

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 4 May 2023

Report of the Director of Highways and Transport

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Lostock Hall and Bamber
Bridge;
South Ribble East;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Bamber Bridge Bus Stop Upgrade

(Appendices 'A' - 'C' refer)

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Brief Summary

This report outlines proposals to implement bus stop improvements on Station Road between Lychfield Drive and Sergeant Road, Bamber Bridge. The improvements include the Implementation of bus stop clearways, changes to lengths of existing limited waiting bays and No Waiting At Any Time restrictions to allow buses to access stops without being obstructed by parked vehicles.

Consultation and formal advertising of the proposals has been undertaken, and this report summarises the results of the formal advertising to which objections have been received.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve:

- (i) The implementation of proposed bus stops clearways and associated bus stop infrastructure (Appendix 'A' refers).
- (ii) The making of the order for introductions and revocations of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions and Limited Waiting Bays (Appendix 'B' refers).



Detail

The proposals are part of the Bamber Bridge Bus Stop improvement scheme and have been developed to address health and safety concerns raised by officers and bus operators regarding the current bus stop facilities on Station Road.

Northbound bus stop proposals are outside of properties 390 - 376 (near Lychfield Drive), 308 (near Smithy Street) and 252 (near Hopwood Street). Southbound bus stop proposals are outside of properties 383 - 369 (Bargain Booze), 295 (Wesley Street, Methodist Church) and 243 - 233 (near Sergeant Street).

Relocation of existing bus stops outside 282 (South Bound) and 299 (North Bound) have been proposed to allow safe bus movements and more appropriate spacing between bus stops.

Enforceable bus stop clearways are proposed at all the six locations. A bus stop clearway prohibits vehicles except buses from stopping in the bus stop therefore contributing to safe alighting/boarding of passengers and unimpeded movement of buses.

The proposals also include several Traffic Regulation Orders. This includes a reduction in length of existing Limited Waiting bays to facilitate room for bus boarding points. No Waiting At Any Time restrictions are also proposed to protect from unsafe parking where existing bus stops are relocated (Appendix 'B' refers).

The proposals have been developed in consultation with public transport officers, with consideration given to passenger accessibility, safety, the needs of other road users, residents and businesses and current technical guidance.

Appendices

Appendices 'A' - 'C' are attached to this report. For clarification they are summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Bus Stop Proposals
Appendix 'B'	Traffic Regulation Orders
Appendix 'C'	Objections and Responses

Consultations

The proposals were put out to consultation over a four-week period in February 2023. This included posting of notices on site, issuing letters to properties affected by the proposals, informing relevant local councillors, and advertising Traffic Regulation Orders within the local newspaper.

12 individual objectors replied to the consultation and their comments have been summarised in Appendix 'C' along with officers' responses.



Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

If appropriate bus stop facilities are not installed, there is a risk to pedestrian and bus safety. Bus Stop clearways would increase accessibility, reduce congestion, and improve traffic flow.

Financial

The scheme would be delivered via funds allocated to the Bus Service Improvement Plan programme. This is a grant funded programme which has no borrowing or revenue implications.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		

