

MINI SERVICE SPECIFICATION

Route Number	N8
Terminus Points	Hainault, The Lowe and Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side Stratford and Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side
Departing On Time	Departing on Time - No less than 82.00%
Minimum Operated Mileage Standard	No less than 99.00%

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2) NOTES

Proposed Changes:

The following alterations are proposed for introduction from September 2015:

- Weekend night frequencies are reduced from every 15 minutes to every 20 minutes on both legs. Therefore, the combined frequency between Stratford and Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side is reduced from every 7-8 minutes (8 buses per hour) to every 10 minutes.
- As a result of the frequency reduction, weekend night departures on Route No. N8 are re-timed for divisible headways and to provide an appropriate interface with Route No. 8 over the common section.
- Ex Hainault, The Lowe, the first departure is re-timed from 2400 to 0010 on weekend nights.
- Ex Stratford, The Grove, the first departure is re-timed from 0023 to 0030 and the last departure is re-timed from 0513 to 0510 on weekend nights.
- The journey which operates between Stratford Bus Station and Hainault, The Lowe at 0050 on weekend nights is withdrawn as it wasn't specified.
- Route No. 8 has been on a long term diversion meaning it currently operates from Tottenham Court Road Station. This curtailment is due to end in September 2015. Therefore, the previous schedules for Route No. 8 (dated 12th April 2013 - service change number 33315) prior to the curtailment to Tottenham Court Road Station have been referred to.
- **No changes are proposed to weeknights.**

2) NOTES - continued

Full iBus Monitoring was introduced on all night routes with effect from 1 April 2014.

Operators are therefore advised that on contracts where there is a night service both the day and night elements will be incentivised from the commencement of the Route Agreement in accordance with clause 46 of Annex B Terms and Conditions, using the Minimum Performance Standard(s) specified in Part 1 of the ITT.

3) SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS

3.1) FRIDAYS NIGHTS/SATURDAYS MORNINGS

Hainault, The Lowe to Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side		Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side to Hainault, The Lowe	
First departure no later than 0010.		First departure no later than 0010.	
0005 - 0455	Every 20 minutes	0005 - 0535	Every 20 minutes
Last departure no earlier than 0450.		Last departure no earlier than 0530.	

Stratford, The Grove to Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side		Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side to Stratford Bus Station	
First departure no later than 0030.		First departure no later than 2400.	
0025 - 0515	Every 20 minutes	2355 - 0525	Every 20 minutes
Last departure no earlier than 0510.		Last departure no earlier than 0520.	

Journeys operating between Hainault, The Lowe and Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side should be timed to fully interwork with journeys between Stratford, The Grove and Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side (i.e. a joint frequency of every 10 minutes (6 buses per hour) should be provided between Stratford, The Grove and Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side during the stated times).

Journeys operating between Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side and Hainault, The Lowe should be timed to fully interwork with journeys between Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side and Stratford Bus Station (i.e. a joint frequency of every 10 minutes (6 buses per hour) should be provided between Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side and Stratford Bus Station during the stated times).

3) SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS - continued

3.2) SATURDAYS NIGHTS/SUNDAYS MORNINGS

Hainault, The Lowe to Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side		Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side to Hainault, The Lowe	
First departure no later than 0010.		First departure no later than 0010.	
0005 - 0635	Every 20 minutes	0005 - 0535	Every 20 minutes
Last departure no earlier than 0630.		Last departure no earlier than 0530.	

Stratford, The Grove to Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side		Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side to Stratford Bus Station	
First departure no later than 0030.		First departure no later than 2400.	
0025 - 0515	Every 20 minutes	2355 - 0525	Every 20 minutes
Last departure no earlier than 0510.		Last departure no earlier than 0520.	

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4) OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1) Route No. N8 should interwork with Route No. 8 to form a seamless 24 hour service between Old Ford, Parnell Road and Oxford Circus, Holles Street West Side.
- 4.2) Route Nos. 8 & N8 can suffer from unpredictable traffic delays in the Bethnal Green, Shoreditch, Liverpool Street and Oxford Circus areas.
- 4.3) Crossrail will connect the City, Canary Wharf, the West End and Heathrow Airport to commuter areas east and west of the capital. Major construction of the railway began in 2010, with services expected to commence in 2018. The construction impacts of Crossrail could affect Route No. N8 and it is anticipated that some passenger demand for Route No. N8 may shift to this line when it opens. Route No. N8 will be reviewed closer to the opening date.
- 4.4) Two continuous largely segregated cycle routes through central London are proposed. The East West Cycle Superhighway between Tower Hill and Acton and the North-South Cycle Superhighway between Elephant & Castle and Farringdon station.
- 4.5) London Underground (LU) propose to introduce the continuous operation of LU services from first train on Friday morning to last train on Sunday night i.e. for 67 hours over the weekend. This will be on the full length of the Victoria and Jubilee lines and parts of the Central, Northern and Piccadilly lines. Trains will operate every 10 minutes. The proposal is scheduled to start on Friday 18th September 2015. This is known as Night Tube. The introduction of Night Tube will have a significant impact on night bus demand. Monitoring of the effects of Night Tube on Route No. N8 will be undertaken after its introduction. **The Operator will be kept up to date about the potential implications of the night tube project on Route No. N8.**