

MINI SERVICE SPECIFICATION

Route Number	N15
Terminus Points	Romford Market, St. Edwards Way and Regent Street, Conduit Street

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2) NOTES

Proposed Changes:

The following alterations are proposed for introduction:

- Weeknight frequencies are increased from every 15 minutes to every 10 minutes.
- Weekend night frequencies are increased from every 10 minutes to every 7-8 minutes (8 buses per hour).
- As a result of the frequency increase, departures on Route No. N15 are re-timed to provide a better interface with Route No. 15.
- Route No. N15 has been on a long term diversion meaning it currently operates from Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross Station. This curtailment is due to end in March 2015.
- Therefore, the previous schedules for Route Nos. 15 & N15 (dated 5th January 2013 and 27th April 2013 respectively) prior to the curtailment to Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross Station were referred to.

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) SUNDAY NIGHTS/MONDAY MORNINGS TO THURSDAY NIGHTS/FRIDAY MORNINGS

Romford Market, St. Edwards Way to Regent Street, Conduit Street		Regent Street, Conduit Street to Romford Market, St. Edwards Way	
First departure no later than 0015.		First departure no later than 0030.	
0010 - 0430	Every 10 minutes	0025 - 0525	Every 10 minutes
Last departure no earlier than 0425.		Last departure no earlier than 0520.	

3.2) FRIDAY NIGHTS/SATURDAYS MORNINGS TO SATURDAYS NIGHTS/SUNDAYS MORNINGS

Canning Town Bus Station to Regent Street, Conduit Street		Canning Town Bus Station to Romford Market, St. Edwards Way	
0053	One Journey	0115	One Journey

Romford Market, St. Edwards Way to Regent Street, Conduit Street		Regent Street, Conduit Street to Romford Market, St. Edwards Way	
First departure no later than 0020.		First departure no later than 0030.	
0015 - 0435	Every 7-8 minutes (8 buses per hour)	0025 - 0525	Every 7-8 minutes (8 buses per hour)
Last departure no earlier than 0430.		Last departure no earlier than 0520.	

4) OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1) Route No. 15 should interwork with Route No. N15 to form a seamless 24 hour service between Poplar, All Saints Station and Regent Street, Conduit Street.
- 4.2) Route No. N15 should interwork with Route No. 5 to form a seamless 24 hour service between Romford Market, St. Edwards Way and Canning Town Bus Station.
- 4.3) Route No. N15 should interwork with Route No. 115 to form a seamless 24 hour service between East Ham, Newham Town Hall and Aldgate.
- 4.4) Route No. N15 can suffer from unpredictable traffic delays in the City of London and Central London areas.
- 4.5) Further developments are progressing in Romford town centre, including the Market Square and the new Asda store at Liberty 2 (located at the junction of Main Road, St. Edwards Way and Mercury Gardens). Over the next 10 years, there should be fairly significant increases in residential and commercial properties within and along the inner ring road. This will affect demand on the route.

4) OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS - continued

- 4.6) 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. N15 and it is anticipated that some passenger demand for Route No. N15 may shift to this line when it opens. Route No. N15 will be reviewed closer to the opening date.
- 4.7) 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. N15 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. N15.**