

Committee: **Lead Cabinet Member for Community Services**

Date: **28 September 2016**

Report By: **Director of Communities, Economy and Transport**

Title of Report: **Bus Stop Clearway – Station Road, Plumpton Green**

Purpose of Report: **To consider the results of the consultation into the provision of a Bus Stop Clearway in Station Road, Plumpton.**

RECOMMENDATION: Lead Member is recommended to:

- (1) Note the objection to the proposed Bus Stop Clearway; and**
 - (2) Recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the Clearway be implemented as advertised**
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1. Background Information

1.1 The Department for Transport recognised the importance of preventing the obstruction of bus stops and the requirement for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to be made was relaxed in 2002. Bus Stop Clearways (BSC) are now introduced by notice and are provided in line with adopted County Council Policy No. PS 4/33. This policy was approved by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment at his meeting on 6 November 2006 and is attached as Appendix 4.

1.2 The initial request for a BSC was received from Plumpton Parish Council, who would like to see it situated in the lay-by adjacent to a block of separate apartments (1-12 The Riddens). There is already a bus shelter adjacent to the lay-by and enabling the bus to pull into the lay-by beside the shelter would aid those wishing to access the bus and deter it from having to stop in Station Road.

1.3 Before agreeing to progress with the request we suggested that the Parish Council should carry out their own consultation with the affected residents. They subsequently advised us that they had received no objections and after discussions with the Passenger Transport Team, we drew up a proposal for consultation shown in the location plan attached as Appendix 1.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 Consultation letters were sent to the appropriate consultees and, as residents of 'The Riddens' would be affected by the proposal, a consultation letter was also sent to all 12 properties in June 2015.

2.2 A notice was also placed on site detailing the length and duration times of the Clearway throughout the consultation period of 21 days as shown in Appendix 2.

2.3 As a result of the consultation, two responses were received, one from our Passenger Transport team in support of the proposal and one from a resident of The Riddens, objecting to the proposal. A summary of the objection is set out in Appendix 3.

2.4 As a result of workloads within the team, we were unable to respond to the objection letter until December 2015. Two attempts have been made to contact the resident via letter to resolve the objection, but no response has been received to these letters.

2.5 The proposed BSC has been discussed at length with our Passenger Transport Team and Plumpton Parish Council and has been proposed at a minimum length to retain parking in the lay-by, as

there is also a school and village shop close by. It is the desire of the Parish Council for the bus to be able to pull into the lay-by adjacent to the bus shelter, rather than stopping traffic in Station Road. The proposal is for the BSC to be in force Monday – Friday 7am – 7pm, so parking in the lay-by outside of these hours and all day Saturday and Sunday would be permitted.

2.6 Plumpton Parish Council supports the proposal and wishes to see the implementation of the BSC as proposed.

3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

3.1 This proposal attempts to address road safety concerns whilst being mindful of the needs of residents' parking, the local school and village shop. Parking loss has been kept to a minimum whilst ensuring road safety is not compromised.

3.2 Lead Member is therefore recommended, for the reasons set out in this report, not to uphold the objection as set out in Appendix 3 and recommend the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the BSC be implemented as advertised.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Objection Letter