OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME RECORD OF DECISION



Date: 15/11/21	Ref No: ENG102
Responsible Officer: Ka	Vincent-Mercer

Title/Subject matter: Various Roads, Bury/Radcliffe/Whitefield (Ainsworth Rd, Watling St, Ringley Rd etc) - GD3 Proposed Bus Stop Clearways

Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance: Is the decision within an Yes Approved Budget? Is the decision in conflict No with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans? (iii) Does the decision amend No existing or raise new policy issues? (iv) Is the decision a non-key Yes decision (below £100,000, outside the MO definitions) Is publication still required? (see Yes quidance)

Summary:

Taking into account the justification for the introduction of Bus Stop Clearways at various bus stops and the comments received as detailed in the attached report, to approve for implementation at the majority of the locations the proposal for bus stop clearways - operational all days between the hours of 7am and 11pm, as consulted on. The restrictions are proposed in order to improve and maintain bus stop accessibility, in conjunction with footway improvement works carried out by TfGM.

Options considered:

Decision: to approve for implementation in the majority of locations the proposal as consulted on, with the exception of Ringley Road & Starling Road which will not be progressed.

Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
D R Giblin Head of Engineering		19/11/2021
Members Consulted (if applicable) [see note 1 below]		
Cabinet Member	Alan Quinn Re_ Op Dec ENG102 - GD3 Bus Stop Cleary	18/11/2021
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

- 1. Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet Member they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.
- 2. This form must not be used for urgent decisions.
- 3. Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.

BURY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS



TM10/21/20:- GD3 BUS STOP IMPROVEMENT SCHEME VARIOUS LOCATIONS BOROUGHWIDE

COMMENTS ON FEEDBACK RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION OF THE PROPOSALS

Introduction:

Within the Growth Deal 3 programme, funding is available to improve bus stop accessibility across Greater Manchester.

Bus stop enhancements have taken place across the Borough as part of the Growth Deal 3 funded scheme. In Bury, this has resulted in upgrades to approximately 44 bus stops to meet current accessibility standards. The Bury upgrades form part of the wider programme of works scheduled to take place across Greater Manchester.

The bus stop accessibility works ensure that buses can be boarded and alighted by all members of the travelling public. The standard design detail for the enhancements has approval from both TfGM and Bury Council.

The key elements of the work included:

Raising the kerb to 160mm: This allows the bus to be level with the kerb, enabling passengers to easily board/alight without additional aid.

Replacement of existing footway material: The existing footway material at the bus stop platform has been replaced by Buff and Russet flags to be easily identifiable by all passengers.

Bus Stop Clearway Implementation: A 'No stopping order' in the form of 19-metre bus stop clearways will be introduced between the hours of 7am-11pm. Where a 19m clearway would extend across the mouth of a junction the marking has been reduced accordingly. The intention is to implement a bus stop clearway at each stop to prevent obstructive parking, ensuring that the benefits of the kerb enhancements are realised.

The physical construction works to the stops has been completed. Consultation has now been carried out with Councillors and residents where new bus stop clearways are proposed, as per the list below.

TfGM also have a small number of other stops programmed for footway upgrade works, which already have bus stop markings and/or in some instances clearway signs. Whilst plans were included for these locations for information regarding the footway works, consultation was not be carried out where there is an existing bus stop marking in place – and all that is required is a minor adjustments to the marking/sign to comply with making it a clearway.

The proposals were circulated to the Traffic Management Unit members for 30 March 2021, the decision being to recommend the introduction of Bus Stop Clearways between the hours of 7am-11pm operational on all days to prevent obstructive parking, ensuring that the benefits of the kerb enhancements are realised.

The locations and proposed restrictions are listed below.

Stop Ref	Main Road	Side Road		Bus Stop Clearway times
NC0151 / BUR3145	Coronation Rd, Radcliffe	Westminster Ave	Flats	7am – 11pm all days
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NC0605	Ringley Rd, Whitefield	None	No. 18	7am - 11pm all days
NC2208 / BUR2898	Ainsworth Rd, Bury	Opp. Greenhill Rd	No. 230	7am – 11pm all days
NC2209	Ainsworth Rd, Bury	Greenhill Rd	No. 273	7am – 11pm all days
NC2211	Ainsworth Rd, Bury	N/a	No. 327	7am – 11pm all days
NC2213 / BUR7183	Ainsworth Rd, Bury	N/a	Bus Layby	7am – 11pm all days
NC2311	Starling Rd, Radcliffe	Bury/Bolton Rd	No. 2	7am – 11pm all days
NC2342 / BUR2421	Coronation Rd, Radcliffe	Turks Rd	No. 143	7am – 11pm all days
NC2352 / BUR7123	Coronation Rd, Radcliffe	Opp. Colshaw Cl	No. 31	7am – 11pm all days
NC2353 / BUR3101	Coronation Rd, Radcliffe	Colshaw Cl	No. 16	7am - 11pm all days
NC2355	Lowe St, Radcliffe	Pilkington Rd	No. 14	7am – 11pm all days
NC2357	Lowe St, Radcliffe	Lever St	Victoria Hotel	7am – 11pm all days
NC3368	Stand Ln, Radcliffe	Clough St	No. 240	7am – 11pm all days
NC3372	Stand Ln, Radcliffe	None	No. 308	7am – 11pm all days
NC3373	Stand Ln, Radcliffe	None	No. 253	7am – 11pm all days
NC3374	Stand Ln, Radcliffe	Ringley Rd	No. 358	7am – 11pm all days
NC3375	Stand Ln, Radcliffe	Ringley Rd	Brick Shelter	7am – 11pm all days
NC3521/ BUR2892	Watling St, Bury	Mile Ln	Health Centre	7am – 11pm all days
NC3522	Watling St, Bury	Galgate Cl	No. 67	7am – 11pm all days

NC3523	Watling St, Bury	Garstang Dr	No. 91	7am – 11pm all days
NC3525	Watling St, Bury	Freckleton Dr	No. 13	7am – 11pm all days
NC3526	Watling St, Bury	Longridge Dr	No. 10	7am – 11pm all days
NC3542/ BUR7074	Water St, Radcliffe	Unsworth St	Warehous e	7am – 11pm all days

Whilst the proposals did not require advertising, local ward members were informed of the proposals, and consultation was carried out in the form of a letter drop in July 2021 to properties in the vicinity of affected stops, comments received were as follows:-

Feedback/comments:

Following consultation on the proposals the Council received 5 responses of feedback:-

~ Objector 1 - re: NC2208 Ainsworth Road, Bury - opp Greenhill Road

"We received a letter today outlining the work that has already happened to the bus stop in front of our house.

I appreciate that works needed to be done to make the bus stop more accessible. However, I do not appreciate that the actual bus stop pole has been relocated. It used to sit between our property and next door not intruding on either property. Now it has been relocated and is central to the front of our house. It is the first thing that is seen when you look out of our front window. The actual bus stop is covered with plants etc. I think this should have been done in consultation with ourselves."

~ Objector 2 - re: NC3368 Stand Lane (Clough Street):-

"I have received in the post notice regarding a 'No Stopping' sign to be placed on Stand Lane in the vicinity of Chapelfield Primary School. As a local resident I can confirm just how impactful this would be on trying to park outside my property.

The problem simply can't be moved 100m away as issues would remain on side streets, specifically Hollinhurst Road (shown on the map Bury council provided).

What other remedies are you considering as this won't stop parents from;

- 1. Blocking residents in
- 2. Parking illegally
- 3. Impacting the flow of traffic

Will residents receive parking permits? Will the council consider simply relocating the parallel bus stops? Or alternately will the council offer grants to alter properties to create space for driveways?

Please let me know what action is being taken alongside the proposed notice, to support local residents."

~ Objector 3 - re: NC2209 Ainsworth Rd, Bury - Greenhill Rd (no. 273)

"Occasionally we arrive at our property and find the bus at the stop. Coming up the road we therefore wait behind the bus until it has moved away and we can safely reverse into our drive. Stopping beyond the bus to avoid the markings would not be practical as there are

usually cars parked there. If we are coming down Ainsworth Road we need to wait by the stop until again it is safe to reverse into our drive. This is the only way it can be done and I am sure you can appreciate the difficulties in maneuvering a car on a very busy road, especially at peak times.

Of course that does not happen all the time, but when it does we wouldn't want to be penalised/fined for stopping momentarily within the clearway markings. Thank you for your understanding and I would be grateful for a reply."

~ Objector 4 - re: NC2311 Starling Rd, Radcliffe (Bury/Bolton Rd/no. 2)

"customer received a letter regarding a highways scheme saying 44 bus stops in bury will be provided with a clear way on the road, but the one mentioned near his property hasnt been in use for 20 years. Its Opposite Toby Carvery. Please can highways be notified so no unecessary work is carried out."

~ Objector 5 - re: NC0604 Ringley Rd/Burnsall Ave (no.13) NC0605 Ringley Rd (no. 18)

"We have lived here for over 22 years and have rarely encountered a problem with the bus stop. On occasion, a bus blocks our driveway but as this isn't a busy bus stop, it doesn't happen often. The bus stop now only serves the 98 bus which runs either half hourly or hourly.

The road markings you are suggesting are 19 metres in length and this would cause the parking area for the bus to continue over and past our driveway entrance, and continue to the start of my neighbours drive, opposite Burnsall Avenue (no. 11). This may cause confusion to the driver as to where to stop as the bay will be indicating a very large area. If the bus driver blocks the drive and we are entering/exiting the drive at that time, this will cause chaos on Ringley Road as the drivers behind will have to wait until the bus has moved. This can sometimes be a few minutes.

Ringley Road is a single lane busy road and the drivers like to drive fast. It can be busy at peak times. It is also an attractive road and the bus marking will not enhance it.

Understandably, the 19 metre bus layby design is a 'standard uniform' layout, but this doesn't suit every location and should be tailored accordingly, or not used at all if it isn't required - as is the case in this location. It should be left as it is, as it works safely for both passengers, bus drivers and for us homeowners.

I would like the Committee to consider the above and leave the bus stop exactly as it is without the need for road markings. The pavement has been raised and it is clearly obvious as to where the bus should stop and the passengers should alight the bus.

I am sure that a site visit will give you the opportunity to understand my concerns and I will be more than happy to meet with you.

I have taken the opportunity to meet with Bury MBC Councillors, Nick Jones, Russell Bernstein and Jackie Harris (who sits on the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee at the Greater Manchester Level) who are in agreement with my suggestion."

Comments on Objections/Outcome:

In response to comments from **Objector 1 re: NC2208 Ainsworth Road, Bury – opp Greenhill Road** – Consultation in respect of any changes to the physical location of a stop or

shelter would be carried out by TfGM. TfGM records the previous location of this bus stop was not exactly on the boundary but directly outside the property it is still in front of. As the bus stop pole has not changed frontage, as per TfGMs internal policy they have not undertaken notification of the amended pole location. The shelter where the passengers wait has not relocated just the pole where the passenger boards and alights.

The objector did not specifically comment on or object to the introduction of a clearway marking, as such it is intended that the clearway marking and sign be introduced as consulted on.

In response to comments from Objector 2 re: NC3368 Stand Lane (Clough Street):-

This stop is located within the proximity of Chapelfield Primary School. Stand Lane and surrounding roads do experience parking associated with the school at dropping off and picking up times.

The bus stop clearway is not proposed to specifically address school parking issues. The bus stop clearway is proposed in conjunction with TfGM initiative to improve bus stop accessibility. Once the marking and sign is installed, enforcement of the No Stopping restriction would be possible if contraventions occur.

Stand Lane is not part of a residents permit parking scheme and permits would not be granted to residents to exempt them from parking within the bus stop clearway. This would negate the effectiveness of the clearway and accessibility of the bus stop. The Council would not be in a position to assist with the creation of driveways/off street parking to private residences.

It is appreciated that the introduction of a clearway marking will prevent some on-street parking and may cause a small displacement. It is noted however that properties on the west side of Stand Lane do benefit from some off street parking. It is anticipated that any displaced residential parking could be absorbed in the immediately adjacent vicinity. As such it is intended that the clearway marking and sign be introduced as consulted on.

In response to comments from **Objector 3 re: NC2209 Ainsworth Rd, Bury – Greenhill Rd (no. 273).**

Given the proposed restriction is a "no stopping" restriction there is the possibility of enforcement being carried out should a Civil Enforcement Officer be in the vicinity when the resident briefly stops on the clearway to access their property. It is considered however that the likeliehood of this is relatively small and as such the resident would remain largely unaffected by the introduction of the clearway. A clearway in the vicinity of the driveway would prevent on street parking and may therefore provide some assistance reversing into the driveway. As such it is intended that the clearway marking and sign be introduced as consulted on.

In response to comments from **Objector 4 re: NC2311 Starling Road** – "TfGM have confirmed that operationally this is a "not in use" stop. It is unclear why the stop was included within the scope of the scheme. Given the status of the stop it is not considered necessary to proceed with the introduction of the clearway at the stop, as there appears to be no measured benefit.

Ringley Road – NC0604 & NC0605 Given the location and experience of parking habits the objection queries whether there is any requirement for the implementation of a clearway and the subsequent visual impact on the surroundings should the clearway be implemented.

Properties in the area do benefit from large off street parking facilities that are well used, as such it is determined that the introduction of a clearway at these stops is not required as it would appear there is no measured benefit.

Some stops included in TfGM's upgrade programme did not require consultation.

NC3548 Stand Lane, Radcliffe – near Milltown street – had a bus stop marking, consultation not required, only clearway and no waiting sign required to formalise stop.

NC3365 Stand Lane, Radcliffe – had a bus stop marking and sign, consultation not required, nothing further required to formalise stop.

NC2207 Ainsworth Road near Mizpah Grove – relocation of pole would cause clearway to extend across Mizpah Grove. Not to be included in scheme.

NC2317 Higher Ainsworth Road, Radcliffe near Grindsbrook Road – had a bus stop marking, consultation not required, only clearway marking and sign required to formalise stop.

NC606, NC0607, NC0185 Church Lane, Whitefield had a bus stop marking, consultation not required, only clearway marking required to formalise stop.

Notwithstanding the objections/comments received it is still thought that the restrictions are justified in some locations and will assist/improve bus accessibility. The locations are listed below and whether the implementation of restrictions are recommended or not.

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NC2212	Ainsworth Rd, Bury	Adjacent Wadebridge Dr	Bus Layby	7am - 11pm all days	Implemented, no frontages to consult
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