

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 1 April 2021

Report of the Head of Service - Highways

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Padiham and Burnley West

Institute Street, Padiham - Highway Improvement Scheme Burnley Road - Relocation of Bus Stop (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The local Highways Traffic team has identified a need for an existing permanent bus stop to be moved approximately 9 metres further east along Burnley Road, Padiham as part of a proposed junction visibility improvement scheme at Institute Street.

This report summarises the results of the consultation of the proposed bus stop relocation to which one objection has been received.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the construction of the new permanent bus stop, replacing the existing bus stop on Burnley Road, Padiham.

Background and Advice

The local Highways Traffic team has highlighted a bus stop on Burnley Road, Padiham as needing relocating as part of a proposed junction improvement scheme at the junction of Burnley Road and Institute Street, Padiham, as shown on the plan at Appendix 'A'.

If constructed, the bus stop would see the creation of a paved boarding area and raised kerbs to ensure easy access on and off the bus for passengers with impaired mobility to match the existing stop. If approved, a further consultation will be undertaken for the relocation of the bus stop clearway markings to ensure buses have adequate access to the new bus stop, at the same time as the formal advertisement of the proposed traffic regulation order associated with the junction

improvements. The bus stop clearway markings would prohibit vehicles, except buses, from stopping within the area of the marked bus stop.

The proposed traffic regulation order associated with Institute Street improvements cannot be progressed at the moment as there is currently a new traffic regulation order, which supports the Padiham Townscape Heritage Initiative scheme, waiting to be implemented and the Institute Street scheme will need to make changes to this order once it is brought into effect.

Consultations

The local consultation process was undertaken between 21 January and 3 February 2021.

The local County Councillor has raised no objection.

Lancashire Constabulary has raised no objection.

One objection has been received, indicating that the proposals would increase noise outside their residence, bring anti-social behaviour from local youths using the bus stop at nights and result in rubbish being thrown over their back fence. The resident has lived there for 14 years and believes moving the bus stop 9 metres east will place the bus stop outside their property which will cause them more trouble and affect their lives. They also say they will be able to see it from their window.

Officer response:

Noise may be increased marginally by the slightly closer proximity of waiting bus passengers, however, the bus stop is positioned at an appropriate distance away from the residence to minimise disturbance as far as is reasonably practicable. The property has a high, solid fence to the rear of the footway, which should maintain any privacy to the property from users of the bus stop. However, the top of the shelter would be visible from the ground floor of the property.

Anti-social behaviour by local youths can be raised with the police who are trained to deal with this type of nuisance. Officers will raise the concerns raised with the police at the next Burnley district traffic liaison meeting.

With regard to the litter, this could be general litter blown into the rear gardens as the high rear fence would discourage casual littering from the bus stop users. Officers note there are no litter bins in the immediate area and will raise this with Burnley Borough Council.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

If the proposed relocation of the bus stop is not supported, then the scheme will be unlikely to proceed as buses may not be able to approach and align with the bus stop which will diminish the service to vulnerable users.

Financial

The total estimated construction cost for the Institute Street scheme is £25,000, including the bus stop relocation. The scheme has been allocated funding from the Road Safety – Transport Capital Programme allocation.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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