

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 19TH JULY 1999

**SUBJECT: PARKLANDS AVENUE, LILLINGTON, LEAMINGTON SPA
PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER**

FROM: ENGINEERING

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members on the results of the consultation requested on the proposed provision of a bus shelter at the existing bus stop adjacent to the Delamere Way junction in Parklands Avenue.
- 1.2 To seek Members resolution on the proposed installation of a bus shelter at the aforementioned location.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On the 8th March, 1999, Members received a report on proposals to relocate the existing bus stop adjacent to the Parklands Avenue - Delamere Way junction to a location adjacent to the Sherwood Walk junction in order to facilitate the requested provision of a bus shelter. This proposal was instigated following objections by local residents to the provision of a bus shelter at the existing bus stop adjacent to Delamere Way. For Members information the results of this consultation are shown in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 As a result of objections received to the proposed relocation of the bus stop and provision of a bus shelter adjacent to the Sherwood Walk junction, Members requested that further consultations be undertaken on the siting of a bus shelter at the location of the existing bus stop adjacent to Delamere Way.
- 2.3 The construction of a hardstanding base adjacent to the existing bus stop at the Delamere Way junction to facilitate the installation of a bus shelter was undertaken in May 1998 prior to receipt of local objections to the bus shelter provision.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 At the end of June 1999, Engineering carried out further consultations on the original proposal to site a bus shelter adjacent to the existing bus stop located in the vicinity of the Delamere Way - Parkland Avenue junction.
- 3.2 The individual responses received to this consultation will be exhibited in the Members Room at the Town Hall prior to the Development Committee Meeting on 19th July 1999.

- 3.3 In total 150 local households were consulted.
The responses received total 60 N° (40% response rate)
From the responses received:
- 38 N° (63%) Favour the Provision of the Bus Shelter at the proposed location. (F)
- 18 N° (30%) Object to the proposed siting of the Bus Shelter. (A)
- 4 N° (7%) Responded neutrally. (N)
- 3.4 Appendix 1 - Drg N° R.3.20 (Parklands Avenue). indicates geographically the views of the local householders who responded to the consultation.
- 3.5 In response to this consultation one local objector submitted a copy of a petition which he/she had organised and presented to Engineering immediately following the construction of the bus shelter base in May 1998, containing ten signatures.
- 3.6 Seven of the ten objectors who signed this petition submitted their individual objections to the proposal currently under consideration.
- 3.7 The objections received can be summarised as follows:
- t Concerns at the visual and intrusive impact to the local householders
 - t Concerns relating to perceived environmental (aesthetic) and anti-social behaviour problems associated with bus shelters.
 - t Perceived negative impact on local property values.
- 4.0 KEY ISSUE STRATEGIES
- 4.1 The proposal concords with this Councils Key Issues Strategy aims of; improving access facilities (particularly for the elderly and disabled) to public transport; promoting the reduction of private vehicle use and encouraging the use of public transport.
- 5.0 CONCLUSION
- 5.1 It is evident from the responses to the recent consultation that the majority of people who responded support (63%) the siting of a bus shelter at the existing bus stop adjacent to the Delamere Way junction. (A location already facilitated by the provision of a hard standing originally provided for this purpose).

5.2 A number of objections (30%) were also received to this proposal mainly from householders directly affected by the visual impact and proximity of the proposed siting location to their properties. Local Members have expressed their opposition to the siting of the bus shelter at Delamere Way as they consider Sherwood Walk to be a more appropriate location.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is recommended that Members consider the contents of this report and agree upon a resolution with respect to the bus shelter siting proposal.

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Areas in District:
Affected: Crown Ward, Leamington Spa

Background Papers

Correspondence File: R.3.20

Reports to Development Committee:

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PROPOSED BUS SHELTER

Appendix 1
Drawing No: R.3.20

Parklands Avenue at the Junction of Delamere Way

- (F) Support for the Proposal
- (A) Objections against the Proposal
- (N) Neutral Comments

(F) ■

(A) X

(N) ●

Consultation Boundary: _____

PROPOSED BUS SHELTER



CONSULTATION RESPONSES - JANUARY 1999

Objection 1

- Reference C1826 - from a residents of 1Exmoor Drive.

A bus stop shelter as proposed will mean a constant noise, certainly every half hour..... of buses stopping and starting, right opposite our rear garden and certainly a nuisance to us especially in the summer time when we wish to sit in our garden. At night we again will be subject to noise up to late evening.

Frequently, vehicles which cannot be parked in Exmoor Drive, are parked in an area opposite to the proposed bus stop shelter and therefore cause hazards to motorists passing or trying to pass the said vehicles with buses pulling up at that point.

We see no reason for not leaving the bus stop where it has been for many years.

The objectors' reasons for leaving the bus stop at its present location are

- a) The traffic on Delamere Way is far less than that from Sherwood Walk the proposed site for a bus shelter would cause more hazards to motorists trying to exit both Exmoor Drive and Sherwood Walk.
- b) Recently the Council spent an amount of money laying down a hard-standing adjacent to the existing bus stop.
- c) The house to the east of the present bus stop is further from that stop, where as the proposed site faces a stop right next to the first house in Sherwood Walk and the houses to the west of the present stop are many yards further away than our property from the proposed site.

All in all it seems to us that the proposal in your letter is far less acceptable to residents in this area than to erect a bus shelter at the site of the present bus stop.

Objection 2

- Reference 1825 from a resident of 49 Parklands Avenue.
Reasons against re-location of bus stop.
 - a) Passengers from the Cumberland Crescent end of Parklands Avenue will have further to walk to the bus stop.
 - b) Greater hazard to other road users to have bus stop near Sherwood Walk/Exmoor Drive junction which is much busier than the Delamere Way/Epping Way junction.
 - c) Money has already been spent to provide hard-standing at the existing location.

Reasons against provision of a bus shelter.

- a) Not enough people use the stop often enough to justify the expense involved.
- b) There appears to be no precedent for shelters on the local routes except where there are shops etc. or where the stop serves more than one route.
- c) We would be concerned that a shelter would offer a meeting place for local youths with consequent noise, graffiti and litter.

Objection 3

- Reference C1775 - from a resident of 2 Sherwood Walk.

We are equally at a loss to why the bus stop requires to be re-located from Delamere way your Council has provided a hard-standing thus giving every indication as to its suitability.

We are opposed to your proposal to site the bus shelter at the location you propose on the grounds that:-

- a) The shelter would be within 5 metres of our kitchen door. The present location is over 8 metres from the nearest house wall.
- b) The shelter would also be close to No. 1 Exmoor Drive compared with the present location. The proposed location is where the houses at each side of the road are at their closes, whereas the present location is probably at a point where the houses are furthest apart.

- c) There are no service roads at the proposed point and the 15 houses in Exmoor Drive tend to use that part of Parklands Avenue as a car park for over-spill vehicles and visitors.
- d) The junction of Exmoor Drive and Sherwood Walk plus the service road carries the traffic from over 40 houses whereas Epping Way/Delamere Way (besides being staggered) serves only 20 houses.

We intend to contest the Council's proposal and will be pleased to receive details of the procedure for formal objection together with the dates when it would be discussed in Committee.

Objection 4

- Reference C1799 - from a resident of 59 Parklands Avenue.

Regarding siting of bus shelter in Parklands Avenue, my views remain the same as previous correspondence regarding this matter.

Objection 5

- Reference C1800 - from a resident of 55 Parklands Avenue.

I can see no advantages in moving it (the bus stop/bus shelter) because it does not change the impact on households, does not change the highway safety situation, makes little difference to the few regular users of the bus.

The bus stop in Parklands Avenue is not used by many people.

The persons/people requesting this shelter do not live in Parklands Avenue and are spared the hooliganism we already suffer, particularly late at night. What a target a bus shelter would give them!

We have an avenue of grass verges and trees, why spoil it by erecting a metal shed! which I am confident in a short time will be abused.

If you still intend to go ahead with providing a bus shelter I suggest you at least stay with your original plans and spare some of the expense.

Objection 6

- Reference C1787 - from a resident of 51 Parklands Avenue.

.....We prefer the original proposal

The revised proposal gives a site not overlooked by any houses, not necessarily a poor site for a bus stop, but with the introduction of a shelter giving great potential for danger and disturbance. Personally, we would prefer the bus stop to remain at its original site with or without the shelter.

Objection 7

- Reference C1792 - from a resident of 53 Parklands Avenue.

It (the bus stop) is in by far the best position where it is the distance across the road and grass and path it is not interfering with anyone. It is a much shorter distance this end! In any case the road opposite us is always used by people parking their cars from Exmoor Drive and also from Epping Way.

I can see no reason for this proposal, it would be a complete waste of time and money and more dangerous traffic-wise.

SUPPORT FOR PROPOSALS

Support 1

- Reference C1833 - from a resident of 85 Parklands Avenue.

After 24 years in the area a bus shelter would be very much appreciated. My wife and I are now over the 70 years mark, we won't endure no more soaking we hope. Don't forget the buses sometimes are late coming, sometimes we wait for 30 minutes or more - this is no fun.

Support 2

- Reference C1832 - from a resident of 1 Sherwood Walk.

I think the re-location of the bus stop and hopefully the shelter will suit most people (some people with cars will disagree I suppose). I use the bus 5 days out of 7 and would appreciate a shelter. It is a necessity not a luxury. I have to use a stick when walking and cannot stand for very long. We really need a bus shelter. Hoping our wishes will be granted.

Support 3

- Reference C1797 - from a resident of 4 Cumberland Crescent.

This shelter has been a long time coming and as a frequent bus traveller and disabled as well I am extremely grateful that this should happen. There have been many times when I (and others) have had to perch on a road sign to ease pain whilst waiting for a bus..... When the wind blows and when accompanied by rain one is soaked and cold etc. within a very short time. So here's looking forward to the shelter.

Support 4

- Reference C1801 - from a resident of 47 Parklands Avenue.

I am a regular user of the No. 68 bus and would appreciate a shelter, but wonder if it would attract vandals etc, therefore lowering the tone of Parklands Avenue which, up until now we have managed to maintain.

Support 5

- Reference C1812 - from a resident of 4 Epping Way.

As a regular bus user (most week-days) with no other means of transport readily available to me I sincerely hope that the provision of a bus shelter goes ahead as proposed.

A large number of residents served by the proposed bus stop are retired and elderly who have no alternative but to use public transport. I consider that the provision of a bus shelter will be of great benefit to older people who due to illness, etc., are reliant on the bus to get to Leamington. Parklands Avenue can be very bleak and windy, especially during the winter months, and often the buses run late which can result in a long wait. Hence a bus shelter will prove to be a positive amenity.

I am concerned that a group of local residents who seldom, if every, use the bus are trying to stop one being sited here.

Speaking to other bus users I have found that most support your

proposals and share my concerns. Accordingly I wish to register my approval of my proposals.

Support 6

- Reference C1835 - From a resident of 2 Exmoor Drive.

Whilst I have no outright objection to the provision of the shelter history tells me that these shelters could become youth centres/meeting places and generally centres of excellence for anti-social behaviour.

If the Council could assure me in writing that they will undertake to review the situation after 6 months whilst providing a service to log the comments of the householders in the vicinity I would be happy to support you in this initiative.