


Ealing Bus Summit with Rupa Huq MP 03.12.18 – tweets

 **London TravelWatch** @... 3 Dec 2018
Our hashtag this evening is [#ealingbuses](#)
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 **Rupa Huq MP** @Rupa... 3 Dec 2018
Very excited to host [#ealingbuses](#) summit with [@Tfl](#) [@LonTravelWatch](#) [@AbellioLondon](#) [@metrolinelt](#) [@LondonUtd](#)




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 **London TravelWatch** @... 3 Dec 2018
Geoff Hobbs from [@Tfl](#) says that there are a variety of reasons for bus changes. He says bus usage in Ealing has fallen 3% in the last 4 yrs. [#ealingbuses](#)
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[@Tfl](#) say that they are making improvements to the bus service. Air quality improvements are taking place. Bus safety work is also taking place along with measures to improve the customer experience on buses. [#ealingbuses](#)
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 **London TravelWatch** @... 3 Dec 2018
Stephen Pound MP says that he feels that some people are using Crossrail as an excuse to cut bus services. Bus services should not diminish he says. [#ealingbuses](#)
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 **Paul Corfield** @Cogbat 3 Dec 2018
Replying to [@LonTravelWatch](#)
Mr Pound is 100% correct.
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He says that bus usage has fallen more in central London, average reduction of 7% in last 4 years. Hobbs says Tube upgrades have also influenced the changes. [#ealingbuses](#)
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Route 440 would become more of an orbital route. The 27 would stop at Hammersmith. Route 266 would also shorten to improve reliability. New buses 218 and 306 would offset these changes. 427 would shorten to Southall and 111 would shorten a little. [#ealingbuses](#)

 **Bryan Davey** @BryanDaveyLdn 3 Dec 2018
Replying to [@LonTravelWatch](#) [@Tfl](#)
Cutting bus services does not constitute improvements.
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.@RupaHuq is concerned that once you start chopping up routes it could make it hard to do a journey in an hour and benefit from the hopper fare. Geoff Hobbs says that if you change in the right place it should be ok. #ealingbuses

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Paul Corfield @Cogbat 3 Dec 2018

Replying to @LonTravelWatch @RupaHuq
And where is the information that defines the "right place" given it varies by route, location, direction, traffic conditions, time of day and day of the week? The average person won't have the info to hand to make such judgements.

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john @john41539411 3 Dec 2018

Replying to @LonTravelWatch @RupaHuq
It's not it's a way of making more money. Khan said no increase in fare but bus routes are being shortened so more people need to get to work and home making them get more buses which is a increase in fares.

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An audience member says sge now drives her daughter to school to avoid being late as a result of poor bus reliability. #ealingbuses

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Geoff Hobbs says new, shorter routes will make services more reliable. They're likely to take place btwn May and December 2019.

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Paul Corfield @Cogbat 3 Dec 2018

Replying to @LonTravelWatch
"likely to" - so no guarantees there then. TfL could just resource and schedule the routes properly and leave it at that.

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The 266 is a challenging route with gridlock on the roads say @MetrolineRoblox #ealingbuses

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Concern raised about buses parking on Haven Green. Also concerns about the changes to the 440 which serves a hospital, 3 supermarkets & 4 schools. #ealingbuses

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Older people v reliant on buses, not as easy to use trains says one audience member who volunteers at @ageukcampaigns #ealingbuses

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Geoff Hobbs says that more often than not @TfL modelling is right. He says it is often hard to find alternative bus stands but he would be happy to discuss alternative ideas. #ealingbuses

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The changes to the 440 would make it a more useful, direct & faster service says Geoff Hobbs but @RupaHuq is concerned that non paying users' needs are not being taken account. Geoff Hobbs says this is not the case. #ealingbuses

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An audience member asks what us the point of a consultation which ignores the views of 72% of people opposed to changes. #ealingbuses

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Geoff Hobbs says there are lots of factors that contribute to decisions, its often more complicated than the binary answers in a consultation.

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Bryan Davey @BryanDaveyLdn 3 Dec 2018

Replying to @LonTravelWatch

But mainly its about money....

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Operators do go to @TfL to tell them if they think things are problematic but they largely do what they are told. #ealingbuses

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An audience member says that she currently accompanies an elderly lady to hospital appointments on the 440. She won't be able to do that when the changes come in.

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Paul Corfield @Cogbat 3 Dec 2018

Replying to @LonTravelWatch

There is no point. TfL were always going to cut the 27 from Chiswick High Rd. They have to remove buses to facilitate the roadworks to build CS9. People need to look at the wider context behind these changes - it's rarely about better bus services but something else.

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Paul Corfield @Cogbat 3 Dec 2018

Replying to @LonTravelWatch

So why on earth don't TfL explain this to people? Treating people like dullards and not disclosing the real reasoning is insulting and bad practice and borderline deceitful. Also makes a mockery of consultation as answers aren't related to real issues.

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A lot if people use the 266 to get to Hammersmith says one audience member & changing at central Acton doesn't make much sense because the area is so busy. #ealingbuses

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Stephen Pound says that in the past @TfL have listened eg E11 route but asks is predict and provide the right policy? Points to 4,500 new residents in his constituency who will have needs. #ealingbuses

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Disappointment that no representatives from @EalingCouncil are in attendance this evening.
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Calls from the audience for more joined up thinking and more involvement for local people.
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.@TfL say that they need to balance the needs of all users but they are looking at improvements to bus stops although need cooperation from local boroughs. 2 biggest influences on journey nos is employment and population & computer models help them predict & provide. #ealingbuses

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Thank you to everyone who has attended this evening. We hope to build on this work on the future.
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EVR Consulting Ltd @evr... 3 Dec 2018

Here we all are discussing #ealingbuses with @RupaHuq



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Ruth Dixon del Tufo 4 Dec 2018

Replying to @RupaHuq @LonTravelWatc...

Thanks for doing this @RupaHuq. I've noticed with the new low emissions zone coming in, we are getting older buses swapped into our Ealing routes (like 65) that don't go into it. Horrible for air pollution and all our lungs! Is there a plan?

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