

Meeting: Bus Shelter Appeals Decision Group

Subject: Minutes

Date: Tuesday 7 November 2017 at 10.30am

Present

Councillor Kath Hartley (Chair)	Transport Delivery Committee
Councillor Mohammed Hanif	Transport Delivery Committee
Councillor David Stanley	Transport Delivery Committee

Apologies

Councillor Pervez Akhtar	Transport Delivery Committee
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In Attendance:

Julie Smithers, Network Coordination Specialist (Infrastructure), Transport for the West Midlands.

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Recommendations of Bus Shelter Appeals Decision Group

The Decision Group considered a report of the Network Coordination Specialist (Infrastructure), setting out recommendations for consideration by the Bus Shelter Appeals Decision Group in relation to appeals against the siting of bus shelters at two locations.

(a) Weston Road/ Weston Close, Walsall

A local resident, supported by the local ward councillors, had requested that the bus shelter at the above location be relocated to an alternative position or, the shelter be removed and replaced with a bus stop pole due to the anti- social behaviour and racial abuse experienced by the resident.

At the meeting itself, the resident of number 95 Weston Street reported that anti-social behaviour could be attributed to groups of young men in their twenties drinking alcohol and smoking drugs at the shelter, mainly in the evening on Fridays and Saturday; this also created a litter problem as there was no bin at the location.

The Bus Shelter Appeals Officer Panel had recommended that the shelter is retained, the seats are removed and anti-social behaviour is monitored by a diary submission through the TfWM Crime Reduction Team.

The Decision Group considered the following points:

- There was no suitable position for relocating the shelter on the grounds of highway safety.
- The high passenger count at the shelter.
- There are no police logs or reports relating to the shelter.
- The removal of shelter seats has been successful in eradicating anti-social behaviour in similar cases.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the shelter is retained and the seats are removed;
- (2) That TfWM write to Walsall MBC to request a bin is installed near to the shelter;
- (3) That TfWM liaise with the Crime Reduction Team in relation to the objector keeping a diary to log/monitor anti-social behaviour;
- (4) That TfWM contact the police with regards to asking them to undertake drive-by patrols in the area on Friday and Saturdays after 9pm on behalf of local businesses and residents and
- (5) That a review be undertaken by TfWM after a period of 6 months.

(b) Portsdown Road, Halesowen

A local resident, supported by the local ward councillors, had requested that the bus shelter located at 49 Portsdown Road be relocated as result of bus drivers obstructing the driveway and the levels of litter strewn on the garden, footway and driveway from people waiting at the shelter. The Bus Shelter Appeals Officer Panel had recommended that the shelter be relocated to a new position, closer to the junction of Mendip Road.

The Decision Group considered the following points:

- The issues have been exacerbated due to a service change which has increased the number of passengers using the stop.
- The Highway Authority has advised that the shelter could be positioned reversed facing which may also improve the visibility at the junction of Mendip Road
- A cascaded shelter has become available from another site in the borough.
- The problems can be easily solved at relatively low cost.

RESOLVED that the shelter be relocated to a new position closer to junction of Mendip Road.

[meeting closed at 11.50am]