

Bury Bee Network Bus Review

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What is a Network Review?



Network reviews are our mechanism for considering public needs and aspirations for the bus network across Greater Manchester.

Every review will be evidence-based, using all the information available to us, including community feedback.

By speaking to local communities, we can learn where the network can be improved, gaps can be filled and opportunities developed.

We want even more people to choose bus travel – and offer them a great service. We're already making changes through timetable and service changes, and the Network Review will allow us to develop this even further.

Better buses are at the heart of the Bee Network as they carry the most people: around 75% of trips by public transport. But Network reviews will consider all modes and needs.

Developing the Network - Timescales for change

1. Operational Improvements:

- Implemented in **1-3 months**.
- We have implemented changes under this approach.

2. Growth Network Reviews:

- Implemented in **around 6 months**.
- We are developing changes under this approach.
- e.g. Night bus pilot on the V1 and 36 routes.

3. Strategic Network Reviews:

- Implemented in **12 - 18 months**.
- Will include changes to the published Franchising Scheme.
- We are developing changes under this approach.

Operational Improvements and Growth Network Reviews

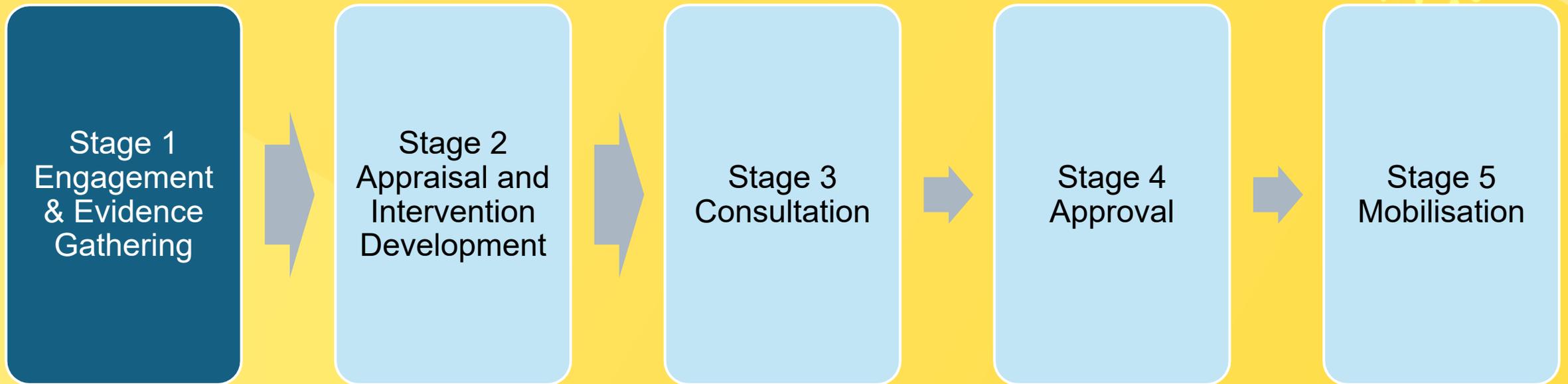
- Re-timing of timetables
- Amending frequencies or times of operation
- Amendments to routes which would not affect the service to the listed key destinations
- Change of vehicle specification

Strategic Network Reviews:

- Structural change to a route affecting key destinations /stopping points
- Addition of new services providing new routes
- Removal of listed routes

The Network Review Process

The strategic priorities developed through the first stage will go forward to the second stage of Appraisal and Intervention Development, which will deliver a series of recommendations to take forward to meet those priorities.



Bury Area Network Review: Stage 1 Engagement and Evidence Gathering

The first stage of the Bury Area Network Review was conducted from September to November 2024 with the aim of considering the public transport needs and ideas of stakeholders in the borough. Engagement runs until the end of November.

As part of the evidence gathering, a range of data sources has been used in compiling the Network Review report with input received from GMCA, Bury Council, TfGM colleagues and Bus Operator staff. The engagement process has gathered feedback from officers, stakeholders and the public. Both activities were intended to give the public the opportunity to guide future improvements to the Bee Network and Greater Manchester's broader transportation infrastructure.

The first stage of the review has been supported by an ongoing Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) report which has informed both the evidence gathering and stakeholder engagement.

Next Steps

Stage 2 - Stage 2 Appraisal and Intervention Development: The next stage of the Bury Area Network Review will focus on detailed route planning, further engagement with stakeholders, and the development of specific interventions to address the findings from the engagement process.

Next steps (approximate dates):

- **December 2024** – Outcomes from Stage 1
- **January 2025: Stage 2** - detailed route planning, appraisal and further stakeholder engagement.
- **March-April 2025:** Finalise recommendations and develop consultation materials.
- **May 2025:** Public consultation on Strategic network changes.
- **April – May 2024:** Amend recommendations to reflect consultation feedback, if appropriate. Mobilisation of any changes that do not require consultation.
- **July 2025:** Gain approval for Strategic network changes.
- **January 2026:** Strategic network changes implemented.