



To: North Area Committee

Date: Thursday 22nd November 2012

Report by: Andrew Preston
Project Delivery & Environment Manager

Wards affected: Kings Hedges, Arbury, West Chesterton, East Chesterton

NEW AND REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTER PROGRAMME

1.0 Executive summary

- The City Council has approved expenditure of £267,000 on the provision of 12 new shelters and the replacement of approximately 60% of the 62 existing City Council owned shelters across the city. This report requests that North Area Committee approve the proposed allocation of 3 new shelters at existing bus stops in the north area of the city.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The North Area Committee is recommended:

2.1.1 To approve the proposed allocation of 3 new shelters, at locations detailed in table 1.0 of this report.

3.0 Background

3.1 There are currently 176 bus shelters across Cambridge, 25 owned by the County Council, 89 by Clearchannel (formally Adshel) and the remaining 62 owned by the City Council.

3.2 The City Council are only responsible for the provision of shelter facilities at bus stops in the city. The bus stop itself, flag and timetable are all the responsibility of the County Council as the Transport Authority.

3.3 It is proposed to provide 12 new City Council owned shelters at existing bus stops throughout the city.

- 3.4 A revenue bid to provide additional annual maintenance funding for these shelters was approved at Council in February 2012.
- 3.5 The new shelters will be similar in appearance to the cantilevered Clearchannel shelters, but will not have advertising panels.
- 3.6 Consideration of the potential for vandalism will be assessed on a site by site basis and the specification of each shelter amended accordingly. Changes could include the provision of perspex panels rather than glass or the addition of mesh reinforcement to glass panels.
- 3.7 Bus routes with higher passenger volumes take priority, along with areas of the city where bus use is predominantly by vulnerable groups such as the elderly and infirm.
- 3.8 Consultation has taken place with key stakeholders such as the County Council, bus operators and Councillors. Suggestions have also been received directly from residents over the past few years, and appendix A of this report lists all suggested new shelter sites across the city.
- 3.9 The deliverability of each site has been assessed and in many cases there is not enough space to provide a shelter within the public highway and these sites are therefore not feasible.
- 3.10 Any shelters that are sited on at risk bus routes have also not been prioritised, both for new shelters and the replacement of existing shelters.
- 3.11 Table 1.0 overleaf lists the three new shelter sites proposed within North Area.

Suggested Location	Ward	Further Details	Suggested by
Carlton Way	Arbury	(Citi 1) Kingsway Flats. for people waiting to travel north east to King's Hedges / East Chesterton. Area is characterised by residents who are more reliant on public transport. Room if concrete "Kingsway" blocks are removed, or hedge/knee rail.	Resident & Cllr Mike Todd-Jones
Histon Road	Arbury	(Citi 8) Aldi / Iceland / just south of Co-op and row of shops. A stop used by shoppers then going north to parts of Castle / Arbury.	Cllr Mike Todd-Jones & Cllr Simon Kightley
Victoria Road	Arbury	(Citi 8) - inbound, by 222, Victoria Road. Just round the corner from busy junction / flats / new development proposed (Victoria Road / Histon Road / Huntingdon Road junction). Room if done carefully, needs discussion with County about visibility etc.	Cllr Mike Todd-Jones

Table 1.0 Suggested new shelter sites in north area.

4.0 Implications

4.1 Climate Change impact

+ Medium: The project will promote use of sustainable transport by making bus travel more attractive, thereby reducing the level of motor vehicle traffic in Cambridge.

4.2 Equal Opportunities Implications

Improvements to shelters will reduce the fear of crime. This would be particularly beneficial in areas of the City where bus use is predominantly by vulnerable groups such as the elderly and infirm.

4.3 Environmental Implications

Improvements to waiting facilities for passengers will help to make bus travel more attractive. The local street scene will be improved. Bus shelters across the City will have a smarter, better-integrated appearance, presenting a better image of public transport than at present.

4.4 Community Safety Implications

Improving shelters will help to make them safer and more attractive for vulnerable bus users. This will help to boost use of public transport. The use of alternative materials will reduce crime and vandalism.

5.0 Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Project Appraisal - New and Replacement Bus Shelter Project
Environment Scrutiny Committee - October 2011.

6.0 Appendices

APPENDIX A

Suggested Bus Shelter Locations

7.0 Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

Author's Name: Andrew Preston
Author's Phone Number: 01223 457271
Author's Email: andrew.preston@cambridge.gov.uk

SUGGESTED NEW SHELTER LOCATIONS

Suggested Location	Ward	Area	Further Details:	Suggested by:
Carlton Way	Arbury	North	(Citi 1) Kingsway Flats. for people waiting to travel north east to King's Hedges / East Chesterton. Area is characterised by residents who are more reliant on public transport. Room if concrete "Kingsway" blocks are removed, or hedge/knee rail.	Resident & Cllr Mike Todd-Jones
Histon Road	Arbury	North	(Citi 8) Aldi / Iceland / just south of Co-op and row of shops. A stop used by shoppers then going north to parts of Castle / Arbury.	Cllr Mike Todd-Jones & Cllr Simon Kightly
Victoria Road	Arbury	North	(Citi 8) - inbound, by 222, Victoria Road. Just round the corner from busy junction / flats / new development proposed (Victoria Road / Histon Road / Huntingdon Road junction). Room if done carefully, needs discussion with County about visibility etc.	Cllr Mike Todd-Jones
Histon Road	Arbury	North	(Citi 8) Ranch pub / Linden Close. A popular stop. Elderly residents. Very narrow footway, unless located on private land from the pub. (not recommended)	Cllr Mike Todd-Jones & Cllr Simon Kightly
Science Park	Outside City Boundary	North	Citi 2 Terminus	StageCoach - Andy Campbell
Castle Street	Castle (adj. Arbury)	West Central	Opp. St Peter's Church	Resident & Cllr Simon Kightly
Madingley Road	Castle (adj. Newnham)	West Central	Opp. Bulstrode Gardens (elderly residents)	County Council - Paul Nelson Cllr Lucy Nethsingha
Madingley Road	Castle (adj. Newnham)	West Central	Between Storey's Way and Grange Road (well used). Major cycleway. Minimise obstruction	Cllr Lucy Nethsingha
Silver Street	Newnham	West Central	Cripps Court (Citi4, Uni 4 & sightseeing)	StageCoach - Andy Campbell
Silver Street	Newnham	West Central	Opp. Cripps Court (Citi4, Uni 4 & sightseeing)	StageCoach - Andy Campbell
Cherry Hinton Road	Coleridge	East	Derwent Close (possibly limited footway/cycleway room)	Resident & Cllr Lewis Herbert
Cherry Hinton Road	Coleridge	East	Opp. Derwent Close (Well used, better footway/cycleway clearance)	Resident & County Council - Paul Nelson
Lichfield Road	Coleridge	East	Exact position TBC (elderly residents)	Cllr George Owers & County Council - Paul Nelson
Cherry Hinton Road	Coleridge	East	Derwent Close (elderly residents - see above)	Cllr George Owers
Perne Road	Coleridge	East	Birdwood Road. Displaced by pedestrian crossing (elderly residents)	Cllrs George Owers & Lewis Herbert
Lichfield Road / Neville Road	Coleridge	East	Exact position TBC (confirm that 114 will continue)	Estate Champion - Will Beavitt Cllr Lewis Herbert
Fison Rd	Abbey	East	Exact position TBC (Timetable stop)	Cllr Caroline Hart
Newmarket Road	Abbey	East	Opp. TESCO	County Council - Paul Nelson
Birdwood Road	Coleridge	East	Gray Road, Citi 1	Cllr Lewis Herbert
Birdwood Road	Coleridge	East	Gray Road, Citi 2	StageCoach - Andy Campbell
Cherry Hinton Road	Coleridge	East	Opp Clifton Rd very busy	Cllr Lewis Herbert
Cherry Hinton Road	Coleridge	East	Nr Rock Rd very busy. Would need relocating, suggest outside Lloyds Bank (near Rathmore Rd)	Cllr Lewis Herbert
Cambridge Leisure to Addenbrookes	Coleridge & Queen Edith's	East & South	Exact position TBC (Hills Road Services 1, 7, 8, 13 & Uni 4)	StageCoach - Andy Campbell
Queen Edith's Way	Cherry Hinton	South	Greystoke Road (to Cherry Hinton library, dentist, pharmacy and GP surgery)	MP Julian Huppert & County Council - Paul Nelson
High Street	Cherry Hinton	South	Mill End Close (TESCO users have to change buses here, and village centre/hall)	Resident
Teversham Drift	Cherry Hinton	South	Access is muddy and grassy. (elderly residents)	Cllrs Russ McPherson & Mark Ashton
High Street	Cherry Hinton	South	Mill End Close (TESCO users have to change buses here, and village centre/hall)	Cllr Mark Ashton
Hills Rd	J	South	Nr HRSFC	Former Cllr Amanda Taylor
Long Rd	Queen Edith's	South	Nr Long Road SFC	Former Cllr Amanda Taylor