Local Link Areas Map Data – Supporting Information (September 2023)

1 Background

1.1 This information note accompanies Transport for Greater Manchester's Local Link area map data released at:

https://data.gov.uk/dataset/gm-local-link-areas

1.2 For general-purpose background information about Local Link, visit: http://www.tfgm.com/buses/local_link/Pages/index.html

1.3 See the following sections for technical information on:

- Copyright and licence details;
- File formats;
- Data specification;
- Known issues and limitations; and
- Data updates.

1.4 Please email opendata@tfgm.com if you have any enquiries or feedback about the data or this documentation.

2 Copyright and licence details

2.1 This free dataset is released under the Open Government Licence (OGL), a copy of which can be found here:

http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/

2.2 Please acknowledge the source of this information using the following attribution statement:

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3 File formats

3.1 The dataset is available in a choice of file formats:

- .kml (Google Earth)
  http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keyhole_Markup_Language
- .tab (MapInfo)
  http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MapInfo_TAB_format
- .shp (ESRI ArcGIS)
  http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shapefile

3.2 NB: The download files may have been zipped to reduce file sizes.

3.3 Email us if you would like to request data in a format not listed here.

4 Data specification

Field name	Description
optis_drt_id	Unique ID
optis_region_id	Region ID
drt_id	Local Link service ID
LocalLink_name	Name of Local Link area (not definitive)
LocalLink_alt_name	Alternative name for the Local Link area
ContractNumber	TfGM contract number on AS/400
Operator	Short version of the operator's name
Website	Link to leaflet on TfGM website
Telephone	Telephone number
timeband_id	Times of operation ID
TimeBand	Times of operation
TimeBand_clean	Cleaned version of times of operation
DoW	Days of week when this service operates
Mon	1/0 = yes/no
Tue	1/0 = yes/no
Wed	1/0 = yes/no
Thu	1/0 = yes/no
Fri	1/0 = yes/no
Sat	1/0 = yes/no
Sun	1/0 = yes/no
B_H	1/0 = yes/no
time_start	Starting time
time_end	End time
valid_from	Valid from date
valid_to	Valid to date
other_destinations	Other destinations served
check_v_locallink	*Field used when updating the data*

5 Known issues and limitations

5.1 Transport for Greater Manchester would be interested to hear of any data errors that you come across.

6 Data updates

6.1 At the time of writing, Transport for Greater Manchester aims to update this dataset whenever there are major changes to the Local Link services.

6.2 Recent updates have been published in:

- January 2018
- April 2018
- June 2018
- November 2018
- March 2019
- July 2019
- October 2019
- February 2020
- April 2020
- June 2020
- July 2020
- October 2020
- February 2021
- March 2021
- August 2021
- October 2021
- April 2022
- July 2023
- September 2023