

BUS REFORM

West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) is holding a public consultation on changing the way local buses are run to achieve our ambitions for better buses in West Yorkshire.

This consultation runs from **10th October 2023** until **7th January 2024**, and will inform a decision by the Mayor of West Yorkshire in March 2024.

WYCA recommends bus franchising. It has issued a consultation document setting out its plan for franchising in West Yorkshire and how this could be introduced. It also explores an alternative option, the Enhanced Partnership Plus (EP+), which details what else WYCA and bus operators could do to improve local buses through the current legal framework. These two bus reform options are compared to the way buses are currently run.



If the Mayor decides to introduce franchising then buses in the region would come under the control of WYCA, which would set the routes, frequency, fares and overall standards of buses in our region.

The Combined Authority seeks your views



This can be done **online**

<https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/busreform>

or **in person**

WYCA will be hosting a series of face-to-face events, where you will have the opportunity to ask your own questions to the project team and pick up copies of the consultation questionnaire.

Drop In Events (currently planned):

- Monday 23 October; 10am- 1pm; Thornton Lodge Action Group, Brook Street, HUDDERSFIELD, HD1 3JW
 - Tuesday 24 October; 1pm- 4pm; Yorkshire Children's Centre, Jo Cox House, BATLEY, WF17 5DR
 - Wednesday 25 October; 10am- 1pm; Karmand Community Centre, Barkerend Road, BRADFORD, BD3 9EP
 - Thursday 26 October; 12pm- 3pm; Ground Floor Project, Salem Community Centre, HEBDEN BRIDGE, HX7 6HB
 - Saturday 28 October; 11am- 2pm; Halifax Borough Market, 19 Albion St, HALIFAX, HX1 1DU
 - **Monday 30 October; 10am- 1pm; St Swithuns Community Centre, Arncliffe Road, WAKEFIELD, WF1 4RR**
 - Tuesday 31 October; 10am- 1pm; The Reginald Centre, 263 Chapeltown Road, LEEDS, LS7 3EX
 - Wednesday 1 November; 10am- 1pm; St Mary's Community Centre, Chequerfield, **PONTEFRACT**, WF8 2AY
 - Thursday 2 November; 10am- 1pm; Hamara Healthy Living Centre, Tempest Road, LEEDS, LS11 8RD
 - Monday 6 November; 9am- 12pm; West End Centre, St Oswald's Church, Little Horton, BRADFORD, BD5 9DH
- (further presentations may be added to this list)

More information:

- <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/BetterBusesWY/about>
- <https://weownit.org.uk/public-ownership/buses>
- Telephone: 0113 245 7676 (MetroLine)
- Post: FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM WYCA