

Killingworth Road closure - bus diversions



Update: 1 March 2019

From Friday 1 March 2019, there will be some changes to bus services in the Longbenton/South Gosforth area. These changes affect services which are currently diverted or which have been using different bus stops, as a result of the on-going road closure on Killingworth Road. A summary of the key changes is set out below and further details are inside.

Summary of key changes from 1 March 2019

218 Free shuttle service linking Four Lane Ends – Benton Estate (Hailsham Avenue) withdrawn due to low demand.

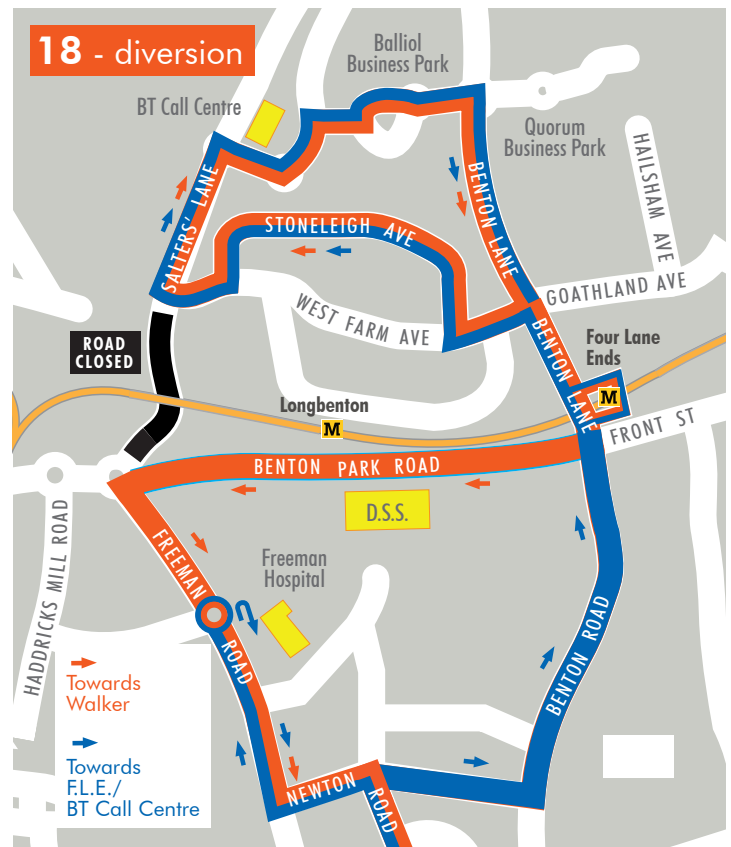
Walker - Four Lane Ends/BT Call Centre

Towards Four Lane Ends/BT Call Centre -

Buses will follow the normal route to the Freeman Hospital and will then divert back via Freeman Road, Newton Road, Cragside and Benton Road to Four Lane Ends Interchange. From Four Lane Ends Interchange, buses will then continue on a new one-way loop serving Benton Lane, West Farm Avenue, Stoneleigh Avenue, West Farm Avenue, Salters' Lane, BT Call Centre, Balliol Bus Link, Balliol Business Park (north) and then returning back to Four Lane Ends via Benton Lane. Buses will operate non-stop from the Freeman Hospital (northbound stop) to Benton Road (junction with Cragside) and will then observe all stops on the new one-way loop.

Towards Walker -

Buses will commence from Four Lane Ends Interchange and serve a new one-way loop serving Benton Lane, West Farm Avenue, Stoneleigh Avenue, West Farm Avenue, Salters' Lane, BT Call Centre, Balliol Bus Link, Balliol Business Park (north) and then returning back to Four Lane Ends via Benton Lane. Buses will then divert via Benton Lane and Benton Park Road to South Gosforth Roundabout from where they will follow the normal route again. Buses will call at all stops on the one-way loop and also all stops on Benton Park Road (westbound) between Four Lane Ends Interchange and South Gosforth Roundabout.



Stagecoach service **18** will be unable to serve Benton Estate (Goathland Avenue/Hailsham Avenue). Passengers travelling to/from these locations are advised to transfer to/from the special shuttle service **218** at Four Lane Ends Interchange.

Service 18/18A Evenings and Sunday

Walker - Four Lane Ends

Towards Four Lane Ends -

Buses will follow the normal route to South Gosforth Roundabout and will then divert via Benton Park Road and Benton Lane to Four Lane Ends Interchange. Buses will call at all stops on Benton Park Road (eastbound).

Towards Walker -

Buses will divert from Four Lane Ends via Benton Lane and Benton Park Road to South Gosforth Roundabout from where they will follow the normal route. Buses will call at all stops on Benton Park Road (westbound).



Central Taxis service **18** will be unable to go to BT Call Centre or Longbenton Estate (West Farm Avenue) in either direction. Passengers travelling to/from these locations are advised to transfer to/from Stagecoach service **62** at Four Lane Ends Interchange.

Walker - Four Lane Ends

Towards Whickham View/Newcastle -

Buses from Quorum Business Park at 20:16 and 21:16 on Monday to Friday, and from the BT Call Centre at 18:21 on Saturday, will follow the normal route through to Salters' Lane and will then divert via West Farm Avenue, Benton Lane and Benton Park Road to South Gosforth Roundabout from where they will follow the normal route again. Buses will operate non-stop from Salters' Lane to Freeman Road.



Service 54

Whitley Bay - Newcastle

Towards Newcastle -

Buses will follow the normal route to Benton Lane (junction with West Farm Avenue) and will then divert via Benton Lane, Four Lane Ends Interchange and Benton Park Road to South Gosforth Roundabout from where they will follow the normal route again. Buses will call at stops on Benton Lane, Four Lane Ends Interchange (Stand E), and all stops on Benton Park Road (westbound).

Towards Whitley Bay -

Buses will follow the normal route to South Gosforth Roundabout and will then divert via Benton Park Road, Four Lane Ends Interchange and Benton Lane (to the junction with West Farm Avenue) from where they will follow the normal route again. Buses will call at all stops on Benton Park Road (eastbound) and Four Lane Ends Interchange (Stand D).



Arriva service **54** will be unable to go to Longbenton Estate (West Farm Avenue) in either direction. Passengers travelling to/from this location are advised to use Arriva services **X8** if travelling to/from Newcastle city centre. Alternatively, passengers may also transfer to/from Arriva services **X8** on Benton Park Road (at the DSS/Longbenton Metro stop) on journeys towards Whitley Bay, or on Benton Lane (at the entrance to Quorum Business Park) on journeys towards Newcastle.

Service X7

Arriva

Blyth - Newcastle

Towards Newcastle -

Buses will follow the normal route to Quorum Business Park and will then divert via Benton Lane and Benton Park Road to South Gosforth Roundabout from where they will follow the normal route again. Buses will call at Benton Park Road (DSS/Longbenton Metro westbound stop) and South Gosforth Roundabout/Haddricks Mill Road (outside Sainsbury's Local).

Towards Blyth -

Buses will follow the normal route to South Gosforth Roundabout and will then divert via Benton Park Road and Benton Lane to Quorum Business Park from where they will follow the normal route again. Buses will call at stops at South Gosforth Roundabout (Haddricks Mill Road, opposite Sainsbury's Local), South Gosforth Roundabout/Benton Park Road (near The Victory) and Benton Park Road (DSS/Longbenton Metro eastbound stop).



Service X8

Arriva

Blyth - Newcastle

Towards Newcastle -

Buses will follow the normal route to Salters' Lane and will then divert via West Farm Avenue, Benton Lane and Benton Park Road to South Gosforth Roundabout from where they will follow the normal route again. Buses will call at all stops on West Farm Avenue (eastbound), then Benton Park Road (DSS/Longbenton Metro westbound stop) and South Gosforth Roundabout/Haddricks Mill Road (outside Sainsbury's Local).

Towards Blyth -

Buses will follow the normal route to South Gosforth Roundabout and will then divert via Benton Park Road, Benton Lane and West Farm Avenue to Salters' Lane from where they will follow the normal route again. Buses will call at stops at South Gosforth Roundabout (Haddricks Mill Road, opposite Sainsbury's Local), South Gosforth Roundabout/Benton Park Road (near The Victory), Benton Park Road (DSS/Longbenton Metro eastbound stop) and then all stops on West Farm Avenue (westbound).



Killingworth - Newcastle

Towards Newcastle -

Buses will follow the normal route to Quorum Business Park and then divert via Benton Lane and Benton Road before travelling non stop to Newcastle city centre. Buses will call at Quorum Business Park, Benton Lane (for access to Longbenton Estate), Benton Road Shops (southbound), John Dobson Street (Unite offices) and Market Street only.

Towards Killingworth -

Buses will start in Newcastle city centre and will then operate non-stop to Benton Road shops. Buses will then continue direct from Benton Road Shops via Benton Lane, rejoining normal route at Quorum. Buses will call at stops on New Bridge Street West (outside Halifax), John Dobson Street (NCP), Benton Road Shops (northbound) and then all stops on Benton Lane (northbound).



Stagecoach service **X63** will be unable to go to BT Call Centre, or Balliol Business Park (in both directions). Passengers travelling to these locations are advised to transfer to/from Stagecoach service **62** at Benton Road Shops. Within Newcastle city centre this service will also be unable to call at the usual stops on Barras Bridge, Percy Street, or Blckett Street.