

**Report to the Cabinet**

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 11 July 2024

**Report of the Director of Highways and Transport**

**Part I**

Electoral Division affected:  
South Ribble East;

**Corporate Priorities:**  
Delivering better services;

**Brindle Road (Hospital Inn) Bus Stop Improvements**

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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**Brief Summary**

It is proposed to relocate the existing southbound bus stop on Brindle Road, Bamber Bridge outside the Hospital Inn, to a location away from the blind corner at the junction of Bank Head Land and Brindle Road. It is also proposed to maintain and improve the existing northbound bus stop on Brindle Road with clearway markings and bus shelter replacement. As part of the works, these bus stops would be upgraded to be Equality Act compliant with the installation of raised kerbs, boarding points, bus shelter and bus stop clearway markings. These proposals aim to enhance the efficiency and safety of bus operations by providing dedicated spaces for buses to stop, allow safe alighting/boarding of passengers and unimpeded movement of buses.

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 the implementation of proposed bus stop clearways and associated bus stop infrastructure as set out in the report and as shown at Appendix 'A'.



## Detail

The proposals are part funded from the S106 budget, and the remaining costs will be covered by the Equality Act Compliance budget within the Capital Programme. Specifically, there is £10,000 available from S106 developer funding for these proposals.

The southbound bus stop proposals are to relocate the existing bus stop (adjacent to The Hospital Inn) to between the access/egress into The Hospital Inn's car park. This location was identified as the optimum location, with the least impact on residential properties, best visibility for vehicles travelling on Brindle Road and capacity for the local transport network. The proposals will include new bus stop clearway markings, raised boarding point and bus shelter.

The proposals for the northbound bus stop are to replace the existing bus shelter, recently damaged in a road traffic accident and formalise the bus stop by installing bus clearway markings and a raised boarding point. This action is essential for restoring essential infrastructure and ensuring passenger comfort and safety.

These proposals are to formalise the existing bus stops that are well used by members of the public whilst addressing safety concerns with their existing locations and provide better services for passengers using the services. Enforceable bus stop clearways are proposed on both locations. These clearways will prohibit vehicles other than buses from stopping, facilitating safe passenger movement and unimpeded bus flow. The Statement of Reason can be found in full at Appendix 'B'.

The proposals have been developed in close collaboration with public transport officers, prioritising passenger accessibility, safety, and the needs of various stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and other road users. Current technical guidance has been thoroughly considered throughout the development process.

## Appendices

Appendices 'A' and 'B' 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'	Statement of Reasons

## Consultations

The proposals were put out to consultation over a four-week period in January 2024 (25/01/2024 to 23/02/2024). This included posting of notices on site, issuing letters to properties and businesses directly affected by the proposals, informing relevant local councillors, and advertising Traffic Regulation Orders within the local newspaper.

During consultation these proposals received 1 individual objector and 1 individual supporter. The individual's objections are summarised below, along with officers' responses.



A total of 2 consultees responded, 1 of whom objected.

### **Consultation Responses:**

- *The proposed location for the Bus Stop clearways, that extend across both the entrance and exit of the pub, raises concerns about potential obstruction for patrons trying to enter or exit the establishment when a bus is stationary.*
- *Additionally, the presence of two clearway markings positioned parallel to each other raises concerns about the complete blockage of the road in the event that buses from both directions stop simultaneously.*

### **Officers Response:**

A comprehensive study was conducted to determine the optimal locations for the bus stops. The proposed sites were selected based on criteria such as minimal impact on residential properties, excellent accessibility and visibility (positioned away from the blind corner at the junction of Bank Head Lane and Brindle Road), and sufficient capacity within the network. These proposals align with the bus stop guidelines provided by the county council and other relevant bus design publications.

Regarding the possibility of buses from both directions stopping simultaneously, it is worth noting that buses currently operate on a staggered schedule, with intervals of 10 minutes throughout the day. As such, the likelihood of both buses being present at the stops simultaneously is low. In the rare event that it does occur, any resulting delays would be brief, limited to the time required for passenger boarding and alighting. Overall, such occurrences would have minimal impact on traffic flow.

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

#### **Legal**

There are no legal ramifications for failing to follow the recommendations in this report.

#### **Financial**

The scheme would be delivered via funds allocated through the S106 budget (£10,000), and any additional costs will be met by the Equality Act Compliance budget within the Capital Programme. These proposals involve collaboration with South Ribble Borough Council. Lancashire County Council will acquire the southbound shelter, while South Ribble Borough Council will install the northbound shelter, which was knocked down in a road traffic accident.

#### **Risk management**

The installation of bus stop clearways represents a proactive approach to addressing challenges such as accessibility and congestion and will improve traffic flow. By prioritising bus movement and passenger safety, these proposals aim to enhance



the overall efficiency and effectiveness of public transport, ultimately contributing to a more sustainable and liveable city environment.

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

