



## Getting about/Transport

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*'Traffic jams', 'Large volumes of traffic', 'Too much traffic!', 'Traffic chaos!', 'Delays', 'Traffic congestion', 'Ditton Road is dangerous', 'Our village is used as a cut through and traffic is a real issue'.* These are some of the comments received from residents in the DNP survey. At the same time, a number of people said they had chosen to live in Datchet due to its easy accessibility to London by train and short distance from Windsor.

The closest town centres to Datchet are Windsor, Slough, Staines and Maidenhead. Of these, only Windsor and Staines are directly linked to Datchet by rail. There are no direct trains between Datchet and Slough/Maidenhead. There is an infrequent bus service to Slough, for trains to Maidenhead, (and for services east to London Paddington, and west to Reading, Oxford and beyond.) There are small commercial centres nearby in Eton, Colnbrook, Wraysbury, Old Windsor, and Egham. Of these, only Wraysbury is on the train line from Datchet.

### Public transport: trains

A rail service links Datchet with Windsor & Eton Riverside and stations to London Waterloo. At the time of writing there were two services an hour. The new franchisee, due to take over in August 2017, is proposing four services an hour. (While this new service may ease commuting, it is also expected to increase traffic congestion at the level crossings in the village.) The new franchisee is First MTR South Western Trains Limited. They are proposing five and 10-car trains, a more frequent service and quicker service, and earlier and later trains. (See: <http://maps.dft.gov.uk/south-western-franchise/> and select 'Windsor Lines'.)

### South West Trains services (March 2017):

Monday to Saturday

- To London: from 05:56 then at 06:26 with two trains an hour until 22:31
- To Windsor: from 06:18 then at 06:47 with two trains every hour until 00:17

Sunday

- To London: from 07:04 then at 08:04, 09:04, 09:37 with two trains every hour until 23:04
- To Windsor: from 07:40, 08:40, 09:12 with two trains every hour until 21:12, then every hour with the last train at 23:40

### Number of passengers boarding and alighting at local stations

The following figures are from RBWM's Local Transport Plan part 1, 2012-2026.

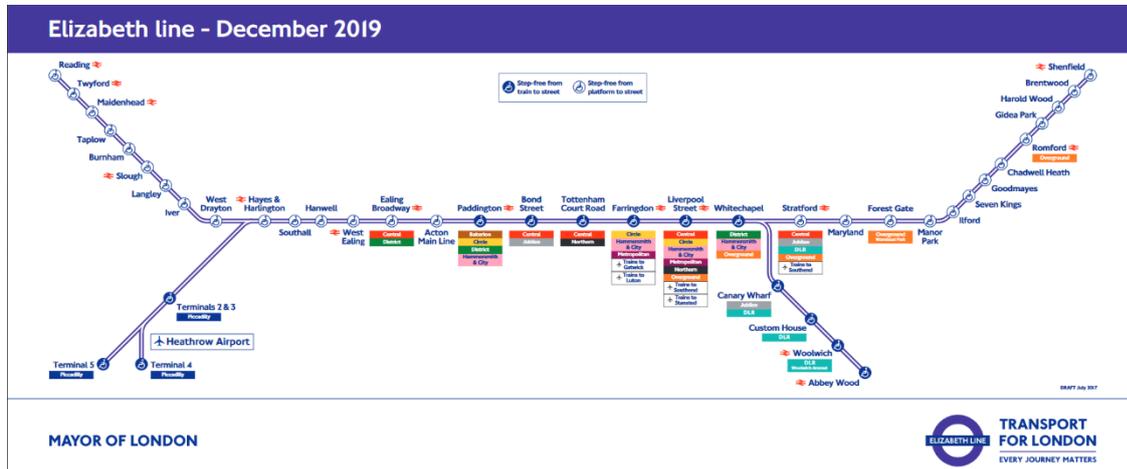
4.3.9 The Government forecasts that, as a result of proposed fare increases, there could be up to 4% fewer trips by rail than there would otherwise have been<sup>1</sup>, suggesting that rail fares will represent a barrier to accessibility for some people.

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Ascot	789,039	1,008,215	1,045,853	1,081,070	1,014,440
Cookham	186,701	195,044	189,804	194,764	190,238
Datchet	254,661	263,030	319,733	321,436	311,462
Furze Platt	170,757	154,163	146,176	143,292	137,054
Maidenhead	3,380,173	3,609,303	3,681,827	3,654,592	3,600,428
Sunningdale	569,347	621,218	697,761	734,290	659,460
Sunnymeads	18,581	20,647	22,936	28,204	30,030
Windsor & Eton Central	1,309,356	1,423,329	1,508,501	1,557,536	1,607,992
Windsor & Eton Riverside	1,045,253	1,113,646	1,257,388	1,254,290	1,226,096
Wraysbury	47,813	55,919	71,915	91,288	91,382
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,771,681</b>	<b>8,464,514</b>	<b>8,941,894</b>	<b>9,060,762</b>	<b>8,868,582</b>

Table 4.1: Number of Passengers Boarding & Alighting at Local Stations

**Elizabeth Line (Cross Rail)**

The number of commuter rail services to the east and west available from Slough Railway Station will be increased by the opening of the new Elizabeth Line (Crossrail). From December 2019, the Elizabeth Line will be fully open, operating from Reading via Slough to Central London and beyond. All Elizabeth Line stations will be step-free from street to platform. The trains will also be fully accessible with dedicated spaces for wheelchairs, buggies, and bicycles. Public transport services between Datchet and Slough, however, are currently poor.



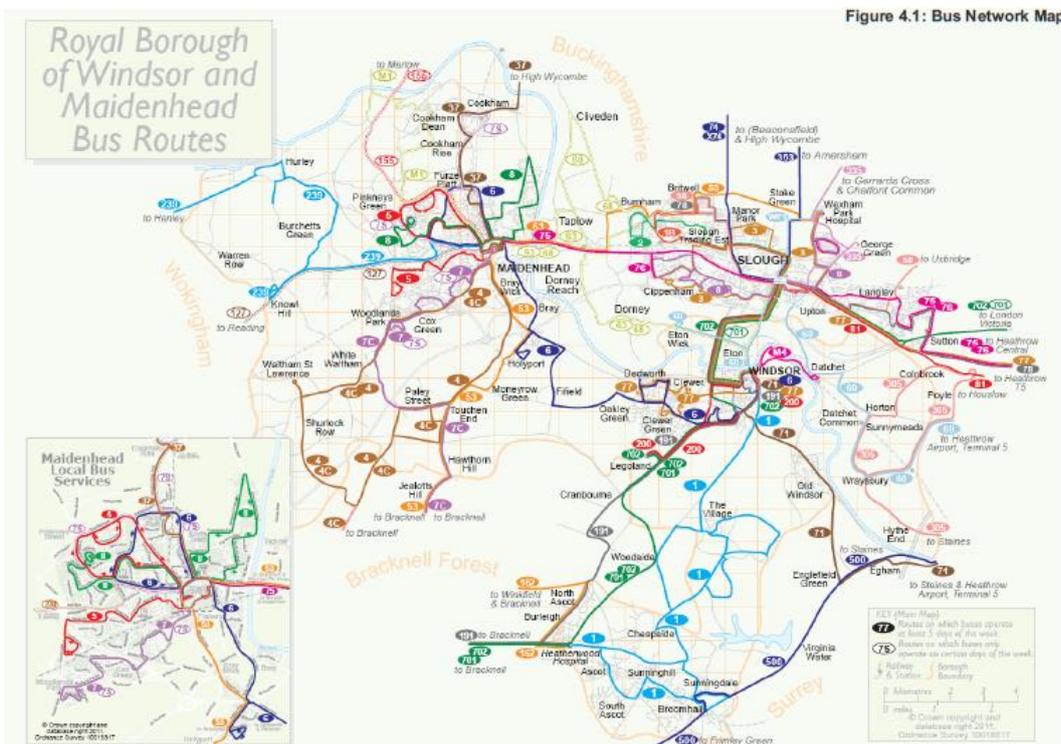
**Public transport: buses**

**P1/M4 service to Windsor.**

There is a free bus service three times a day Mon-Fri into Windsor at around 10:00, 12:18 and 16:00 and return trips. See [www.whitebus.co.uk/uploads/P1%20TT4%20\(Print%20Changes\).pdf](http://www.whitebus.co.uk/uploads/P1%20TT4%20(Print%20Changes).pdf)

**10/11 service to Slough and Heathrow Terminal 5**

Operated by First Group, this is an irregular service between Slough and Heathrow, via Datchet. There is frequently a gap of 1½ hours between buses. The winter 2017 timetable shows no bus from Datchet to Heathrow between 07.51 and 9.28, and between 6.09 and 9.00 from Datchet to Slough, making it difficult to use this bus for commuting. See [www.firstgroup.com/berkshire-thames-valley/plan-journey/timetables/?operator=1&service=10/11&page=1&redirect=no](http://www.firstgroup.com/berkshire-thames-valley/plan-journey/timetables/?operator=1&service=10/11&page=1&redirect=no)



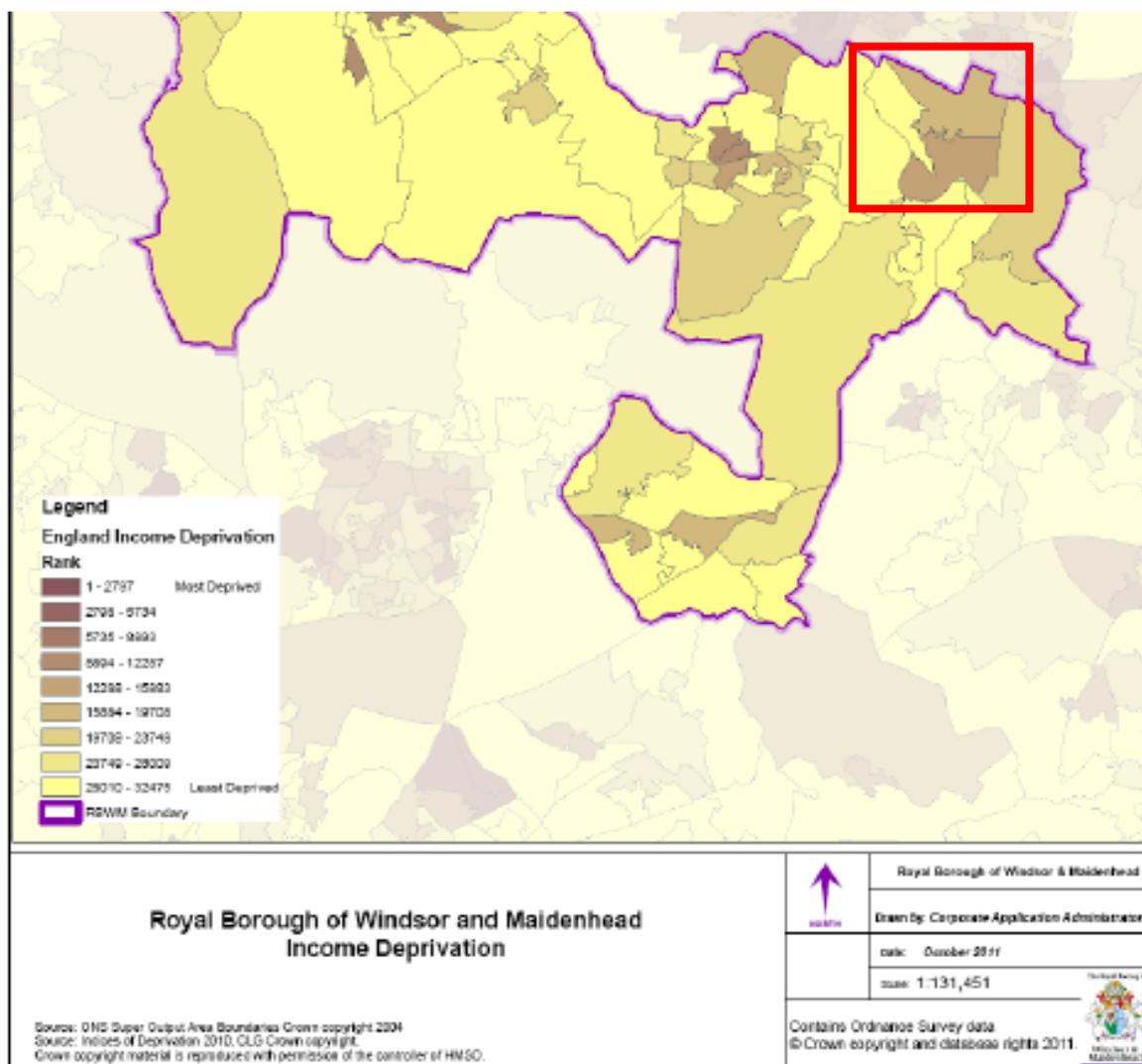
Left: map from RBWM's Local Transport Plan part 1, 2012-2026:

The 305 bus route shown on this plan no longer serves Datchet.

### Cost of travel

The following information is taken from RBWM’s Local Transport Plan part 1, 2012-2026:

**4.3.15** The cost of travel can be a problem for people on low incomes who tend to be more reliant upon public transport. Figure 4.2 shows the index of income deprivation. Although the Royal Borough is a relatively affluent area, the map shows that pockets of deprivation do still exist in Oldfield, Clewer North and South, South Ascot, Horton and Wraysbury, Hurley and the Walthams and **Datchet**. The general high standard of living can mask these and their isolated nature can make it difficult to serve these communities with public transport.



**Figure 4.2: Index of Income Deprivation**

## Cycle and footpaths

### Cycle paths

There is a cycle path along parts of Slough Road, and another in Horton Road by the Recreation Ground. There is no continuous cycle path to any of the surrounding villages and towns. There are also cycle routes along the Jubilee River. Sustrans routes in the area can be seen here:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map?place=datchet>

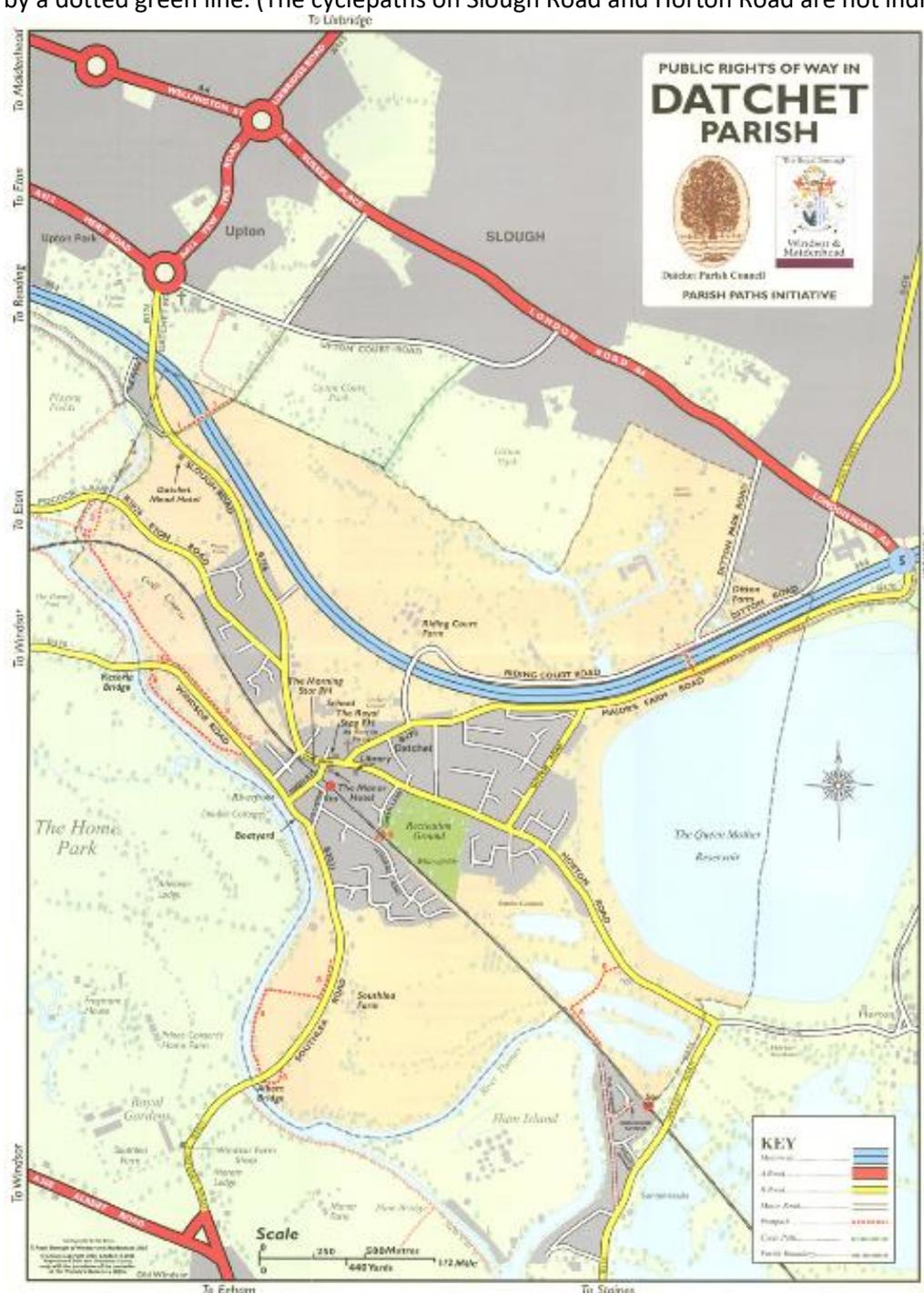
### Footpaths and pavements

Whilst a few require repair, and others are a patchwork of repairs, pavements are generally good in Datchet but the volume of traffic can make crossing roads quite difficult, especially at peak hours.

There is a leaflet of footpaths and cycle routes in Datchet, see:

[http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/public/100122\\_prow-datchet-paths-leaflet\\_1093kb.pdf](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/public/100122_prow-datchet-paths-leaflet_1093kb.pdf)

The following map is taken from this leaflet. Footpaths are marked by a dotted red line, cycle paths by a dotted green line. (The cyclepaths on Slough Road and Horton Road are not indicated.)



## Car parks

Parking spaces in Datchet:

Railway Station Car Park

- 12 x 30-minute parking spaces
- 3 x disabled parking spaces
- 106 x long-stay car parking spaces

The cost is 50p for 1 hour; £1 for 2hrs; £2.50 for £3; £3.50 for 4hrs; over 4 hours is £5.

For comparison, all-day parking at Windsor & Eton Riverside Station is £8, and £7 at Slough Station.

Horton Road car park has 59 spaces. Prices start from 10p for one hour to £1 for 4 hours between 09:00 and 18:00, with discounts and free parking for Advantage Card Holders.

See: [www3.rbwm.gov.uk/directory\\_record/9948/horton\\_road](http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/directory_record/9948/horton_road)

On-street parking is available along the High Street and around The Green: 20 spaces

Around Green Lane and Allen Way there are 25 spaces (some of these are reserved for the Village Hall and Datchet Parish Council). The following information is taken from RBWM's Local Transport Plan part 1, 2012-2026: **6.3.16** Residents are given discounted parking with their Advantage Card, including free on-street parking for up to 1 hour in Windsor and Datchet.

There are 48 parking spaces at Datchet Health Centre and the Recreation Ground.

There is lay-by parking along Southlea Road for around 30 cars.

Permit-holder/residents' parking schemes have been introduced in some streets.

## Major transport routes

The following roads come through Datchet

- B376 from Slough to Wraysbury and the M25 (Horton Road)
- B470 M4 Junction 5 to Windsor (London Road/Windsor Road)
- B3021 to Old Windsor (Southlea Road)
- B3026 to Eton/Windsor (Eton Road)

There are road-calming measures in place but the volume of traffic at peak hours, combined with road closures caused by the level crossings, lead to traffic congestion.

## River transport

Pleasure craft can moor free of charge at the riverside mooring rings, or pay to moor at Kris Cruisers, and Stanley & Thomas moorings by the golf course. There is currently no commercial boat service which stops at Datchet.

## Disabled access

Accessibility of public transport to be investigated.

## Detrimental impact of transport

The following information comes from RBWM's Local Transport Plan part 1, 2012-2026:

**7.3.33** Transport also has a detrimental impact on our townscape and important historic structures. Some impacts merely affect the character of the area, such as the high levels of traffic that cut through the heart of the conservation areas such as Pinkney's Green, Bray village and Cookham High Street. Others have a direct physical impact – for example, damage to a significant Georgian wall in Datchet as a result of vibration from passing lorries.

## Car availability in Datchet

Source Census 2011

Car availability	Datchet	%	RBWM	%	South East	England
All Households	2032	100	58349	100	3555463	22063368
0 Cars or Vans in Household	225	11	7782	13	660430	5691251
1 Car or Van in Household	906	45	23443	40	1483911	9301776
2 Cars or Vans in Household	664	33	20326	35	1059380	5441593
3 Cars or Vans in Household	171	8	4864	8	253552	1203865
4 or More Cars/Vans in Household	66	3	1934	3	98190	424883
All Cars or Vans in Area	3033		87382		4803729	25696833

## How do Datchet residents get to work?

The following information also appears in the Business evidence section.

The number of Datchet residents aged 16-74 in employment in 2011 was 2583. Of these, 68% travelled to work in a car or van while 13% used the train. Nearly 90% of the 2032 households in the village had one or more cars or vans. In 2011, there were 3033 cars and vans in the village. Around 11%, 225 households did not have a car or van.

The following table shows the type of transport used to travel to and from work.

Type of transport used	Number in Datchet
Underground, Metro, Light Rail, Tram	21
Train	326
Bus, Minibus or Coach	50
Taxi	12
Motorcycle, Scooter or Moped	23
Driving a car or van	1670
Passenger in a car or van	93
Bicycle	65
On Foot	108
Other Method of Travel to Work	13
Work mainly at or from home	202

### Further information to research:

RBWM Strategic Highways Model documents