



**To:** East Area Committee  
**Date:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
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**Wards affected:** Coleridge, Petersfield, Abbey, Romsey

## **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 East 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.

| <b>Suggested Location</b> | <b>Ward</b> | <b>Further Details</b>   | <b>Suggested by</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|---------------------|
| Cherry Hinton Rd          | Coleridge   | Opp Clifton Rd very busy stop, citi3. Quite narrow but feasible.   | Cllr Lewis Herbert  |
| Cherry Hinton Rd          | Coleridge   | Nr Rock Rd very busy stop. Would need relocating, suggest outside Lloyds Bank (near Rathmore Rd). Quite narrow but feasible.                                   | Cllr Lewis Herbert  |
| Fison Rd                  | Abbey       | Lay-by stop. Currently bench recessed into fence, check ownership. Possible conflict with established/mature tree roots. Citi 3. Timetable stop (waiting zone) | Cllr Caroline Hart  |

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:

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## PRIORITISED LIST OF SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW SHELTER LOCATIONS

| Suggested Location                | Ward                  | Area         | Further Details:  | Suggest by:  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---|--|
| Cherry Hinton Road                | Coleridge             | East         | Opp Clifton Rd very busy, citi3. Quite narrow but feasible.   | Cllr Lewis Herbert                                   |
| Cherry Hinton Road                | Coleridge             | East         | Nr Rock Rd very busy. Would need relocating, suggest outside Lloyds Bank (near Rathmore Rd). Quite narrow but feasible.   | Cllr Lewis Herbert                                   |
| Fison Rd                          | Abbey                 | East         | Lay-by stop. Currently bench recessed into fence, check ownership. Possible conflict with established/mature tree roots. Citi 3. Timetable stop (waiting zone)  | Cllr Caroline Hart                                   |
| Cherry Hinton Road                | Coleridge             | East         | Opp. Derwent Close (Well used, better footway/cycleway clearance) Citi2 & Citi 3. Would be built into grass verge with limited space.   | Resident & County Council - Paul Nelson              |
| Lichfield Road                    | Coleridge             | East         | Neville Road. (elderly residents). Subsidised route, not well used, possible future closure of route 114. Plenty of room at all locations.  | County Council - Paul Nelson & Cllrs Herbert & Owers |
| Birdwood Road                     | Coleridge             | East         | Gray Road, Citi 2. Could be located in verge. Visibility for vehicular dropped kerb would need checking, potential complaint from adjacent resident.  | StageCoach - Andy Campbell & Cllr Herbert            |
| Cherry Hinton Road                | Coleridge             | East         | Derwent Close (elderly residents, limited footway/cycleway room) Citi 3 & Citi 2. Would be on grass verge and likely to get complaints from adjacent residents as would be imposing.  | Resident & Cllrs Herbert & Owers                     |
| Perne Road                        | Coleridge             | East         | Birdwood Road. Displaced by pedestrian crossing (elderly residents). Shelter would impact on visibility from private accesses. The potential for a shelter was looked at as part of the pedestrian crossing scheme.   | Cllrs Owers & Herbert                                |
| Newmarket Road                    | Abbey                 | East         | Opp. TESCO. Footway is narrow, so would need removal of hedges on retail estate (probably private land). Well used, several major routes.   | County Council - Paul Nelson                         |
| Castle Street                     | Castle (adj. Arbury)  | West Central | Opp. St Peter's Church  | Resident - Mrs M Hodge                               |
| Castle Street                     | Castle (adj. Arbury)  | West Central | Opp. St Peter's Church  | Cllr Simon Kightly                                   |
| Madingley Road                    | Castle (adj. Newnham) | West Central | Opp. Bulstrode Gardens (elderly residents)  | Cllr Lucy Nethsingha                                 |
| Madingley Road                    | Castle (adj. Newnham) | West Central | Opp. Bulstrode Gardens (elderly residents)  | County Council - Paul Nelson                         |
| Madingley Road                    | Castle (adj. Newnham) | West Central | Between Storey's Way and Grange Road (well used). Major cycleway. Minimise obstruction  | Cllr Colin Rosenstiel                                |
| 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                           |
| Queen Edith's Way                 | Cherry Hinton         | South        | Greystoke Road (to Cherry Hinton library, dentist, pharmacy and GP surgery)   | County Council - Paul Nelson                         |
| Queen Edith's Way                 | Cherry Hinton         | South        | Greystoke Road (to Cherry Hinton library, dentist, pharmacy and GP surgery)   | MP Julian Huppert                                    |
| High Street                       | Cherry Hinton         | South        | Mill End Close (TESCO users have to change buses here, and village centre/hall)   | Resident - M C Culling                               |
| Teversham Drift                   | Cherry Hinton         | South        | Access is muddy and grassy. (elderly residents)   | Cllr Russ McPherson                                  |
| Teversham Drift                   | Cherry Hinton         | South        | Access is muddy and grassy. (elderly residents)   | Cllr 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                          | Queen Edith's         | South        | Nr HRSFC  | Cllr Amanda Taylor                                   |
| Long Rd                           | Queen Edith's         | South        | Nr Long Road SFC  | Cllr Amanda Taylor                                   |
| Cambridge Leisure to Addenbrookes | Queen Edith's         | South        | (Hills Road Services 1, 7, 8, 13 & Uni 4). Recommend just before Elsworth Place, wide footway and very well used (students). Several major routes. Other options on road are much narrower.   | StageCoach - Andy Campbell                           |
| 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 - Mr & Mrs Horner                           |
| 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.       | Cllr Mike Todd-Jones                                 |
| Histon Road                       | Arbury                | North        | (Citi 8) Ranch pub / Linden Close. A popular stop. Elderly residents. Very narrow footway, unless taking some land from the pub.  | Cllr Simon Kightly                                   |
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| 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. Limited footway unless hedge/knee high fence at Aldi is removed.  | Cllr Simon Kightly                                   |
| 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. Limited footway unless hedge/knee high fence at Aldi is removed.  | Cllr Mike Todd-Jones                                 |
| 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                                 |
| Science Park                      | Outside City          | North        | Citi 2 Terminus   | StageCoach - Andy Campbell                           |