The Sandbanks Ferry offers transport support options for communities during 2025 Public Inquiry

December 2024

The Public Inquiry to determine proposed price increases for The Sandbanks Ferry will begin at 10am on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at the Poole Harbour Commissioners Terminal North Lounge and run for six days.

An evening session will also be held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 6:30pm in the Springfield Country Hotel in Wareham.

It is important to us that those members of our community who wish to attend the Public Inquiry sessions held in Poole have ease of access. Therefore, we have arranged transport options as follows.

Ferry travel

For each day of the Inquiry, we will provide free, one-way (Sandbanks to Shell Bay) ferry passage for car travel, for anyone who has attended the Inquiry that day.

Ferry passage will be given on the day, on production of a parking receipt for the Poole Harbour Commissioners car park. The parking receipt can be redeemed at the Ferry toll booth.

Bus travel

On Tuesday 28th January 2025, we will also run a bus from Swanage (via Studland) to the Inquiry and back free of charge that day. On this date, the Planning Inspectorate has indicated that objectors who have already registered that they wish to speak will be able to do so in a dedicated session at the Inquiry.

The bus will leave Swanage at the Main Beach Car Park on Victoria Avenue at 8am (Studland Village Hall at 8:15am) and return (departing the Inquiry venue) at approximately 5:00pm.

The bus is offered on a first come first served basis to those who contact the Ferry Company via community@sandbanksferry.co.uk to reserve a seat by Friday 17th January 2025.

Public Inquiry information

The Public Inquiry will begin at 10am on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at the Poole Harbour Commissioners Terminal North Lounge. The Inquiry will run over six days, taking place on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th January 2025.

An evening session will be held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 6:30pm in the Springfield Country Hotel in Wareham.

The Public Inquiry and evening session will be live streamed via YouTube and made available for subsequent viewing.

All updates related to the Public Inquiry, including the YouTube streaming link, will be available to view at https://www.hwa.uk.com/projects/bournemouth-swanage-toll-public-inquiry/

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