

7. WESTERN BUS SERVICE REVIEW

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's comments, if any, regarding a new industrial worker bus service that will link the Hoon Hay and Spreydon areas to Birmingham Drive and Parkhouse Road.

Over the past six months, Environment Canterbury has been reviewing bus routes in the western areas of Christchurch. Feedback has been sought from the community at various stages, and wherever possible, the requests accommodated. A final proposal was put to the Environment Canterbury Councillors on 28 September 2000 and was approved for implementation in April 2001.

Although the routes reviewed by Environment Canterbury fall outside of the Board's area, as a result of the consultation and market research undertaken, the need for a new industrial worker service linking the Hoon Hay and Spreydon areas to Birmingham Drive and Parkhouse Road was identified. Subsequently, a route has been developed that will service these areas and will be trialed for a two year period commencing in April 2001. A map showing this route (called the Spreydon Worker Service) is contained in the attached copy of the Final Report on the Western Bus Service Review which details the outcomes of this review, as well as the consultation process undertaken. Details of the Spreydon Worker Service can be found on page 6 of the report, and route map B.

Recommendation: That the Board support a two year trial of the Spreydon Worker Service.