**Request for Information**

**THE SUPPLY OF A BUS SERVICE LINKING BASING VIEW TO THE LEISURE PARK via ALENÇON LINK**

# Confidentiality

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Introduction and Purpose of this Exercise

This information is requested as part of an exercise to seek the market’s views regarding the provision of a bus service linking the Basing View business area, railway station and The Leisure Park in Basingstoke; the capacity of the market to supply these services, and the level of interest from operators in providing such a service.

Background Information and Requirements

In preparation for the expiry of the current operator’s contract, the council is preparing to update and re tender the current contract for the operation of the Centre Shuttle bus service in Basingstoke for a further five years. As part of our carbon reduction commitment we are keen to explore innovative options using differing fuel variants from that used currently and would like to better understand implications relating to the additional infrastructure and costs that this is likely to require.

We are now considering the viability of different fuel options such as gas, electric, hybrid etc. alongside current and emerging Euro VI solutions and are keen to discuss the potential of including different fuel options within the tender. We would also like to understand how many operators are likely to be able to deliver to this specification.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council would therefore welcome your feedback on the potential for operating the Centre Shuttle bus service using alternative fuels and what other infrastructure would be required in order to support the service to the (indicative) specification below.

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Our aim is to provide a commuter/visitor public transport service using the most environmentally friendly fuels and vehicles at an affordable cost. We will be interested in receiving your ideas and potential options with an indicative cost to meet the following specification:

1. Indicative Route
	1. Mon – Fri - Leisure Park 🡺 railway station 🡺 Basing View
	2. Sat - Leisure Park 🡺 railway station only
2. Frequency

12 minute service to run six days a week at the following times):

* 1. Mon – Fri 07:00 to 19:32
	2. Sat – 09:40 to 18:18

If following submission, the council feels that more information is required, respondents must be willing to be contacted further to facilitate a more in depth discussion or clarification.

For questions regarding this process, please email Peter Smith, Senior Transport Officer, (peter.smith@basingstoke.gov.uk ) or Tel: 01256 845772

Please return responses to peter.smith@basingstoke.gov.uk by end of day on **Monday 13th January 2020**

For the avoidance of doubt no information provided in response to this questionnaire will be used by the Council in assessing providers during the subsequent procurement process.