

CASTLE CARY BUS CONNECTIONS SURVEY (22 responses)

		no	For 1 day	1 day +	
1	Do you leave your car regularly at CC station?	10	7	5	
2	Where do you travel from	BA5	Other		
		21	BA4 – 1		
3	How far do you travel by car to the station	0-5	6-12	13 +	
		2	10	10	
4	If there was a connecting bus service from Wells, would you use it	Yes	No		
		21	1		
5	Do you travel to London regularly	Yes	No		
		21	1		
6	How often do you travel to London?	daily	weekly	monthly	Occasionally
			6	7	9
7	Would a bus connection to Castle Cary be helpful	Text response			
		1) Yes, visiting family 2) Yes, if route included Pilton 3) Yes – parking v restricted at C Cary 4) Yes –supporting cars off the road 5) Yes-parking always unreliable; would encourage non-train users 6) yes 7) Yes-if times worked with main train times 8) Yes, better than driving, better for visitors; unhappy parking overnight at C Cary 9) Yes, currently rely on lift or bus to BristolTM 10) Yes –better for commuters & students 11) Yes-currently rely on taxi or by coach from Wells, but only 1 service a day. Bus to BTM adds 1hr to journey 12) Yes 13) Yes 14) Yes, environment. Less stressful 15) Yes useful for those w/out cars. Whole journey by public transport is good 16) Yes, we're older 17) Yes 18) Yes, if catering for peak times 19) Yes, cuts pollution. Needs early morning and past 19.30 on weekdays 20) Yes, taxi from Wells because parking is hard 21) Yes, faster than BTM 22) No – I'd use BristolTM			
8	How likely is it that you would use a connection to CC station?	very	maybe	Probably not	
		21		1	

Additional comment received 09 November 21 (Cllr R James, Ditchheat Parish Council)

I am writing to you from Ditchheat but this is an issue which I think might be of interest to your council. I am a councillor in this parish. I know there is currently no direct bus service from Wells.

I have been in touch with Tony Reese who is a local bus partnership representative for South Somerset. I am copying in your local rep.

The situation at the CC station has not improved - lots of disruption with building by the Emily estate. The Carpark is totally full most of the time now - even with an extra 30 spaces with the supposed bus stop allocated to two car spaces!

The truth is that this station is the only one for miles and is used by people from a wide area and is effectively a regional hub. If you cannot park you cannot use the station. So regular public provision is urgently needed.

Our local number 1 bus which is routed via the station is not realistically available to disabled people and by not actually stopping at the station is a danger to alighting /boarding passengers particularly heading north!

The use of the station will grow even more as Emily estate attracts people to that point too. There is also a public inquiry this week in CC on a proposal to build 200 more houses above the station

This issue needs to be urgently addressed so that more people can safely use this station other than the first car parkers that arrive and fill the area for the whole day. The taxi service is also abysmal.

This issue needs action- by local councils, the rail/station operators and bus companies.

I would welcome your ideas/support in taking this project forward. Climate change is the biggest issue we all face, this can be a small piece of the solution

with thanks and best wishes

Roger James
Ditchheat