

Ely Bus Route Update – New 10 Bus Service

Key Dates

- 31st December 2025 – this will be the last day of operation for services 9, 9A and 125
- 2nd January 2026 – will be the first day of a new improved network of services for Ely – the integrated 10, 10A and X10 services operating Monday to Saturday.

Route Summary

10 Ely – Littleport

This service will run broadly hourly between Ely Market Street and Littleport following the same line of route as service 9 currently does, connection onto service X10 into Cambridge and 10A for Ely College and Leisure Village are available in Ely Market Street

10A Ely – Ely West – little Downham

This service will run broadly hourly and replace service 9A and 125, from Ely Market Street the bus will operate via the current 9A route as far as Ely College, the bus will then serve Cam Drive, Damson Ave, A10 and into Ely Leisure village before continuing to Little Downham and operating a loop of the village via Cannon Street. Townsend, Main Street and Church Way. Towards Ely bus will serve above route in reverse, note being passengers from current 9A service around Ely West will need to wait on opposite side of road for bus into Ely. This route connects with service 10 for Prince of Wales Hospital and service X10 for Cambridge.

X10 Ely – Cambridge

This service will replace route 9 between Ely and Cambridge and connect with services 10 and 10A in Ely Market Street. This bus will operate broadly every two hours. The bus will operate direct via Cambridge Road. Little Thetford, Stethem and Cambridge Research Park will still be served.

Key Benefits

- Hourly buses for Littleport and Little Downham
- Integrated connections available at Ely Market Street for Prince of Wales Hospital, Ely Leisure Village, Ely College and Cambridge.
- Current 9A passengers on the Ely West orbital will have a more user-friendly timetable
- New developments in Ely will be served (Damson Ave).

Negatives / Mitigation

- We will no longer be able to serve Tesco – the 112 and Zip will continue to offer this link from Market Street along with Tiger on Demand.
- The bus will no longer be able to serve Lawns Lane/Lawns Crescent stop in Little Downham, we plan to relocate the bus stop circa 300m down the road to the green – we



will assess with the successful bidder if the Mini bus could pull into Lawns Lane where the new stop proposed will be and be able to make the right hand turn back onto Lawns Lane to get back onto the Ely Road. It may need to be made a little wider the road at this junction to ensure the bus can make the manoeuvre and does not go over the grass verge, the bus stop could be on Church Way but we are hoping it could get onto Lawns Lane as it would be safer and more appealing to that side of Little Downham Village. The final solution will be communicated during mobilisation in conjunction with the awarded operator.

- Fieldside Way, Walsingham Way and Merlin Drive will no longer be served, service 10A operates close by or Tiger on Demand is still available
- We are currently reviewing Coveney Thursday market bus with Tiger on Demand.
- Cam Drive (Stour Green), Cam Drive (Orchard Estate), Lynn Drive (Buckingham Drive) will no longer be served, service 10 and 10A operate nearby to these bus stops, enhance coverage of the new developments.

Other Important Information

- The route is currently out to procurement, with the operator to be confirmed in early November 2025.
- Timetables and final route maps will be published in late November, ahead of the service launch on 2 January 2026.
- No other proposed changes to any other bus services in Ely and Tiger on Demand remains in operation for customers on this network

