


ED2. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS BY A CABINET MEMBER OR AN OFFICER

A. Report Title: PROPOSED BUS STOP - OUTSIDE OF PALMERS COLLEGE, CHADWELL ROAD, GRAYS	
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C. Decision Maker: Andy Millard	
D. Position held: Head of Planning and Transportation	
E. Key decision: YES/ <u>NO</u>	F. Delegation ref:
G. Is the decision urgent? YES/ <u>NO</u>	
H. If yes, state why.	

I. DECISION (strike out whichever does not apply) :
1. I agree the recommendations in the attached report for the reasons given in the report; OR
2. *My decision is:
*The reason for my decision is:
* Continue overleaf or on an additional sheet if necessary.
Signed: 
Date: 20 May 2011

May 2011	ITEM
Report to Head of Planning and Transportation	
Proposed bus stop outside of Palmers College, Chadwell Road, Grays	
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Yash Gupta - Portfolio Holder for Environment	
Wards and communities affected: Little Thurrock Blackshots/Little Thurrock Rectory	Key Decision: Non-key
Accountable Head of Service: Andy Millard – Head of Planning and Transportation	
Accountable Director: Bill Newman – Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities	
This report is public	
Purpose of Report: To consider the proposal to install a bus stop pole, timetable case and flag within the lay-by outside of Palmers College, Chadwell Road, Grays.	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider the proposal to install a bus stop pole, timetable case and flag within the lay-by outside of Palmers College, Chadwell Road, Grays.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 To approve the request for a new bus stop pole to be installed adjacent to the lay-by/ Chadwell Road outside of Palmers College, Chadwell Road, Grays.**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1.1 A consultation has recently been carried out with Palmers College management and staff to obtain their views on the proposal to install a bus stop pole adjacent to the lay by/Chadwell Road outside of Palmers College.
- 2.2 A request was made by bus operators servicing this bus stop to provide an additional stop adjacent to the lay-by outside of Palmers College on Chadwell

Road, Grays in order to pick up passengers waiting for the public bus services safely.

2.3 At present the following services serve Palmers College/Chadwell Road:

- **73 Lakeside to Tilbury Operated by Ensign Buses**
- **73c Lakeside to Tilbury Operated by Ensign Buses**
- **83 Lakeside to Chadwell St Mary Operated by Ensign Buses**
- **268 Grays to Blackmore Operated by Imperial Buses**
- **373 Grays to Stanford le Hope Operated by Ensign Buses**
- **374 Grays to Basildon Operated by Ensign Buses**

2.4 A consultation letter was sent out to management and senior staff at Palmers College to see if they had any objections to the proposed bus stop. No objections were received.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

3.1 This new bus stop would allow passengers to board buses safely without having to step into the road which is currently necessary when the existing stop is busy.

3.2 The new bus stop would alleviate the need for buses to “double-park” and therefore improve the safety of passengers and negate disruption to traffic along Chadwell Road, Grays

3.3 If a new bus stop was to be installed adjacent to the lay-by, further away from the existing bus stop shelter, this would also encourage passengers to use buses and reduce the feeling of intimidation from pupils reported to be felt by elderly and vulnerable passengers.

3.4 The risk of accidents would be greatly reduced if a new bus stop pole was to be installed further away from the college itself. The new bus stop would allow public buses to stop safely during college closure times and thus reduce the issue of overcrowding at the existing bus stop. This will then, in turn, improve the visibility for traffic using Chadwell Road, Grays

4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

4.1 The returns of the consultation provided no objections. This item has not been to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.2 Ward members were consulted along with the Portfolio Holder for Environment. No response was received from this consultation.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

5.1 Improving access to, and use of, alternative and sustainable modes of transport

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

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There are sufficient funds in the budget available for meeting the costs of the new bus stop pole.

6.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Alison Stuart**

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There are no legal implications

6.3 Diversity and Equality

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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 stop as accessible as possible and should consider providing the bus stop for vulnerable users also.

6.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental

None

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 It is requested that the new bus stop pole to be installed adjacent to the lay-by outside of Palmers College in Chadwell Road, Grays is approved for the reasons set out in this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- Consultation letters

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- None

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