

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 3 December 2020

Report of the Head of Service - Planning and Environment

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Penwortham West

Approval for the Introduction of Bus Stop Clearway, Liverpool Road, Penwortham

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Approval is sought for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order along Liverpool Road, Penwortham to provide marked Bus Stop Clearways at four existing bus stop locations as shown in Appendix 'A'.

The purpose of this proposal is to improve facilities for users of the 2 and 2A bus route from Preston to Hutton and the 2 and 2A bus route from Hutton to Preston. The markings will also enhance cyclist awareness of potential conflicts with stationary buses, improving safety.

Two objections have been received to the proposed bus stop clearways, one of which was withdrawn following correspondence with engineers. The remaining objection relates to delivery access and refuse collection.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the proposals for Bus Clearways along Liverpool Road, Penwortham as shown in Appendix 'A' for the reasons outlined in this report.

Background and Advice

Following carriageway resurfacing works along Liverpool Road between Howick Moor Lane and Meadway in December 2019, a new road marking strategy was implemented to provide continuous on-carriageway cycle lanes and reduce the width of vehicular running lanes. This is part of a wider package of works to improve

sustainable travel options along the Liverpool Road corridor following completion of the Penwortham bypass and also to promote use of the bypass through reallocation of carriageway space.

The introduction of marked bus stop clearways along Liverpool Road is intended to improve road safety by reducing the potential for conflict and injury/accident between buses and cyclists and also ensure bus users can board and alight safely without obstructions. All bus stops will remain in the existing locations.

Consultations

The proposal was advertised between 8 January 2020 and 5 February 2020 and two objections were received. After correspondence with engineers, one objection was withdrawn and one objection remains.

Lancashire Constabulary did not object to the proposals.

The remaining objection was received citing property value and concerns regarding access for deliveries to the home and refuse bin collection.

"This will severely reduce the value of our homes or at worst make it difficult to sell at all... There are other concerns which I have which relates to having deliveries to my home. How would this effect having large or heavy items delivered to my home. Will my refuse bins be collected from outside my house or would I have to take them 2-3 doors away and leave them outside someone else's house."

Officer response:

Delivery vehicles should set down in a safe and appropriate location that does not breach traffic regulations (i.e. outside of the bus stop clearway). It is noted that properties along this section of the highway have private driveways which can be utilised for large deliveries if required. Refuse collection would not be impacted; bins would continue to be collected from outside the property as normal.

The powers under which the proposed works would be provided contain no statutory right to compensation.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The proposals will increase safety for cyclists.

Traffic Management and Road Safety

- Ensure that bus drivers discharge their duty to drop passengers off on the kerb and not on the road;

- Ensure that bus services operate on time and are not delayed; and
- Enhance cyclist awareness of stationary buses.

Equality

- Ensure that the investment in raised kerbs, (as previously required under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and now required by the Equalities Act 2010), is not negated by indiscriminate parking at bus stops; and
- Help the bus align with the kerb to enable level access for disabled passengers and pushchair users.

Financial

The cost of the works is £1,240 for the four proposed bus clearway markings, funded by the *Hutton to Higher Penwortham Corridor Improvements* City Deal scheme.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Penwortham Bypass Condition 10: Details of highway works to discourage through-traffic passing through Penwortham Centre from the junction of the bypass at the A59 and along the A59 to its junction with Hill Road	April 2019	Richard Askew/(01772) 534506

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A