



To: South Area Committee
Date: Monday 14th January 2013
Report by: Simon Payne
Director for Environment
Wards affected: Cherry Hinton, Queen Ediths, Trumpington

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 South Area Committee approve the proposed allocation of 3 new shelters at existing bus stops in the south area of the city.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The South 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 South Area.

Suggested Location	Ward	Further Details	Suggested by
Cherry Hinton High Street	Cherry Hinton	Mill End Close (TESCO users have to change buses here, and village centre/hall). Sufficient room.	Resident & Ward Councillors
Hills Rd	Queen Edith's	Opp. HRSFC. A busy stop. Sufficient room. Adjacent railings currently used for cycle parking.	Former Cllr Amanda Taylor
Queen Edith's Way	Cherry Hinton	Greystoke Road (to Cherry Hinton library, dentist, pharmacy and GP surgery) There is space, but possible risk of objections from residents, as it will be directly in front of their houses.	County Council - Paul Nelson Julian Huppert MP

Table 1.0 Suggested new shelter sites in the South 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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APPENDIX A

SUGGESTED NEW SHELTER LOCATIONS			
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Queen Edith's Way	Cherry Hinton	Greystoke Road (to Cherry Hinton library, dentist, pharmacy and GP surgery). There is room, but possible objections from residents as it will be in front of their low height fences right outside their houses. Although there is currently a flag there, buses stop in front of a drive way.	County Council - Paul Nelson MP Julian Huppert
Teversham Drift	Cherry Hinton	Access is muddy and grassy. (elderly residents). Plenty of room. Requires additional funding for construction of a footpath.	Ward Councillors
Long Rd	Queen Edith's	Nr Long Road SFC. Both footpaths are cycle routes, too narrow opp Long Rd SFC, maybe space on South side. Bus service isn't that frequent.	Former Cllr Amanda Taylor
Castle Street	Castle (adj. Arbury)	St Peter's Church. Narrow footway (approx 1.8m, may be possible using a shelter with no side panels, right at the back of footway)	Resident & Cllr Simon Kightly
Madingley Road	Castle (adj. Newnham)	Opp. Bulstrode Gardens (elderly residents). Plenty of space.	Cllr Lucy Nethsingha County Council - Paul Nelson
Madingley Road	Castle (adj. Newnham)	Between Storey's Way and Grange Road (well used). Major cycleway. Minimise obstruction. High user volume	Cllr Colin Rosenstiel Cllr Lucy Nethsingha
Silver Street	Newnham	Queen's College (Citi4, Uni 4 & sightseeing). Enough room, but is in a conservation zone	StageCoach - Andy Campbell
Silver Street	Newnham	Darwin College (Citi4, Uni 4 & sightseeing). Narrow footway (approx 1.8m, may be possible using a shelter with no side panels, right at the back of footway). Conservation zone	StageCoach - Andy Campbell
Cambridge Leisure to Addenbrookes	Coleridge/Queen Edith's	Exact position TBC (Hills Road Services 1, 7, 8, 13 & Uni 4). Recommend just before Elsworth Place, wide footway and very well used. Several major routes. Other options along road are much narrower.	StageCoach - Andy Campbell
Cherry Hinton Road	Coleridge	Derwent Close (elderly residents, possibly 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 on their frontage.	Cllr Lewis Herbert Resident - Mr R Secker Cllr George Owers
Cherry Hinton Road	Coleridge	Opp. Derwent Close (Well used, better footway/cycleway clearance) Citi2 & Citi 3. Would be built into grass verge	County Council - Paul Nelson Resident - Mr R Secker
Lichfield Road	Coleridge	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 Cllr George Owers Cllr Lewis Herbert Estate Champion - Will Beavitt
Perne Road	Coleridge	Birdwood Road. Displaced by pedestrian crossing (elderly residents). Room on adjacent verges, although adjacent residents are likely to complain as they park there. Former shelter was AdShel.	Cllr George Owers Cllr Lewis Herbert
Fison Rd	Abbey	Lay-by stop. Currently bench recessed into fence, check ownership. Would block light from adjacent window. Possible conflict with established/mature tree roots. Citi 3. Timetable stop (waiting zone)	Cllr Caroline Hart
Birdwood Road	Coleridge	Gray Road, Citi 2. Could be located in verge. Visibility for vehicular dropped kerb would need checking.	Cllr Lewis Herbert StageCoach - Andy Campbell
Cherry Hinton Road	Coleridge	Opp Clifton Rd very busy, citi3. Quite narrow but doable.	Cllr Lewis Herbert
Cherry Hinton Road	Coleridge	Nr Rock Rd very busy. Would need relocating, suggest outside Lloyds Bank (near Rathmore Rd). Quite narrow but doable.	Cllr Lewis Herbert
Newmarket Road	Abbey	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
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 - Mr & Mrs Horner Cllr Mike Todd-Jones
Histon Road	Arbury	(Citi 8) Ranch pub / Linden Close. A popular stop. Elderly residents. Very narrow footway, unless taking some land from the pub.	Cllr Simon Kightly 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. Limited footway unless hedge/knee high fence at Aldi is removed.	Cllr Simon Kightly Cllr Mike Todd-Jones
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