

TRANSPORT ACT 2000

**The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Combined Authority Area
Franchising Scheme for Buses 2025**

Made 17 February 2025

Arrangement of the Scheme

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WHEREAS:

- A Transport Act 2000 (as amended) ("**2000 Act**") makes provision for a franchising authority to make a franchising scheme covering the whole or any part of its area. The CPCA is a franchising authority as defined in the 2000 Act.
- B The CPCA gave notice of its intention to prepare an assessment of a proposed scheme in accordance with sections 123B and section 123C(4) of the 2000 Act in June 2019. Having complied with the process as set out in the Act, the CPCA may determine to make the scheme in accordance with sections 123G and 123H of the 2000 Act.

NOW, therefore, the Mayor on behalf of the CPCA, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 123G and 123H of the 2000 Act, and of all other enabling powers, hereby **MAKES THE FOLLOWING FRANCHISING SCHEME (the "Scheme")**:

1 CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 This Scheme may be cited as the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Area Franchising Scheme for Buses 2025 and is made on 17 February 2025.
- 1.2 This Scheme shall come into operation on 5 September 2027 and shall remain in operation thereafter unless varied or revoked in accordance with the 2000 Act.

2 INTERPRETATION

2.1 In this Scheme:

- (a) "**1985 Act**" means the Transport Act 1985;
- (b) "**2000 Act**" has the meaning given to it in Recital A;
- (c) "**Commencement Date**" has the meaning ascribed to it in article 1.2;
- (d) "**CPCA**" means the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority;
- (e) "**CPCA Area**" means the area consisting of the areas of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council;
- (f) "**Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Area Bus Franchising Scheme Map**" means the map so described which is deposited at CPCA's offices at Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN.¹ (A smaller scale version of this plan is at Annex 4 for the purposes solely of illustration.)
- (g) "**Franchising Scheme Area**" means the CPCA Area;
- (h) "**Large Franchise Contracts**" shall mean a Local Service Contract which has a Peak Vehicle Requirement of no less than 35 vehicles;
- (i) "**Local Service Contract**" has the same meaning as in section 123A(5) of the 2000 Act;

¹ The map may be inspected at these offices and is available online at [web address]

- (j) **"Local Service"** has the same meaning as in section 2 of the 1985 Act;
- (k) **"Operator"** means a person operating a Local Service, and references to an Operator shall be construed in accordance with section 137(7) of the 1985 Act;
- (l) **"Peak Vehicle Requirement"** means the number of vehicles required to operate the Local Services in accordance with the terms of a Large Franchise Contract and at its highest frequency.

3 FRANCHISING SCHEME AREA

- 3.1 The CPCA Area is hereby designated as the area to which the Scheme relates.²

4 ENTRY INTO LOCAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

- 4.1 The date on which a Local Service Contract to provide a Local Service may first be entered into shall be 5 March 2027.³
- 4.2 The minimum period that is to expire between the date set out in article 4.1 and the provision of a Local Service under a Local Service Contract shall be a period of six (6) months.

5 SERVICES UNDER LOCAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

- 5.1 Subject to article 6, the Local Services that are appropriate, and are intended, to be provided under Local Service Contracts are those specified in Annex 1 of this Scheme.⁴

6 EXCEPTIONS FROM THE SCHEME

- 6.1 The Local Services excepted from regulation arising because of the Scheme are those listed in Annex 2 and Annex 3 of this Scheme.

7 SCHEME FACILITIES

- 7.1 The additional facilities that the CPCA consider appropriate to provide in the CPCA Area are such depots as may facilitate the letting of Large Franchise Contracts.

8 PLAN FOR CONSULTING ON OPERATION OF THE SCHEME

- 8.1 The CPCA will consult with such organisations as appear to the CPCA to be representative of users of Local Services, and may consult other organisations and persons, as the CPCA thinks fit.

² Section 123H(3)(a)

³ Section 123H(2)(c)

⁴ Section 123H(2)(b)

- 8.2 The purpose of any consultation undertaken in accordance with this article 8 is to seek the views of the users of Local Services on how well the Scheme is working.⁵ CPCA will consult in accordance with this article 8 within a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date set out in article 4.1 and at such other times periodically as the CPCA considers appropriate.
- 8.3 Any consultations carried out in accordance with this article 8 shall last for such period of time as the CPCA thinks fit so as to ensure that those organisations and persons described in article 8.1 have sufficient time to respond.
- 8.4 The CPCA will make available to the public its response to any consultation carried out in accordance with this article 8.



**THE MAYOR OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH
COMBINED AUTHORITY**

17 February 2025

⁵ Section 123(A)(9)

ANNEX 1: SERVICES INCLUDED - ARTICLE 5

General Services

To – From

Via

1 Werrington - Orton	Peterborough City Centre
2 Paston – Peterborough Hospital	Peterborough City Centre, South Bretton
3 Bretton – Park Farm	Peterborough City Centre
4 Peterborough Hospital – Parnwell Centre	Peterborough City Centre
5/5A Welland/Dogsthorpe – Yaxley/Stanground	Peterborough City Centre
6 Peterborough City Centre - Hampton	
23/24 Peterborough City Centre – Lynch Wood	Orton
25 Peterborough City Centre - Alwalton Hill Business Pk	Orton
60 Peterborough City Centre - Orton	Stanground; Hampton
61 Peterborough City Centre – Newark Sainsbury's	
63 Peterborough City Centre – Keys Park	Parnwell
31 Peterborough - Ramsey	Whittlesey; Upwood
33 Peterborough - March	Whittlesey; Coates
27 Stamford – Peterborough	Wittering, Wansford, Castor
48 Wittering - Peterborough	Wansford, Ailsworth, Castor (pre-book)
62 Peterborough - Maxey	Newborough; Grinton; Etton
415 Upwood - Peterborough	Wood Walton; Conington; Holme; Folksworth
66 Wisbech Town	
68 Wisbech Town	
46 March - Wisbech	Friday Bridge; Elm
50 Long Sutton - Wisbech	Tydd St Giles, Leverington
56 Benwick/Manea - Wisbech	Wimblington, March, Friday Bridge, Elm
33A March Town	
302 March - St Ives	Wimblington; Doddington; Chatteris; Warboys; Pidley
303 Huntingdon - Chatteris	Ramsey
8A March - Cottenham	Doddington; Chatteris; Sutton; Witcham; Haddenham; Wilburton
ZIP Ely - Ely	Witcham; Haddenham; Wilburton; Stretham; Little Thetford turn
ZIP2 March - Chatteris - Ely	Wimblington; Doddington; Mepal; Sutton; Witchford

ZIP3 Ely – Chatteris	Mepal, Sutton and Witchford
305 Ramsey - Huntingdon	Bury; Warboys; Hartford; Tesco; Oxmoor
301 Ramsey - St Ives	Warboys; Pidley; Somersham; Colne; Earith; Bluntisham; Needingworth
904 Peterborough - Huntingdon	Hampton, Stilton, Sawtry, Alconbury, Lt Stukeley
AW1 Alconbury - Huntingdon	Alconbury Weald; Stukeley
A Trumpington - St Ives	Addenbrooke's; Rail Station; New Sq; Orchard Pk W; Longstanton
B Cambridge - Hinchingsbrooke Hosp	New Sq; Cambridge N; Science Pk; Longstanton; St Ives; Hartford; Huntingdon
X2/X3 Addenbrookes - Hinchingsbrooke Hosp	City Centre, Cambourne, Papworth Everard, Godmanchester, Huntingdon
68 St Ives – Boxworth	Fenstanton; Hilton
8 Hilton - Cambridge	Papworth Everard; Elsworth; Conington; Boxworth; Bar Hill
9 Huntingdon - St Ives	Godmanchester; Hemingfords
9 St Ives - St Ives	Hilton; Elsworth; Knapwell; Boxworth; Conington; Fenstanton
300 St Ives town	
401 Leighton Bromswold - Huntingdon	Winwick; Giddings; Buckworth; Barham; Woolley
9/X9 Cambridge - Littleport	Stretham; Ely
11 Cambridge - Newmarket	Lode, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior, Burwell, Exning
12 Cambridge - Newmarket	Bottisham
112 Newmarket - Ely	Fordham, Soham, Stuntney
9A Ely local	
18 Newmarket - Fen Ditton (P&R)	Wilbraham; Fulbourn; Teversham
203 Isleham/Fordham - Newmarket	Chippenham; Snailwell
204 Isleham - Newmarket	Chippenham
46A Haverhill - Newmarket	Linton, Brinkley, Dullingham
47 Brinkley - Newmarket	Dullingham
901-904 Dullingham - Newmarket	
110 Impington - Ely	Histon, Rampton, Cottenham, Wilburton
117 Upware - Ely	Soham
125 Little Downham - Ely	
129 Black Horse Drove - Ely	Littleport, Burnt Fen
4 Cambridge - Cambourne	Coton
18/18A Cambridge – Cambourne - St Neots	Grantchester; Barton; Comberton; Bourn; Lower Cambourne

66 Fenstanton - St Neots	Godmanchester; Huntingdon; Brampton, Buckden, Lt Paxton
67 St Ives - St Neots	Hilton; Papworth Everard
65 Buckden - St Neots	Offords; Gt Paxton
61 St Neots town	Eynesbury - St Neots - Eaton Socon
150 Tilbrook - Eynesbury	Kimbolton; Gt Staughton; Hail Weston; St Neots
400 Huntingdon - Kimbolton	Ellington; Spaldwick; Kimbolton; Gt Staughton; Perry
905 Bedford - Cambridge	St Neots
C2 Hatley - St Neots	Gransdens, Gamlingay, Abbotsley
Tiger on demand (West Huntingdonshire)	Demand responsive transport service
Tiger on demand (Fenland)	Demand responsive transport service
Tiger on demand (East Cambridgeshire)	Demand responsive transport service
Tiger on demand (South Cambridgeshire)	Demand responsive transport service
PR1 Cambridge - Madingley Rd P&R	Park & Ride
PR2 Cambridge - Newmarket Rd P&R	Park & Ride
PR3 Cambridge - Trumpington P&R	Park & Ride
PR4 Cambridge - Babraham Rd P&R	Park & Ride
PR5 Cambridge - Waterbeach	Milton P&R; Landbeach
1 Arbury – Fulbourn	Cambridge City Centre; Addenbrookes; Cherry Hinton
2 Milton – Addenbrooke's	Cambridge City Centre; Romsey
3 Fison Road – Cherry Hinton	Cambridge City Centre
5 Cambridge - Longstanton	Bar Hill
5A Bar Hill – Swavesey – St Ives	Longstanton; Willingham; Over; Fen Drayton; Fenstanton
6 Cambridge - Oakington	Girton
8 Cambridge - Cottenham	Arbury; Impington; Histon
8A Cambridge City Centre - Orchard Park	
16A Cambridge - Gt Thulow	Addenbrooke's; Teversham; W Wrattling; Weston Colville; Gt Bradley
19A Cambridge - Landbeach	Fen Ditton; Horningsea; Waterbeach
114 Chesterton - Addenbrookes	City Centre; Beehive Retail; Barnwell Rd
114 Cambridge City Centre – Barnwell Rd	Beehive Retail
199 Newnham - Cambridge City Centre	

7 Cambridge - Saffron Walden	Addenbrooke's, Sawston, Duxford, Ickleford, Lt Chesterford
7 Cambridge - Pampisford	Addenbrooke's, Sawston
7 Cambridge - Sawston	Addenbrooke's
7A Duxford – Sawston (- Trumpington)	Whittlesford; Hinxton; Pampisford
132 Cambridge - Saffron Walden	Addenbrooke's, Sawston, Duxford, Ickleford, Lt Chesterford
13/13A Cambridge - Haverhill	Addenbrookes, Linton, Horseheath
X13 Cambridge - Haverhill	Addenbrookes
26 Cambridge - Royston	Trumpington, Foxton, Fowlmere, Meldreth, Melbourn
31 Fowlmere - Addenbrookes	Thriplow; Newton; Hauxton; Lt Shelford; Gt Shelford
32 Trumpington P&R - Trumpington P&R	Hauxton; Lt Shelford; Harston; Hauxton
75 Wrestlingworth - Cambridge	Croydon; Wimploe; Orwell; Barrington; Haslingfield; Harlton; Barton
15 Haslingford - Royston	Orwell; Bassingbourn
17 Guiden Morden - Royston	Bassingbourn
101 Whittlesford - Saffron Walden	Duxford, Ickleton, Littlebury
19 Burrough Green - Haverhill	Weston Green, West Wrating. Castle Camps
13B Nosterfield End - Linton	Castle Camps

ANNEX 2: EXCEPTED SERVICES - ARTICLE 6

28	Tilbrook - Kimbolton – Riseley – Bedford
37	Peterborough – Spalding
43A	Sutton St James - Murrow - Parson Drove – Wisbech
101	Peterborough – Bourne
102	Peterborough - Market Deeping
201/202	Peterborough - Stamford – Bourne
180	Yarwell - Casterton College
46/X46	Kings Lynn – Wisbech
60	Downham Market - Three Holes – Wisbech
16	Newmarket - Bury St Edmunds
312	Newmarket - Bury St Edmunds
189/190	Biggleswade – Sandy
444	Barley - Saffron Walden
319	Audley End – Haverhill
Call Connect	Stamford and Peterborough area demand responsive transport service
Excel	Peterborough – Wisbech – King’s Lynn – Norwich
R4	Uppingham – Peterborough
U1/U2	Eddington - Cambridge City Centre - Addenbrooke’s Hospital
X4	Peterborough - Corby - Kettering - Northampton

Other services

- Community bus services operated under Section 22 Permits not under contract to CPCA
- Dedicated schools or works registered local bus services that are not eligible for BSOG
- Tourist sightseeing tours
- Rail replacement bus services

ANNEX 3: TEMPORARY EXCEPTION

Any Local Service specified in Annex 1 to this Scheme up until the effective time of the first Local Service Contract in which such Local Service is specified.

ANNEX 4: CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH BUS FRANCHISING AREA

The area included in the Franchise Scheme is the entire area of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (denoted by the lighter shading below).

