

## Local Link Areas Map Data – Supporting Information (August 2021)

### 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](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](mailto: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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keyhole_Markup_Language)
- .tab (MapInfo)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MapInfo\\_TAB\\_format](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	<i>Field used when updating the data</i>

## **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:

- June 2017
- October 2017
- December 2017
- 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