

Formal Route Test – 363/53
Held on 14th November 2016
Vehicle: Double Deck Bus
Dimensions: 10.5 metre

Attendees:

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| • Peter Reucroft | London Buses, Performance Team |
| • Luis Cabana | Bus Operations (TfL) |
| • Honor Brady | Design Engineer |
| • [REDACTED] | Stagecoach |
| • [REDACTED] | Go Ahead |
| • [REDACTED] | Stagecoach |
| • Timothy Wells | Senior Regional Planner (TfL) |
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Background

Stagecoach currently operate route 53 between Plumstead Station and Whitehall, Horse Guards using a 10.5 metre double deck bus with a PVR of 28.

Go Ahead currently operate route 363 between Crystal Palace Bus Station and Elephant & Castle using a 10.2 metre double deck bus with a PVR of 12.

Reasons for the route test

The purpose is to check whether bus stops on either side of Bricklayers arms flyover can still be served if buses are rerouted to go over the flyover.

The following streets were traversed:

Route 53

Towards Plumstead Station:

New Cross Road, Old Kent Road, Bricklayer's Arms, New Kent Road, Elephant & Castle

Towards Whitehall, Horse Guards:

Elephant & Castle, New Kent Road, Bricklayer's Arms Roundabout, Old Kent Road, New Cross Road

Route 363

Towards Crystal Palace Bus Station:

New Cross Road, Old Kent Road, Bricklayer's Arms, New Kent Road, Elephant & Castle

Towards Elephant & Castle:

Elephant & Castle, New Kent Road, Bricklayer's Arms Roundabout, Old Kent Road, New Cross Road

Issues discussed and actions:

The last stop before the flyover was served easily prior to entering the flyover. After exiting the flyover the bus was able to serve the stop 26746 point letter A.

There was sufficient room to serve the stop correctly but it was agreed that this stop could be moved forward a further 2 metres. The manoeuvre was conducted twice and the bus was able to traverse through the traffic to the stop.

Action: Tim and Honor to investigate the best layout of road markings and other traffic management to assist buses with this manoeuvre

Conclusion

In conclusion the route test was satisfactory providing the action above is completed.