

Between 29 June and 23 August 2016, we asked stakeholders and the public about their views on our proposals to no longer run route 691

Route 691 currently runs between Richmond Road, Ham and The Hollyfield School, Surbiton. It runs one journey from Ham to The Hollyfield School in the morning with one journey from The Hollyfield School to Ham in the afternoon.

Following a review and to make better use of our resources we proposed that route 691 would no longer run.

There are currently around 90 trips per day made on the 691. Passengers who currently use route 691 between Kingston and The Hollyfield School would be able to use either route 281, 406 or 418 instead. Around 10-15 pupils travel from north of Kingston. They would need to use route 65 and change buses at Kingston to complete their journey.

Overall response

We received 13 responses to the consultation; nine from members of the public and four from stakeholders. Having considered the feedback received, we have decided to withdraw route 691 from 22 December 2016.

Main issues raised and TfL's response

Can route 691 be rerouted or replaced with a route linking other schools in the area where there is increasing pupil demand?

The schools in and around Kingston are well served by a number of existing bus routes which offer the potential for a wide variety of links to surrounding areas.

In July 2016, the frequency of route K5, which operates between Ham and Morden Station, was increased to 2 buses per hour during Monday to Saturday daytimes. Capacity on the bus network will continue to be monitored and additional services will be provided wherever a shortfall is identified.

Can the frequency of route 65 be increased to meet increasing demand from schools in North Kingston?

Usage on the London bus network is continually monitored to ensure capacity is well matched to demand. Following a recent review, the frequency of route 65 was increased in July 2016 to 10 buses per hour during Monday to Saturday daytimes, and 6 buses per hour during all evenings.