

Arriva North West & Wales

Experience of operating MAN EcoCity CNG buses

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Why Gas buses?

A simple cost effective environmental solution

- Arriva Europe: 300 + Gas Buses
- Known Technology No surprises
- Simple maintenance regime
- MAN expertise in Gas technology 4000+ Gas Buses
- Gas Bus Alliance Solution

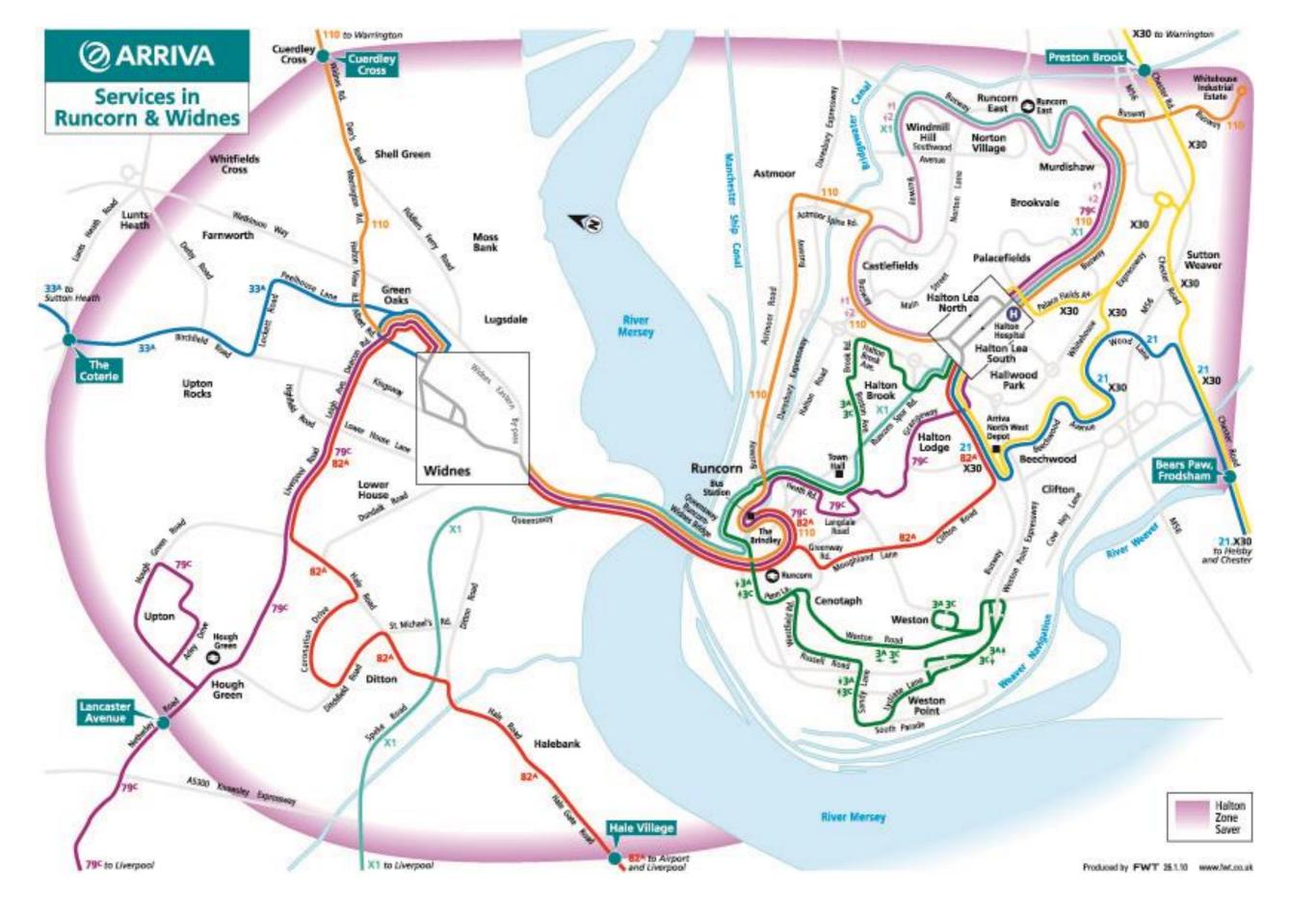
Why Runcorn depot?

Fleet 47

PVR 42

• 10 gas buses 5 SB200's 32 SB120's

Annual mileage 2,971,326 of which gas bus miles = 698,366





Runcorn - Gas Station

Designed & Built by Gas Bus Alliance

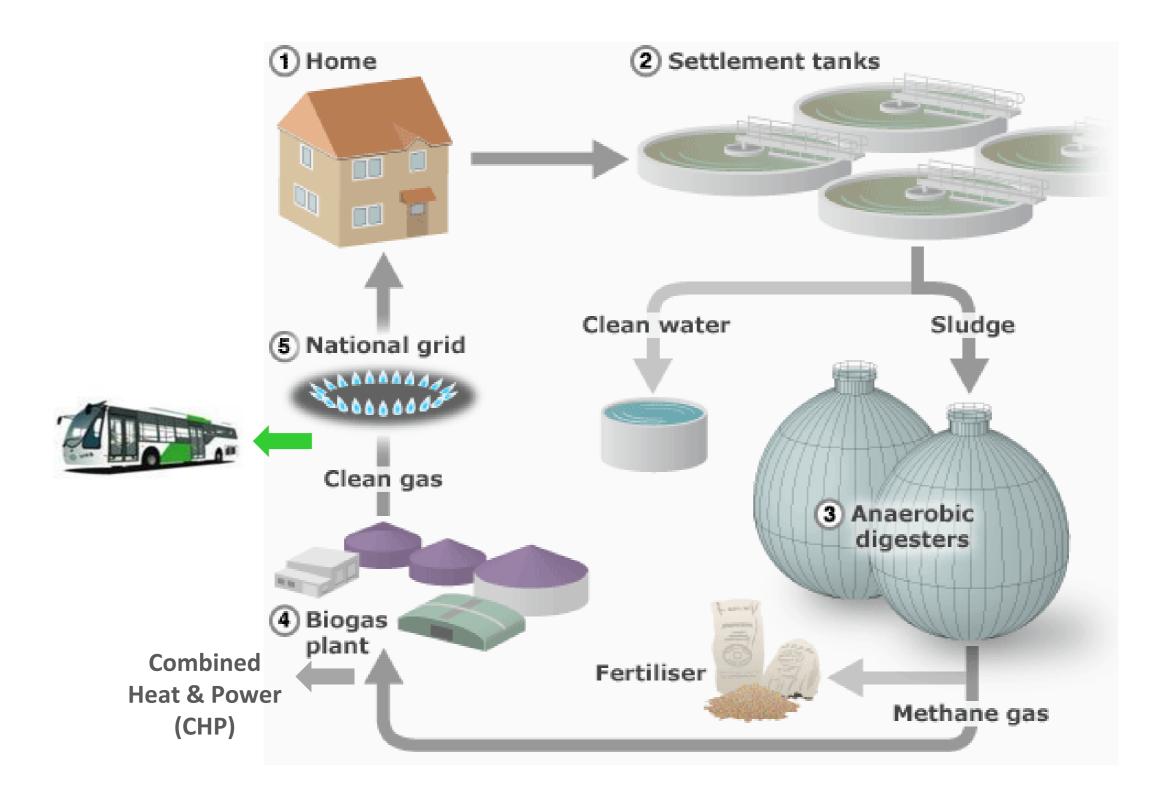
Installed 2014

To date: 100% Operation

Capacity: 20 Buses

100% Biomethane

GBA - Biomethane Production





MAN Ecocity

- E2876 Dedicated Gas Engine
- 6 Cylinder 12.8 ltr Spark Ignition
- 270 bhp
- 4 Gas Tanks: 1136 ltr, approx 300 miles
- EEV/Euro V1 (On order)
- Capacity 70 passengers

Current Fleet Size: 10 (Further 9 on Order)



Results to Date

- 3.6 million Kgs CO2 saved
- Operational Savings: 21% v Fleet average
 - Fuel
 - Maintenance
 - Reliability
- Replaced Euro 3 & 4 Buses
 - NOx & PM reduction +95%

- Annual spark plug change
- No EGR system to maintain.
- No Particulate traps to service.
- Longer intervals between engine oil changes.
- No messy fuel filters to replace.
- All of this saves on cost of running these vehicles.



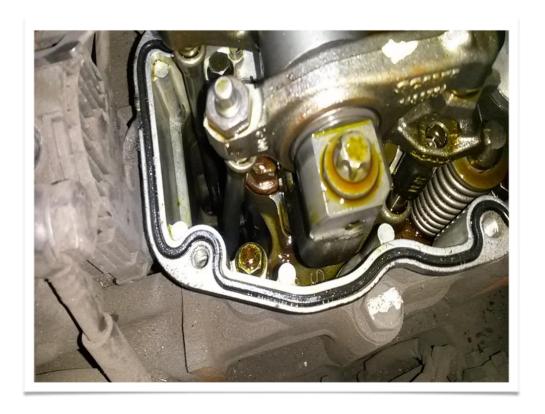
Euro V1 Gas (100,000+ Kms)



Euro V1 Diesel Hybrid



Euro V1 Gas



Advantages of CNG/Biomethane technology

The cleanest, CO2 neutral, reliable, non-fossil and affordable solution for public transport:

- Buses readily available
- Proven reliable technology
- Lowest PM emission
- Lowest NOx emission
- Low noise production (-2 dB)
- No link with food chain discussion (Bio-fuels)

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- Exceeds Euro 6
- No Adblue
- No Battery Packs, disposal or replacement
- Biogas compatibility
- No Spillage risks
- Future Proof Biogas
- Manure, Municipal Waste, Food waste Not crop reliant
- Biogas can be fed directly into the UK Gas Main



Initial running cost comparator

• Gas: £0.38/mile

• Diesel: £0.48/mile

Initial expected saving: 22%.

However, to date the savings have exceeded 24%

Vehicle cost

MAN EcoCity (to Arriva specification) circa £220,000

 Standard Arriva specification single deck bus circa £165,000

Variance = circa £55,000 per vehicle

What the passengers think

- Quiet
- No vibration
- No diesel smell
- Good heating and ventilation
- Good interior lighting

What the drivers think

- Good cab ergonomics
- Good seat
- Driveability
- Blown air demisting
- Effortless drive



In Summary

- Sustainable renewable fuel
- Carbon Neutral
- Farming community opportunities
- UK produced fuel
- Solution for now
- No Guinea Pigs



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