

## ED2. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS BY A CABINET MEMBER OR AN OFFICER

A. Report Title: Proposed bus stops outside and opposite no.138, Long Lane, Grays, Essex	
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C. Decision Maker:	
D. Position held:	
E. Key decision: YES/NO	F. Delegation ref:
G. Is the decision urgent? YES/NO	
H. If yes, state why.	

I. **DECISION** (strike out whichever does not apply) :

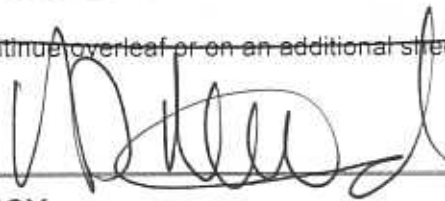
1. I agree the recommendations in the attached report for the reasons given in the report; **OR**

2. ~~\*My decision is:~~

~~\*The reason for my decision is:~~

~~\* Continue overleaf or on an additional sheet if necessary.~~

Signed:



Date:

21.5.12

### URGENCY

Democratic Services will arrange for the completion of the following:

J. I confirm that in my opinion a decision on this matter is urgent and cannot reasonably be delayed:

Signed:

Date:

*To be completed by Democratic Services*

Date decision received by Dem. Services:	Date decision published:
Implementation date:	

<b>May 2012</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
<b>Report to Head of Planning and Transportation</b>	
<b>Proposed bus stops outside and opposite no.138, Long Lane, Grays, Essex</b>	
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b> Councillor Andrew Smith - Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regeneration	
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> Stifford Clays	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> Andy Millard – Head of Planning and Transportation	
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Graham Farrant – Chief Executive, Thurrock Council	
This report is public	
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To consider the proposal to install a bus stop pole, timetable case and flag sign on the highway outside and opposite no.138 Long Lane, Grays, Essex	

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to request approval for new bus stop poles, timetable cases and flag signs to be installed on the highway outside and opposite no.138 Long Lane, Grays. Following a consultation with local residents one objection was received. Approval is sought taking into account the objection received.

#### 1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 To approve the installation of new bus stop poles, timetable cases and flag signs outside and opposite no. 138 Long Lane, Grays, Essex

#### 2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 Local residents have requested the provision of bus stops outside and opposite no.138 Long Lane, Grays, in order for passengers to be picked up safely.

2.2 Residents and ward members have been consulted. One objection was received stating that the bus stops would result in buses stopping directly outside the objector's property producing pollution. However one response was received supporting the installations of the bus stops.

2.3 Currently, the only bus services on Long Lane are the Ensign number 22 operating between Aveley and Stifford Clays, and the Arriva number 201 operating between Lakeside and Basildon (on Sundays only)

### 3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

3.1 The installation of bus stops outside and opposite no.138 Long Lane would greatly benefit local residents as, currently, the nearest bus stop is over 1000 metres further along Long Lane. It is also noted that many residents are elderly and currently have a long walk to the nearest bus stop.

3.2 The sites outside and opposite no.138 Long Lane, Grays have been chosen due to their close proximity to the surrounding residential area offering shorter walking distances than would be achievable at any alternative location.

3.3 The locations are near to the site of a previous bus stop that was removed a few years ago before a bus service was re-instated in Long Lane. However now that the new service is increasing in it is recommended that new bus stops be installed. Residents living in close proximity of this site are used to having a bus stop here in the past.

3.5 The proposed sites for these new bus stops are not near any dropped kerbs or driveways and therefore, should not impact on resident's ability to enter/exit their property.

3.6 The proposed bus stops would be installed alongside the kerbline and would be some distance from the front gardens and hedgerows of the adjacent properties. Therefore, there is unlikely to be any invasion of privacy.

3.7 Funding is available in the current transport programme. It is estimated that the full installation cost will be a maximum of £475.00.

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

4.1 The residents consultation produced one objection.

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

4.3 This item has not been to overview and scrutiny committee

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

- 5.1 To provide and commission high quality and accessible services that meet, wherever possible, individual needs and to ensure a safe, clean and green environment under the Councils aims, visions and priorities.

## 6. IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Sean Clark**

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There are sufficient funds in the budget available for meeting the costs of the new bus stop poles, flag signs, timetable cases and installations.

### 6.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Alison Stuart (principal regeneration solicitor)**

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There are no legal implications

### 6.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Samson DeAlyn**

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The Council has a statutory duty under the Equality Act 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 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

- 7.1.1 It has been concluded that there is a need for the bus stops to be installed outside and opposite no.138 Long Lane, Grays. It is noted that many local residents are either elderly or unable to walk the distance to the currently nearest bus stop. In addition it has been determined that the bus stops would have no detrimental impact on residents ability to enter/exit their driveways and is not situated near any dropped kerbs. Furthermore, it has been concluded that the bus stops will provide a vital asset to the local community and will promote the use of sustainable and environmentally friendly transport in Thurrock.

### BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- None

### APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- None

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