

26. MIDDLETON BUS SERVICE – DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the end to the Middleton Bus Service, and of the future of the existing bus stops solely serving this route.

BACKGROUND

On April 30 2001 the Middleton Bus Service (previously know as the Spreydon Worker Service) was established as a trial, as a result of the Western Bus Service Review. The service was designed for people living in the southwest suburbs to travel to and from work in the industrial zone around Middleton.

Seven new bus stops were established in order for the service to operate. These are located in Hoon Hay Road (between Coppell Place & Mathers Road) and Sparks Road (between Hoon Hay Road & Lyttelton Street). The remainder of the service shares bus stops with other services.

BUS STOPS

The service is being discontinued by Environment Canterbury due to low patronage. The last day of operation is to be November 23 2001.

It is proposed not to remove the signage and poles from the bus stops which are currently only served by the Middleton service, but to provide additional signage indicating that this service has ceased and will not be operating until further notice. There is no intention at this stage to legally revoke these bus stops as Environment Canterbury is undertaking a review of services in the south of Christchurch, beginning in 2002, with an implementation date of November date 2003. These bus stops may be required should a new route be established, or should this service be re-established.

CONSULTATION

A letter is to be sent to the property owners adjacent to one of the affected bus stops advising them of the above, after this report has been before the Board.

Recommendation: That the information be received.