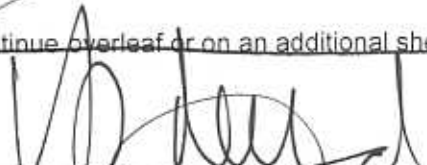


ED2. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS BY A CABINET MEMBER OR AN OFFICER

A. Report Title: Proposed bus stop outside no.244 246, Long Lane, Grays, Essex	
B. Report Author(s): Gavin Bennett	Tel: 01375 413886 E-mail: gbennett@thurrock.gov.uk
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: BS 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:	

May 2012		ITEM
Report to Head of Planning and Transportation		
Proposed bus stop outside no.244-246, Long Lane, Grays, Essex		
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Andrew Smith - Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regeneration		
Wards and communities affected: Little Thurrock Blackshots	Key Decision: No	
Accountable Head of Service: Andy Millard – Head of Planning and Transportation		
Accountable Director: Graham Farrant – Chief Executive, Thurrock Council		
This report is public		
Purpose of Report: To consider the proposal to install a bus stop pole, timetable case and flag sign on the highway outside of no. 244 – 246 Long Lane, Grays, Essex		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to request approval for a bus stop pole, timetable case and flag sign to be installed on the highway outside no.244-246 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 a new bus stop pole, timetable case and flag sign outside of no. 244-246 Long Lane, Grays, Essex

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 Local residents have requested the provision of a bus stop outside 244 – 246 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 stop would result in buses stopping directly outside the objector’s property producing pollution. However three responses were received supporting the installation of the bus stop.

- 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 a bus stop outside no.244 -246 Long Lane would greatly benefit local residents as, currently, the nearest bus stop is over 950 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 site outside no.244 – 246 Long Lane, Grays has been chosen due to its close proximity to the surrounding residential area offering shorter walking distances than would be achievable at any alternative location.
- 3.3 The location was 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 popularity it is recommended that the new bus stop 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 site for the new bus stop is 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 stop 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 pole, flag, timetable case 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 stop to be installed outside no.244 – 246 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 stop 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 stop 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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