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Stops on the 22 service cut as it is re-routed along Hemdean Road and up Oakley Road to cover some of the axed 24 route. Efficiency and safety concerns with this change, the 2011 proposals to use this route were overturned within 2 weeks. The double decker buses would have the challenge to turn left from Highmoor into Albert Road then right into Oakley Road. **6 bus stops would be cut:** Highmoor/Albert Road, The Mount both sides, Priest Hill, Blenheim Road, St Annes Well.

23 service lose vital link stops and peak time fast link to the station only In order to re-route the 25 service to pick up the bulk of the 24 route, several bus stops will no longer be serviced by the 25, resulting in passengers from route 23 losing vital link stops to doctors surgeries. Whilst the second set of proposals now links the 23 to Caversham centre, concerns this will extend time to get to Reading station off peak. The newly formed short circuit detailed below will not be accessible from Peppard Road/Kiln Road and affecting residents from the nearby residential facility.

The 25 will be including the vast majority of the scrapped 24 service concerns regarding time added to the existing route which has previously provided a fast link to Reading station. There will no longer be stops calling at Budgens on this service, nor at Westfield Road x 2, Elizabeth House or George Street. These stops will be covered by a re-routed 27/29 Amersham Road service and rerouted 23.

A new 24 short circuit service covering Emmer Green and Caversham Heights is proposed. Please note it will only run off peak as it is “designed for concessionary pass holders/off peak daytime weekday passengers”. It will not continue on to Reading so 2 changes (3 buses) would be necessary to get to the RBH.

What can you do?

Read the consultation document carefully at www.reading-buses.co.uk and study the maps then **please highlight your concerns:** The closing date has been extended to 10 November 2017

- email ideas@reading-buses.co.uk
- post to **Caversham Consultation, Reading Buses, Great Knollys Street, Reading, RG1 7HH**

Sign the petition Please sign the **Change.org** petition <http://bit.ly/2yqr83x> (or search on their website for ‘Halt the current Caversham Pink bus route proposals’)

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