

ALL CHANGE FOR BUSES IN QUEENS PARK?



Would you like to see better buses in Queens Park?

Are you concerned about the proposed changes to the 81?

Come to a

**PUBLIC MEETING ON BUS CHANGES
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, QUEEN'S PARK ROAD
MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 7.30pm**

Speakers Mike Best (Operations Director, Brighton & Hove Buses)
Andrew Boag (Chair, Brighton & Hove Buswatch)
Richard Johnson (Bus team, Brighton & Hove City Council)

Chair Mark Strong (Vice-chair, Queens Park LAT)

There'll be ample time for audience questions, comments and suggestions

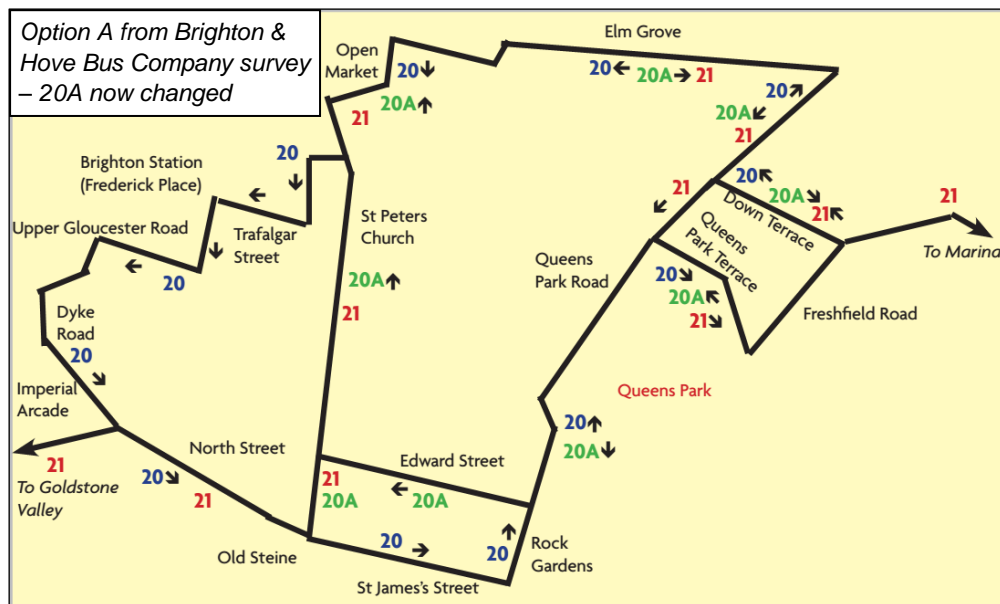
*** DETAILS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OVERLEAF ***

Meeting arranged by members of Queens Park Local Action Team (QP LAT - qplat.wordpress.com/)

CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES IN QUEENS PARK

Brighton & Hove Buses are planning to make major changes to bus services to and from Queens Park in April 2014. This has come about very quickly, partly in response to problems with reliability of the 81 in recent months.

While the local community appreciates the bus company wants to improve services, we're concerned about the speed at which changes have been proposed and the lack of consultation with local bus users. We've called this public meeting to allow the changes to be discussed, concerns to be raised, and hopefully to agree on improvements.



The bus company are still developing the details of the changes, responding to local community groups and bus users who have raised a number of issues. The latest proposals are for the 81 route to be replaced by two completely new routes 18 and 20, plus major revisions to the 21 route.

The core of the new services is the **20 Queens Park Shuttle**. This would run very often along a **one-way anti-clockwise loop** from the Clock Tower (Dyke Road) via North Street and St James's Street. It would then be the same as the 81 through Queens Park to the Level, but then continue via London Road and Brighton Station back to Dyke Road at the Clock Tower. No buses will end at the Open Market, one stop short of the London Road shops (currently all 81s finish here) - they will all serve the Co-op stop.

The new **20** will improve the reliability of services to Queens Park. There will be more buses between Queens Park and the City Centre plus a regular all-day link with Brighton Station. But the one-way route won't provide a direct link to North Street or Hove. It will also use a separate stop from the main services at Churchill Square. The Brighton Station stop will be at Frederick Place not the station itself.

To address concerns of local bus users the bus company will maintain a direct link between Queens Park, Edward Street and Western Road by another new service **18** (running every 30 minutes during the day. East of the Old Steine it will be similar to the 20A shown above, running in a **one-way clockwise loop** via London Rd. However, the 18 would also run two-way along Western Road as far as Waitrose.

The eastern part of the revised **21** route would run half-hourly between the Marina and the Old Steine via Manor Hill, Queens Park Road, Elm Grove and London Road. The western section would run between North Street, Hove and Goldstone Valley along the same route as the current 81.

Brighton & Hove Buses have been sending out a survey to local residents and passengers. You can complete it online at <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/queensparkbus>.

You can also email comments directly to the bus company at queenspark@buses.co.uk. Please also copy your email to msstrong@gmail.com.