Transport for London
London Buses

Route Test - Route 324

Held on 26 August 2021
Vehicle used: 10.9m Single deck Reg: YX19 OVR

Attendees:

- Gareth Holmes — Bus Performance, TfL
- Ian Ford — Service Delivery, TfL
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the route test was to review the proposed extension of route 324 from Stanmore Station to Elstree, Centennial Park.

1. Route test

The following streets were traversed for route 324:

Towards Elstree, Centennial Park:

London Road, Brockley Hill, Elstree Hill South, Centennial Avenue

Towards Brent Cross, Tesco's:

Centennial Avenue, Elstree Hill South, Brockley Hill, London Road

2. Issues

Please note: Some of these issues may have been resolved since the extension has been in place.

1. The 3 bus stops within the park required route 324 timetables to be placed into the stops

2. The last/first stop and stand within Centennial Park (210 08018) would need the wording on the flag altered from Alighting Point Only to Alighting Point as this will also be a live stand.

3. There is some confusion regarding the speed limit within the park. Although there are 20 mph signs running along Centennial Avenue (see below), the entrance to Centennial Park has a speed limit sign of 30 mph. Looking back through Google Street View the sign at the entrance of Centennial Park has always been 20mph, so perhaps the 30mph sign is an error?

Conclusions

The extension of route 324 from Stanmore Station to Elstree, Centennial Park passed without issue.

Once we have an indication of passenger usage, we explored the idea of having a further stop introduced in the area to take passengers from Centennial Park at either:

a). a stop on Centennial Avenue just before the vehicle exits the park or,

b). a stop just after the park in between the two roundabouts on Elstree Hill South.