

<b>November 2010</b>	<b>ITEM No.</b>
<b>Report to Head of Strategic Planning and Delivery</b>	
<b>Proposed bus stop shelter – outside 171 Southend Road, Stanford le Hope</b>	
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b> Councillor Yash Gupta - Portfolio Holder for Transportation	
<b>Report Author:</b> Gavin Bennett	
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> Andy Millard – Head of Planning and Transportation	
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Bill Newman – Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities	
<b>Purpose:</b> To consider the results of public consultation regarding the installation of a proposed bus stop shelter outside 171 Southend Road, Stanford le Hope	
<b>Wards affected:</b> Stanford le Hope West, The Homesteads	<b>Key Decision:</b> Yes
This report is Public	

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1.1 That the request for new bus stop shelter outside 171 Southend Road, Stanford-le-Hope is accepted for the reasons set out in section 4**

**2. INTRODUCTION:**

- 2.1** A consultation has recently been carried out among those residents fronting 171 Southend Road, Stanford-le-Hope.

**3. BACKGROUND:**

- 3.1** A request was originally raised by older residents living in the vicinity of Southend Road and First Avenue, Stanford-le-Hope for a bus shelter to be installed along Southend Road, Stanford-le-Hope. This was due to the fact that the First Essex buses which operate along Southend Road do not run frequently and those older residents who use the stop in all weather conditions found that a shelter would be beneficial as it would protect them from adverse weather conditions.

- 3.2** At present the following services serve Southend Road:

- 150 Lakeside to Basildon via Grays & Stanford-le-Hope, Sunday service, operated by Arriva.
- 200 Lakeside to Basildon service via Grays, Monday to Saturday service, operated by First Essex Buses

3.3 A consultation letter was sent out to residents living at 171 – 173b Southend Road and 138b – 138g Southend Road, Stanford-le-Hope inclusive regarding the proposed new bus stop outside number 171 Southend Road, Stanford-le-Hope.

3.4 The returns of the consultation provided no objections.

#### **4. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:**

4.1 A new shelter would allow residents living in the vicinity of Southend Road and First Avenue, a safe and protected cover from adverse weather conditions whilst waiting for their bus and also provide a seating area for those less able to stand.

4.2 Without this bus stop shelter, residents from Southend Road, First Avenue and passengers using the above mentioned services, will be exposed to all manner of weather conditions and could feel more vulnerable whilst waiting for the next bus service.

4.3 If the bench currently located at the existing bus stop is removed, consideration would have to be given as to whether a replacement shelter only or a shelter incorporating a bench was required. It has been concluded that a shelter would not obscure the view from the adjacent properties.

4.4 Funding is available in the current transport programme. It is recommended that this bus shelter is implemented at a cost of £8036.84

#### **5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PRIORITIES:**

5.1 Improve access to and use of alternative and sustainable modes of transport

#### **6. WARD MEMBER CONSULTATION**

No comments from Ward Member

**RELEVANT POLICIES**

Thurrock transport Strategy 2008-2021

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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The current available budget of £38,000 with the transport programme which is sufficient to meet the cost of the shelter.

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**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

(Prepared by: Alison Stuart)

There are no legal implications contained within this report

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**DIVERSITY & EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

(Prepared by: Samson DeAlyn)

The Council has a statutory duty under the Race Relations Act 2000 (Amendment), the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 and Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) to promote equality of opportunity in the provision of services and employment. The Council should note the benefits of providing easily accessible public transport for disabled people, as well as older and younger people. The Council should consider how to make the bus shelter as accessible as possible and should consider providing the shelter for vulnerable users also.

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**OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

None

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Consultation letters – Available from Passenger Transport Unit

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