

Bus services for Ship Hill Road, Tatsfield road closure:

This update is to make you aware that all relevant parties have been in contact with Transport for London (TfL) and Thames Water with regards to the upcoming closure of Ship Hill, Tatsfield (from 29th January, for approximately 3 months), and we can now report that an agreement has been reached.

Thames Water will be fully funding a shuttle bus service to link Tatsfield with Biggin Hill, operating to the timetable and via the route attached. The vehicle used will be a large minibus rather than a full sized single-deck bus, as the route it has to take (specifically Church Hill) is too restrictive for larger vehicles. It will operate throughout the week (Monday – Sunday) and at similar times to the existing 464 Abellio London service. This should allow any residents of Biggin Hill or Tatsfield who use the 464 to continue to do so with minimal disruption, as the timing of the shuttle service connects with the 464 which will operate as usual from Biggin Hill and beyond.

With regards to the Surrey services in Tatsfield, the Metrobus 595 (Chalkpit Wood – Oxted – Tatsfield – Westerham) will be unaffected and will operate as normal, and the Metrobus 695 school service (Westerham – Biggin Hill – Tatsfield – Oxted School) will be on diversion. This diversion will be between Westerham and Tatsfield (missing out Biggin Hill), but will operate as normal between Oxted School and Tatsfield. Pupils travelling to/from Biggin Hill will need to make use of the free shuttle bus service, which we have confirmed with Metrobus matches up well with the timings of the school services. In the morning, drivers will be instructed to arrive at the Tatsfield Old Ship bus stop early (as their diversion will allow some extra time) and wait for the shuttle bus to arrive – this will mean children from Biggin Hill will have a guaranteed connection on towards Oxted School. In the afternoons, the Metrobus 695 should drop children off at the Old Ship bus stop approximately 10 minutes before the shuttle bus is due to arrive.

Surrey CC have already confirmed the above with Metrobus over the phone, but will shortly be sending out an email to both them and Oxted School to provide written confirmation. SCC will also be updating their webpage (Temporary changes to bus services for road closures - Surrey County Council ()) with these details later today, and have been assured by both Metrobus and TfL that their own websites will have the above information available.

