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Sustainable Settlement Study Addendum

Wealden Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18)

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Addendum to the Regulation 18 Sustainable Settlement Study - Updated bus services

East Sussex County Council has received funding from the government to implement its Bus Service Improvement Plan. The plan sets out to offer residents and visitors the highest possible quality bus services, which are frequent and have a comprehensive choice, reduce congestion, and make a positive contribution to better air quality and decarbonisation. This will see improvements to the frequency of some services, the later running of others and improvements to some weekend services. These service enhancements will run to the end of March 2026. Most are funded through East Sussex County Council's successful bid to UK Government, in support of the East Sussex Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP).

Further information can be found on the East Sussex County Council's website.[i]

Previously, for the purpose of the Sustainable Settlement Strategy, each settlement had been assessed as follows::

- If the settlement had a very frequent bus service - preferably 7 days a week, minimum 30 minutes frequency and duration of journey generally less than 30 minutes to the nearest district or regional town, the settlement was given the highest rating of 1 (yellow);
- If the settlement had a frequent bus service – 5 days or more a week, with a frequency of one hour and journey duration up to 60 minutes to a regional or district town, it was given the rating of 2 (green).
- If the settlement had a limited bus service – 3 days or more a week, with both an outward bound and return journey, it was given a rating of 3 (blue).
- If there was no bus service at all, then the settlement was given a rating of 4 (red).

The following table lists all of the settlements considered in the Sustainable Settlement Study. The coloured areas show the ratings that were previously given. Within the changes column, any changes to the bus service, following the improvements to bus services within the District in July 2023 for each settlement are noted. The final column shows that, if following the additional services implemented as from July 2023, a change / improvement in the settlement's score and what the score has increased to.

Table 1 – Current Bus Service Scores Including Upgraded Services.

	1. Very Frequent Bus Service	2. Frequent Bus Service	3. Limited Bus Service	4. No Bus Service	Changes	Upgraded Service
Arlington	0	0	0	1	No change	
Balls Green	0	0	0	1	No change	
Bells Yew Green	0	0	1	0	No change	
Berwick Station	0	0	1	0	No change	
Best Beech Hill	0	0	0	1	No change	
Blackboys	0	0	1	0	New seven days a week route 29A linking Brighton, Lewes, Uckfield, Framfield, Blackboys and Heathfield. Hourly, including up to mid evening on Mondays to Saturdays. In combination with route 29, increases frequency on Monday to Saturday daytime between Uckfield and Lewes/Brighton from 2 buses per hour to 3. Route 231 (currently Etchingham-Burwash-Broad Oak-Heathfield-Blackboys-Framfield-Uckfield) revised to run locally between Etchingham and Heathfield to an improved frequency. Hourly/2 hourly on Monday to Fridays plus new Saturday service. Connections will be available at Heathfield to/from new 29A for Uckfield, Lewes and Brighton. Route 231 will also serve Burwash, Batemans, on a pre-booked basis.	2
Blackham	0	0	0	1	No change	
Bodle Street Green	0	0	0	1	No change	
Boreham Street	0	1	0	0	Route 98 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Herstmonceux-Ninfield-Bexhill-Hastings new Monday to Saturday evening journeys. Plus new 2 hourly Sunday service 98 between Eastbourne and Bexhill.	

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					New evening journeys on Mondays to Saturdays and new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 6 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Polegate-Dittons Wood-Stone Cross-Westham-Langney) combined with new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 98 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Polegate-Dittons Wood-Hailsham-Herstmonceux-Ninfield-Bexhill) instead of current route 54A.	
Broad Oak	0	0	1	0	Route 231 (currently Etchingham-Burwash-Broad Oak-Heathfield-Blackboys-Framfield-Uckfield) revised to run locally between Etchingham and Heathfield to an improved frequency. Hourly/2 hourly on Monday to Fridays plus new Saturday service. Connections will be available at Heathfield to/from new 29A for Uckfield, Lewes and Brighton. Route 231 will also serve Burwash, Batemans, on a pre-booked basis.	2
Buxted	0	0	1	0	Revised service 248 will offer journeys on 5 days a week to and from Uckfield.	2
Cade Street	0	0	1	0	New Saturday service on route 225 between Heathfield, Cade Street and Rushlake Green.	
Chalvington	0	0	0	1	No change	
Chelwood Gate	0	1	0	0	Route 270 (East Grinstead-Forest Row-Chelwood Gate-Danehill-Haywards Heath-Burgess Hill-Brighton) new Monday to Saturday evening journeys.	
Chiddingly	0	0	0	1	No change	
Coleman's Hatch	0	1	0	0	No change	
Cousley Wood	0	0	1	0	No change	
Cowbeech	0	0	0	1	No change	

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Cross In Hand	1	0	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Frant-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells, which is also increased to hourly on Sundays. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout.	
Crowborough	1	0	0	0	Route 29 (Brighton-Lewes-Uckfield-Crowborough-Tunbridge Wells) Monday to Saturday daytime frequency increased to 30 minutes throughout. Revised route 228/229 to provide a more frequent Crowborough and Jarvis Brook town service, instead of journeys to/from Tunbridge Wells. Journeys to/from Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School will be maintained. Connections will be available at Crowborough The Broadway with service 29.	
Danehill	0	1	0	0	Route 270 (East Grinstead-Forest Row-Danehill-Haywards Heath-Burgess Hill-Brighton) new Monday to Saturday evening journeys.	
East Hoathly	0	1	0	0	Route 54 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-East Hoathly-Halland-Uckfield) new 2 hourly evening and Sunday service.	
Eridge	1	0	0	0	Route 29 (Brighton-Lewes-Uckfield-Crowborough-Tunbridge Wells) Monday to Saturday daytime frequency increased to 30 minutes throughout.	
Fairwarp	0	0	0	1	Revised route 249 to provide a return journey on 3 days a week to Uckfield.	3
Five Ash Down	1	0	0	0	Route 29 (Brighton-Lewes-Uckfield-Crowborough-Tunbridge Wells) Monday to Saturday daytime frequency increased to 30 minutes throughout.	
Five Ashes	1	0	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Frant-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday	

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					evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells, which is also increased to hourly on Sundays. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout.	
Fletching	0	0	0	0	Route 246 to Uckfield to run on an additional day of the week.	
Forest Row	1	0	0	0	Route 261 (Uckfield-Maresfield-Nutley-Forest Row-East Grinstead) new evening peak journeys plus new Saturday service. All journeys will take the faster and more direct route via the A22 between Forest Row (Brambletye) and Wych Cross. Route 270 (East Grinstead-Forest Row-Danehill-Haywards Heath-Burgess Hill-Brighton) new Monday to Saturday evening journeys. Route 291 (Crawley-East Grinstead-Forest Row-Hartfield-Groombridge-Tunbridge Wells) new Monday to Saturday evening journeys.	
Framfield	0	0	1	0	New seven days a week route 29A linking Brighton, Lewes, Uckfield, Framfield, Blackboys and Heathfield. Hourly, including up to mid evening on Mondays to Saturdays. In combination with route 29, increases frequency on Monday to Saturday daytime between Uckfield and Lewes/Brighton from 2 buses per hour to 3. Route 231 (currently Etchingham-Burwash-Broad Oak-Heathfield-Blackboys-Framfield-Uckfield) revised to run locally between Etchingham and Heathfield to an improved frequency. Hourly/2 hourly on Monday to Fridays plus new Saturday service. Connections will be available at Heathfield to/from new 29A for Uckfield, Lewes and Brighton. Route 231 will also serve Burwash, Batemans, on a pre-booked basis.	2
Frant	1	0	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Frant-	

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					Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells, which is also increased to hourly on Sundays. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout.	
Groombridge	0	1	0	0	Route 291 (Crawley-East Grinstead-Forest Row-Hartfield-Groombridge-Tunbridge Wells) new Monday to Saturday evening journeys.	
Hadlow Down	0	0	1	0	Revised service 248 will offer journeys on 5 days a week to and from Uckfield.	2
Hailsham	1	0	0	0	New service 28 to/from Brighton and Lewes via Laughton, every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime. Hourly evenings and Sundays. Also extends to/from Eastbourne on Monday to Saturday daytime. Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells, which is also increased to hourly on Sundays. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout. Route 54 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-East Hoathly-Halland-Uckfield) new 2 hourly evening and Sunday service. Route 98 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Herstmonceux-Ninfield-Bexhill-Hastings new Monday to Saturday evening journeys. Plus new 2 hourly Sunday service 98 between Eastbourne and Bexhill. New evening journeys on Mondays to Saturdays and new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 6 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Polegate-Dittons Wood-Stone Cross-Westham-Langney) combined with new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 98 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-	

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					Polegate-Dittons Wood-Hailsham-Herstmonceux-Ninfield-Bexhill) instead of current route 54A.	
Halland	0	1	0	0	Route 54 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-East Hoathly-Halland-Uckfield) new 2 hourly evening and Sunday service.	
Hankham	0	0	0	1	No change	
Hartfield	0	1	0	0	Route 291 (Crawley-East Grinstead-Forest Row-Hartfield-Groombridge-Tunbridge Wells) new Monday to Saturday evening journeys.	
Heathfield	1	0	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells, which is also increased to hourly on Sundays. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout. New seven days a week route 29A linking Brighton, Lewes, Uckfield, Framfield, Blackboys and Heathfield. Hourly, including up to mid evening on Mondays to Saturdays. In combination with route 29, increases frequency on Monday to Saturday daytime between Uckfield and Lewes/Brighton from 2 buses per hour to 3. Route 231 (currently Etchingham-Burwash-Broad Oak-Heathfield-Blackboys-Framfield-Uckfield) revised to run locally between Etchingham and Heathfield to an improved frequency. Hourly/2 hourly on Monday to Fridays plus new Saturday service. Connections will be available at Heathfield to/from new 29A for Uckfield, Lewes and Brighton. Route 231 will also serve Burwash, Batemans, on a pre-booked basis. New Saturday service on route 225 between Heathfield and Rushlake Green.	

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Hellingly	1	0	0	0	New service 28 for Hellingly Green (Bulrush Lane) to Brighton, Lewes and Hailsham town centre on 7 days a week (half-hourly Monday-Saturday daytime and hourly Monday to Saturday evenings and Sundays). Service 28 to also serve Eastbourne on a half-hourly frequency, Monday to Saturday daytime. Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Town Row-Mark Cross-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne. Sunday service to/from Tunbridge Wells increased to hourly. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout.	
Herstmonceux	0	1	0	0	Route 98 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Herstmonceux-Ninfield-Bexhill-Hastings new Monday to Saturday evening journeys. Plus new 2 hourly Sunday service 98 between Eastbourne and Bexhill. New evening journeys on Mondays to Saturdays and new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 6 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Polegate-Dittons Wood-Stone Cross-Westham-Langney) combined with new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 98 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Polegate-Dittons Wood-Hailsham-Herstmonceux-Ninfield-Bexhill) instead of current route 54A.	
High Hurstwood	0	0	1	0	No change	
Hooe	1	0	0	0	No change	
Horam	1	0	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Town Row-Mark Cross-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne. Sunday service	

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Isfield	1	0	0	0	No change	
Laughton	0	0	1	0	New service 28 to/from Brighton and Lewes via Laughton, every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime. Hourly evenings and Sundays. Also extends to/from Eastbourne on Monday to Saturday daytime.	1
Little Horsted	1	0	0	0	No change	
Lower Dicker	0	1	0	0	New service 28 to/from Brighton and Lewes via Laughton, every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime. Hourly evenings and Sundays. Also extends to/from Eastbourne on Monday to Saturday daytime.	1
Lower Horsebridge	1	0	0	0	New service 28 to/from Brighton and Lewes via Laughton, every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime. Hourly evenings and Sundays. Also extends to/from Eastbourne on Monday to Saturday daytime.	
Magham Down	0	1	0	0	Route 98 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Magham Down-Herstmonceux-Windmill Hill-Ninfield-Bexhill-Hastings) new Monday to Saturday evening journeys. Plus new 2 hourly Sunday service 98 between Eastbourne and Bexhill.	
Maresfield	0	1	0	0	Route 261 (Uckfield-Maresfield-Nutley-Forest Row-East Grinstead) new evening peak journeys plus new Saturday service. All journeys will take the faster and more direct route via the A22 between Forest Row (Brambletye) and Wych Cross.	
Mark Cross	1	0	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Town Row-Mark Cross-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly	

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Mayfield	1	0	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells, which is also increased to hourly on Sundays. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout.	
Maynards Green	1	0	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Town Row-Mark Cross-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne. Sunday service to/from Tunbridge Wells increased to hourly. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout.	
Muddles Green	0	0	0	0	No change	
Ninfield	0	1	0	0	Route 98 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Herstmonceux-Ninfield-Bexhill-Hastings new Monday to Saturday evening journeys. Plus new 2 hourly Sunday service 98 between Eastbourne and Bexhill. New evening journeys on Mondays to Saturdays and new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 6 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Polegate-Dittons Wood-Stone Cross-Westham-Langney) combined with new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 98 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Polegate-Dittons Wood-Hailsham-Herstmonceux-Ninfield-Bexhill) instead of current route 54A.	
Nutley	0	0	1	0	Route 261 (Uckfield-Maresfield-Nutley-Forest Row-East Grinstead) new evening peak journeys plus new Saturday service. All journeys will take the faster and more direct route via the A22	

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					between Forest Row (Brambletye) and Wych Cross.	
Old Heathfield	0	0	0	1	No change	
Pevensey	1	0	0	0	New hourly evening and Sunday service on route 1X (Eastbourne-Langney-Stone Cross-Hailsham-Hellingly Roebuck Park). Later journeys on Monday to Saturday evenings on route 8 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Sainsbury's-Langney-Stone Cross-Westham-Pevensey-Beachlands)	
Pevensey Bay	1	0	0	0	New hourly evening and Sunday service on route 1X (Eastbourne-Langney-Stone Cross-Hailsham-Hellingly Roebuck Park). Route 99 (Eastbourne-Pevensey Bay-Bexhill-Hastings) – Sunday frequency doubled to 30 minutes.	
Polegate	1	0	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells, which is also increased to hourly on Sundays. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout. Route 54 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-East Hoathly-Halland-Uckfield) new 2 hourly evening and Sunday service. Route 98 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Herstmonceux-Ninfield-Bexhill-Hastings new Monday to Saturday evening journeys. Plus new 2 hourly Sunday service 98 between Eastbourne and Bexhill. New hourly evening and Sunday service on route 1X (Eastbourne-Langney-Stone Cross-Hailsham-Hellingly Roebuck Park).	

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Punnetts Town	0	0	1	0	No change	
Rosers Cross	0	0	0	1	No change	
Rotherfield	0	1	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells, which is also increased to hourly on Sundays. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout.	
Rushlake Green	0	0	1	0	New Saturday service on route 225 between Heathfield and Rushlake Green.	
Selmeston	0	0	1	0	No change	
Stone Cross	1	0	0	0	New hourly evening and Sunday service on route 1X (Eastbourne-Langney-Stone Cross-Hailsham-Hellingly Roebuck Park). Later journeys on Monday to Saturday evenings on route 8 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Sainsbury's-Langney-Stone Cross-Westham-Pevensey-Beachlands). New evening journeys on Mondays to Saturdays and new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 6 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Polegate-	

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Town Row	0	1	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Town Row-Mark Cross-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday evening service to/from Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne, which is also increased to hourly on Sundays. Service to be numbered route 51 throughout.	
Uckfield	1	0	0	0	Route 54 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-East Hoathly-Halland-Uckfield) new 2 hourly evening and Sunday service. New seven days a week route 29A linking Brighton, Lewes, Uckfield, Framfield, Blackboys and Heathfield. Hourly, including up to mid evening on Mondays to Saturdays. In combination with route 29, increases frequency on Monday to Saturday daytime between Uckfield and Lewes/Brighton from 2 buses per hour to 3. Route 231 (currently Etchingham-Burwash-Broad Oak-Heathfield-Blackboys-Framfield-Uckfield) revised to run locally between Etchingham and Heathfield to an improved frequency. Hourly/2 hourly on Monday to Fridays plus new Saturday service. Connections will be available at Heathfield to/from new 29A for Uckfield, Lewes and Brighton. Route 231 will also serve Burwash, Batemans, on a pre-booked basis. Route 29 (Brighton-Lewes-Uckfield-Crowborough-Tunbridge Wells) Monday to Saturday daytime frequency increased to 30 minutes throughout. Route 261 (Uckfield-Maresfield-Nutley-Forest Row-East Grinstead) new evening peak journeys plus new Saturday service. All journeys will take	

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					the faster and more direct route via the A22 between Forest Row (Brambletye) and Wych Cross.	
Upper Dicker	0	0	1	0	No change	
Upper Hartfield	0	1	0	0	Route 291 (Crawley-East Grinstead-Forest Row-Hartfield-Groombridge-Tunbridge Wells) new Monday to Saturday evening journeys.	
Vines Cross	0	0	0	1	No change	
Wadhurst	0	1	0	0	Route 254/304/305 (Hastings-Battle-Robertsbridge-Hurst Green-Hawkhurst-Flimwell-Ticehurst-Wadhurst-Frant-Tunbridge Wells) new later evening journeys plus new 2 hourly Sunday service. Service renumbered to Route 1066.	
Waldron	0	0	0	1	No change	
Warbleton	0	0	0	1	No change	
Wartling	0	0	0	1	No change	
Westham	0	1	0	0	Later journeys on Monday to Saturday evenings on route 8 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Sainsbury's-Langney-Stone Cross-Westham-Pevensey-Beachlands) New evening journeys on Mondays to Saturdays and new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 6 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Polegate-Dittons Wood-Stone Cross-Westham-Langney) combined with new Sunday 2 hourly service on route 98 (Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Polegate-Dittons Wood-Hailsham-Herstmonceux-Ninfield-Bexhill) instead of current route 54A.	
Willingdon	1	0	0	0	Route 51/251/252 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Tunbridge Wells). New hourly Monday to Saturday	

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Windmill Hill	0	1	0	0	Route 98 (Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Magham Down-Herstmonceux-Windmill Hill-Ninfield-Bexhill-Hastings) new Monday to Saturday evening journeys. Plus new 2 hourly Sunday service 98 between Eastbourne and Bexhill.	
Withyham	0	1	0	0	Route 291 (Crawley-East Grinstead-Forest Row-Hartfield-Groombridge-Tunbridge Wells) new Monday to Saturday evening journeys.	

Following the reassessment following bus improvements from July 2023, the scores for the following settlements have increased.

- Blackboys.
- Broad Oak
- Buxted
- Fairwarp
- Framfield
- Hadlow Down
- Laughton
- Lower Dicker

Amended overall Sustainable Settlement Scores

To account for the bus improvements in the District that were implemented in July 2023, the total scores for each of the methods considered in the Sustainable Settlement Study have been updated. The average scores by method, ranked in order have also been updated. The changes have only resulted in minor changes to the order in table 2. They have not impacted on the ratings in the settlement categories. Although there have been positive changes to the bus services, these changes do not improve the other services and facilities available in these settlements. The bus services are only one aspect of what determines which settlement category, the individual settlements are placed into.

Table 2 Average scores by method, ranked in order following the upgraded bus services.

Ranking	Settlement	Average Method 1	Average Method 2	Average Method 3	Overall average
1	Crowborough	200	122	98	140
2	Uckfield	196	121	98	139
3	Hailsham	185	114	92	130
4	Heathfield	163	92	70	108
5	Polegate	140	71	50	87
6	Forest Row	125	66	48	79
7	Wadhurst	125	61	41	75
8	Mayfield	115	53	34	67
9	Willingdon	107	52	35	65
10	Horam	98	46	30	58
11	Herstmonceux	99	44	27	56
12	Rotherfield	92	40	24	52
13	Stone Cross	92	36	19	49
14	Buxted	86	37	22	49
15	Pevensey Bay	81	39	26	48
16	Groombridge	84	35	20	47
17	Westham	84	35	20	46

Ranking	Settlement	Average Method 1	Average Method 2	Average Method 3	Overall average
18	Hartfield	78	32	18	43
19	Ninfield	80	31	16	43
20	East Hoathly	75	30	16	40
21	Maresfield	71	29	16	39
22	Pevensey	66	30	19	38
23	Nutley	65	29	18	38
24	Frant	67	28	16	37
25	Cross In Hand	54	25	16	32
26	Laughton	58	23	12	31
27	Mark Cross	55	22	12	30
28	Blackboys	54	22	12	30
29	Framfield	54	22	12	30
30	Bells Yew Green	51	22	13	28
31	Eridge	47	22	14	28
32	Hellingly	53	20	10	28
33	Fletching	47	22	14	27
34	Punnetts Town	50	20	11	27
35	Lower Dicker	47	21	13	27
36	Cade Street	48	19	10	26
37	Lower Horsebridge	49	19	10	26
38	Broad Oak	48	19	10	26
38	Upper Dicker	44	19	11	25
39	High Hurstwood	44	19	11	24
40	Five Ash Down	46	17	8	24
41	Isfield	43	18	10	24
42	Berwick Station	41	19	12	24
43	Hadlow Down	43	18	10	24
44	Chalvington	43	18	10	23
45	Chelwood Gate	42	17	9	23
47	Withyham	41	16	8	22
48	Five Ashes	41	15	7	21
49	Hooe	38	16	9	21
50	Waldron	35	17	11	21
51	Little Horsted	40	13	5	20
52	Danehill	37	15	8	20

Ranking	Settlement	Average Method 1	Average Method 2	Average Method 3	Overall average
53	Fairwarp	32	17	12	20
54	Rushlake Green	34	15	9	19
55	Balls Green	33	14	8	19
56	Selmeston	33	14	8	19
57	Chiddingly	29	14	9	18
58	Arlington	27	15	11	17
59	Old Heathfield	31	12	6	16
60	Coleman's Hatch	28	13	8	16
61	Maynards Green	31	11	5	16
62	Halland	27	12	7	16
63	Windmill Hill	27	11	6	14
64	Bodle Street Green	26	10	5	14
65	Muddles Green	26	10	5	14
66	Boreham Street	22	10	6	13
67	Blackham	21	9	5	12
68	Town Row	20	7	3	10
69	Cousley Wood	17	8	5	10
70	Magham Down	17	8	5	10
71	Wartling	16	7	4	9
72	Upper Hartfield	15	6	3	8
73	Hankham	15	5	2	7
74	Warbleton	11	5	3	6
75	Best Beech Hill	10	4	2	6
76	Vines Cross	10	4	2	6
77	Cowbeech	5	2	1	3
78	Rosers Cross	5	2	1	3

Table 3 Consideration of settlements with improved bus services

Blackboys

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
28	28	28	30	These changes take Blackboys from a limited bus service – 3 days or more a week, with both an outward bound and return journey, with a rating of 3 (blue) to a frequent bus service – 5 days or more a week, with a frequency of one hour and journey duration up to 60 minutes to a regional or district town, with a rating of 2 (green). The bus service changes do not impact on the services and facilities still within the village. Blackboys is still dependant on the neighbouring towns of Uckfield and Heathfield and the surrounding areas for supermarkets, other retail and leisure services, secondary education and employment as well as other services and facilities. Blackboys remains a type 4 settlement (secondary village).

Broad Oak

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
40	38	24	26	These changes take Broad Oak from a limited bus service – 3 days or more a week, with both an outward bound and return journey, with a rating of 3 (blue) to a frequent bus service – 5 days or more a week, with a frequency of one hour and journey duration up to 60 minutes to a regional or district town, with a rating of 2 (green). The bus service changes do not impact on the services and facilities still within the village. Broad Oak is still dependant on the neighbouring town of Heathfield for supermarkets, other

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
				retail and leisure services, primary and secondary education and employment as well as other services and facilities. Broad Oak remains a type 5 settlement (neighbourhood settlement).

Buxted

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
15	14	47	49	These changes take Buxted from a limited bus service – 3 days or more a week, with both an outward bound and return journey, with a rating of 3 (blue) to a frequent bus service – 5 days or more a week, with a frequency of one hour and journey duration up to 60 minutes to a regional or district town, with a rating of 2 (green). The bus service changes do not impact on the services and facilities still within the village. Buxted has more to offer than some of the other smaller settlements but it is still dependant on the neighbouring town of Uckfield for supermarkets, other retail and leisure services, secondary education and employment as well as other services and facilities. Buxted remains a type 4 settlement (secondary village).

Fairwarp

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
53	53	19	20	These changes take Fairwarp from not having to bus service with a rating of 4 (red) to a limited bus service – 3 days or more a week, with both an outward bound and

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
				return journey, with a rating of 3 (blue). The bus service changes do not impact on the services and facilities still within the village. Fairwarp is still dependant on the neighbouring town of Uckfield for supermarkets, other retail and leisure services, primary and secondary education and employment as well as other services and facilities. Fairwarp Oak remains a type 6 settlement (residential settlement).

Framfield

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
30	29	28	30	These changes take Framfield from a limited bus service – 3 days or more a week, with both an outward bound and return journey, with a rating of 3 (blue) to a frequent bus service – 5 days or more a week, with a frequency of one hour and journey duration up to 60 minutes to a regional or district town, with a rating of 2 (green). The bus service changes do not impact on the services and facilities still within the village. Fairwarp is still dependant on the neighbouring town of Uckfield for supermarkets, other retail and leisure services, and secondary education and employment as well as other services and facilities. Framfield remains a type 4 settlement (secondary village).

Hadlow Down

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
46	43	22	24	These changes take Hadlow Down from a limited bus service – 3 days or more a week, with both an outward

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				bound and return journey, with a rating of 3 (blue) to a frequent bus service – 5 days or more a week, with a frequency of one hour and journey duration up to 60 minutes to a regional or district town, with a rating of 2 (green). The bus service changes do not impact on the services and facilities still within the village. Hadlow Down is still dependant on the neighbouring towns of Uckfield and Crowborough and the surrounding areas for supermarkets, other retail and leisure services, secondary education and employment as well as other services and facilities. Hadlow Down remains a type 5 settlement (neighbourhood settlement).

Laughton

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
32	26	28	31	These changes take Laughton from a limited bus service – 3 days or more a week, with both an outward bound and return journey, with a rating of 3 (blue) to a very frequent bus service - preferably 7 days a week, minimum 30 minutes frequency and duration of journey generally less than 30 minutes to the nearest district or regional town, with a rating of 1 (yellow). The bus service changes do not impact on the services and facilities still within the village. Laughton is still dependant on the neighbouring towns of Lewes and Hailsham and the surrounding areas for supermarkets, other retail and leisure services, secondary education and employment as well as other services and facilities.

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
				Laughton remains a type 5 settlement (neighbourhood settlement).

Lower Dicker

Old Ranking	New Ranking	Old Overall Average	New Overall Average	Comments
37	35	25	27	These changes take Lower Dicker from a limited bus service – 3 days or more a week, with both an outward bound and return journey, with a rating of 3 (blue) to a very frequent bus service - preferably 7 days a week, minimum 30 minutes frequency and duration of journey generally less than 30 minutes to the nearest district or regional town, with a rating of 1 (yellow). The bus service changes do not impact on the services and facilities still within the village. Lower Dicker Down is still dependant on the neighbouring town of Hailsham for supermarkets, other retail and leisure services, primary and secondary education and some employment as well as other services and facilities. Lower Dicker remains a type 5 settlement (neighbourhood settlement).

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