

VILLAGE BUSES UNDER THREAT

**HAVE
YOUR SAY**



CONSULTATION ON CUTS TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES

Kent County Council are holding consultations on the future of some of the bus services they subsidise. Unfortunately, a number of **local services are among those being considered for cuts**, including **all the buses** that currently serve **Newnham, Doddington, Lynsted, Conyer, Rodmersham, Bredgar and Tunstall**. The cuts would **also mean a reduction in buses to or through Teynham, Bapchild and Sheldwich**.

These services are vital to many elderly and disabled residents who rely heavily on buses. They are also used daily by a large number of children from across our villages to access education. The loss of these services will have the dual effect of isolating residents with no access to transport, whilst also putting more cars on the

road at peak times as a greater number of parents have no option but to drive their children to school.

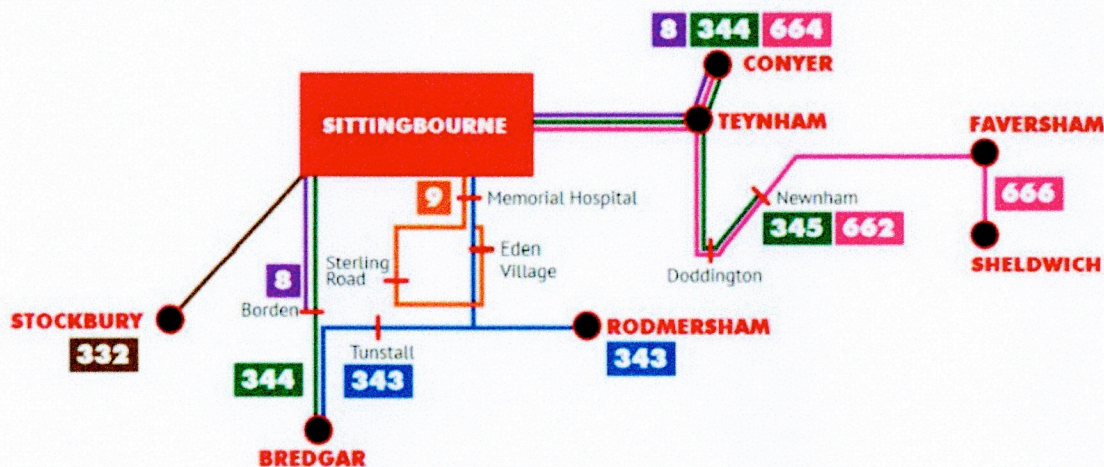
The consultation is open from now **until Wednesday 20th April**. It can be found online at – tinyurl.com/kentbus. Or if that address doesn't work on your web browser the full address is <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/bus-funding-reductions>

Please see overleaf for more information on how KCC Cllr Rich Lehmann is opposing these cuts.

If you use these services, please respond to the consultation so that your voice is heard.

HAVE YOUR SAY HERE : tinyurl.com/kentbus

VILLAGE ROUTES UNDER THREAT: DO YOU RELY ON THESE SERVICES?



KENT KARRIER AND SOME CHALKWELL SERVICES UNDER THREAT:

Kent Karrier – formerly known as Dial a Ride, this service provides a vital lifeline for elderly and vulnerable residents in communities such as Throwley, which are already without a bus service.

The following Chalkwell services:

- 8** – serving Bapchild, Teynham and Conyer
- 332** – serving Deans Bottom in Bredgar parish
- 343, 344 and 345** – serving Newnham, Doddington, Lynsted, Conyer, Teynham, Bapchild and Bredgar

And the following **school services**:

- 662** – serving Teynham, Lynsted, Doddington, Newnham, Ospringe and Faversham
- 664** – serving Conyer, Teynham and Lynsted
- 666** – from Faversham to Sheldwich

(The 666 Stagecoach bus from Faversham to Ashford will remain in service)

DROP-IN SESSIONS AROUND SWALE EAST

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!



KCC Cllr Rich Lehmann, who will be hosting drop-in sessions to help residents have their say

Kent County Councillor Rich Lehmann will be holding drop-in sessions at the locations and times below. During these sessions he will be happy to answer questions about the consultation and provide assistance for anyone that would like to respond either on paper or online.

If you would prefer to respond to the consultation using a paper copy but would prefer not to attend one of the drop in sessions, please contact Rich using the email address below or by phoning **03000 415013**.

Paper copies can also be obtained directly from KCC by calling **03000 421553**.

Rich will be at the following locations:

Saturday 2nd April

- **Rodmersham Village Hall**
9.30am – 11am
- **The Ship, Conyer**
12pm – 2pm

Saturday 9th April

- **Newnham Village Hall**
9.30am – 11.30am
- **Doddington Village Hall**
12pm – 2pm

If you have any questions about the consultation, please email Rich at rich.lehmann@kent.gov.uk and he'll be happy to help.