

**DIRECTORATE OF CITY
STRATEGY**

**REQUEST FOR
DECISION**

Decision making level

**Officer in
Consultation**

**Date:
13 February 2014**

Heworth Ward – Bus Clearway proposal on Monkton Road

Decision Requested

To consider the objection made to a proposed bus clearway outside 31 – 35 Monkton Road.

Reason

To resolve the issues raised during the consultation period and complete the process.

Background Information

A complaint was received by Councillor Merrett from an elderly resident about the bus stop nearest to her property. Parked vehicles at the bus stop area caused difficulties as the bus has to go past the designated stop to drop off which is unacceptable to the resident.

Consequently, we proposed bus clearways be placed at this stop to prevent parking during the main operational hours of Mon-Sat 7am to 7pm and at an additional stop outside 69-73 Monkton Road at the request of the Ward Councillors.

We have received one objection to the proposal.

Consultation Process

The proposals were sent to properties – 18 to 79 Monkton Road (consultation recommended within The Traffic Signs and General Directions 2002) A copy of the information provided to residents is included as Annex B

Statutory Powers

Road Traffic Regulation Act Sections 1,2,3, 32, 35 and 37

Ward Members and Political Party Views

See Annex C

Financial Programme Implications

The cost of implementation can be funded from the Traffic Regulation Order and lining budgets.

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Options

The options available are:

- A. To over-rule the objection and implement the bus clearways as proposed.
- B. To uphold the objection and take no further action
- C. To place a lesser restriction, for example reduce the hours of operation.

Level of Risk

1-3 Acceptable	✓	16-20 Action Plan	
4-8 Regular Monitoring		21-25 Registered as a corporate risk	
9-15 Constant Monitoring			

Internal Consultation

This area is already included in the rounds made by the Civil Enforcement Officers.
There are no legal, financial, sustainability, equalities, property, crime and disorder or other implications.

Implementation Status

Work completed	March 2014
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Recommendations

Option B – Take no further action

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Report
Approved

Date 07/01/2014

Wards Affected: Heworth

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Objections received to a Proposal for a bus clearway outside 31 – 35 Monkton Road

Address	Representation
35 Monkton Road	<p>With reference to the proposed Bus Clearways adjacent to 31-35 and 69-73 Monkton Road. I am not sure if you are aware but only one Bus Stop exists on the opposite side of Monkton Road through it's whole length, which is located outside St Paulinus Church. So I'm not sure as to why two are needed on this side of the road.</p> <p>Restricting parking outside 31-35 Monkton would inconvenience myself and i would have to find alternate parking on Monkton Road.</p> <p>My suggestion would be to install a new Bus Stop adjacent to numbers 55-67 Monkton Road these are bungalows set back some distance from the road and do not have vehicle access from the road, so passengers would not be looking directly into the lounges of their properties as they do outside 31 to 35. This would also relieve congestion outside the shops (numbers 69 - 73)</p>

Internal consultation

Comments from Sustainable Travel Officer to the representation made:

“Heading towards Monks Cross, the distance between the Bell View Court and St Paulinus Church bus stops is about 200m and a similar distance to the next stop at Monkton Road Shops. Given the number of properties to the south, off Abbotsway, I wouldn't recommend taking this stop out.

The proposal to move the stop further east has the following issues:

- It increases the distance that people have to walk to the stop (and it puts it so close to the Monkton Road Shops bus stop to make it pointless in having separate stops.
- There are residential properties all along this road so moving it just puts it outside someone else's property. In fact, the bungalows mentioned do not appear to have any off-street parking so have fewer options for displaced parking. Most properties around this stop have driveways.

The issue of stops on the opposite side of the road is not relevant to this scheme. Having said that, there is a stop opposite Monkton Road Shops but it doesn't appear to be marked.

Officer Comments

All residents in this area have off street parking amenity for one vehicle. This is a marked bus stop and moving the bus stop to another location is not advisable (see comments above).

It is not possible to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of both parties. The hierarchical transport policy of CyC would give preference to the Bus service and users.

Recommendation - Option A, implement as proposed

Ward Members and Political Party Comments

Ward Councillors Comments

Cllr B Boyce:

Happy to support officers' recommendation. Agree that there is no real case for moving the bus stop, and even if there were the resources to do this it would only move the inconvenience onto somebody else.

Regards

Cllr Barbara Boyce

Heworth Ward

Cllr R Potter:

I am happy to support the original proposal .

*Best
Ruth Potter*

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Cllr C Funnell – Agreed with Comments made by Cllr Potter

I would support this position too

Tina

Political Party Comments

Councillor D Merrett - No Comments received

Councillor A D'Agorne – Support officer recommendation Andy

Councillor C Steward – No Comments received

Councillor A Reid –

We have no objection to the Officer recommendation.

Ann Reid, Lib Dem spokesperson.