

Report To: **SPEAKERS' PANEL (PLANNING)**

Date: 5 October 2016

Reporting Officer: Ian Saxon – Assistant Executive Director – Environmental Services

Subject: **OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED BUS STOP AND BUS STOP CLEARWAY AT BUCKTON VALE ROAD CARRBROOK**

Report Summary: The report outlines objections received to the proposed Bus Stop and Bus Stop Clearway.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Bus Stop and Bus Stop Clearway be implemented and that authority is given for the necessary action to be taken in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 1988 provision 36.

Links to Community Strategy: The proposals underpin a number of targets within the Tameside Community Strategy (2009-2019) and more especially in the promotion of a Safe Environment through the provision of safer roads in our Town Centres and elsewhere.

Policy Implications: None arising from the report.


Financial Implications: The costs associated with implementation of this bus stop are being funded through Transport For Greater Manchester(TFGM)
(Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)


Legal Implications: Members should have regard to the Council's statutory duty under S122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which is set out in **Appendix A**.
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

Risk Management: Objectors have a limited right to challenge the Orders in the High Court.

Access to the documents: **Appendix A** – S.122 of Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Appendix B – Drawing No.001: Proposed Bus Stop and Clearway

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In 2008 there was a request to install a bus stop and clearway on Buckton Vale Road, adjacent to the grass verge on the opposite side to Buckton Vale Social Club near the junction with Long Row. Following a consultation process with local residents and Ward Councillors a decision was taken not to progress with stop.
- 1.2 Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM) received a further request for a bus stop in November 2015. The request was received by a ward member concerning the lack of bus stop provision along Buckton Vale Road, particularly opposite Buckton Vale Social Club. It was making life very difficult for the elderly and less mobile people wishing to use the bus services from Carrbrook.
- 1.3 Following the request a meeting was arranged in February 2016 between residents, members, GM Police, Tameside MBC and TFGM to discuss the proposed bus stop and its position.
- 1.4 It was concluded that a residents consultation process would be taken for the installation of a bus stop and clearway as illustrated in the diagram number 001.
- 1.5 A consultation process was initiated by TFGM and Tameside MBC for the bus stop and clearway. Local residents were informed by letter of the proposal on 1 July 2016 and asked to respond by 21 July 2016. Buckton Vale Social Club asked for an extension to this period which was duly granted.

2. OBJECTIONS

- 2.1 A letter was received from a resident lodging an objection. The objections are below with an officer response. A residents' questionnaire was also attached with the objections. A total of 35 residents signed the questionnaire.

No	Objection	Officer Response
1	There is already a bus stop a few yards away.	The nearest bus stop is approximately 145 metres away.
2	The road is only narrow.	The clearway will allow a bus to stop adjacent to the kerb line which will retain traffic flow.
3	Large trucks drive up and down.	
4	It will cause further noise pollution.	The bus service already exists.
5	More exhaust pollution.	
6	The more buses the more children are at risk.	
8	Carrbrook is a designated conservation area.	
7	The bus stop would restrict local turning spot.	The proposed bus stop has no impact on local manoeuvres.
9	Bus stop will attract antisocial behaviour.	Public disturbances are a matter for the police.
10	A bus stop will look out of place in this beauty spot.	The elderly and less mobile would benefit from this bus stop.
11	Buses regularly speed through this conservation area.	Speeding is a police matter.

The questionnaire consisted of two questions.

Question	Yes	No
Happy with the proposal to build a bus stop on Buckton Vale Road? (within conservation area)	3	32
Would you like to prevent buses travelling down Buckton Vale (within conservation area)	33	2

- 2.2 An objection was also received from Buckton Vale Social club. The points made and responses are summarised below:

No	Objection	Response
1	The bus stop would have serious effect to the trade due to reduced parking.	Car parking spaces would be reduced by 2.
2	When the brewery delivery vehicles park to make their delivery the road would be blocked.	Whilst traffic may have to wait behind a bus or opposite this will be for a short period of time for passengers to alight. This is not an unusual occurrence and happens throughout the Borough.
3	There are 3 bus stops already in the village.	The nearest bus stop is approximately 145 metres away and the needs of the elderly and less mobile would benefit
4	There is dropped kerb on either side of the road and this will be removed.	This will remain.

3. FUNDING

- 3.1 These proposals are being funded by Transport for Greater Manchester.

4. PROPOSALS / SCHEDULE OF WORKS

- 4.1 The proposed Bus stop and Bus Stop Clearway, to which the objections were received, are illustrated in Drawing No. 001 (**Appendix B**).

5. RECOMMENDATION

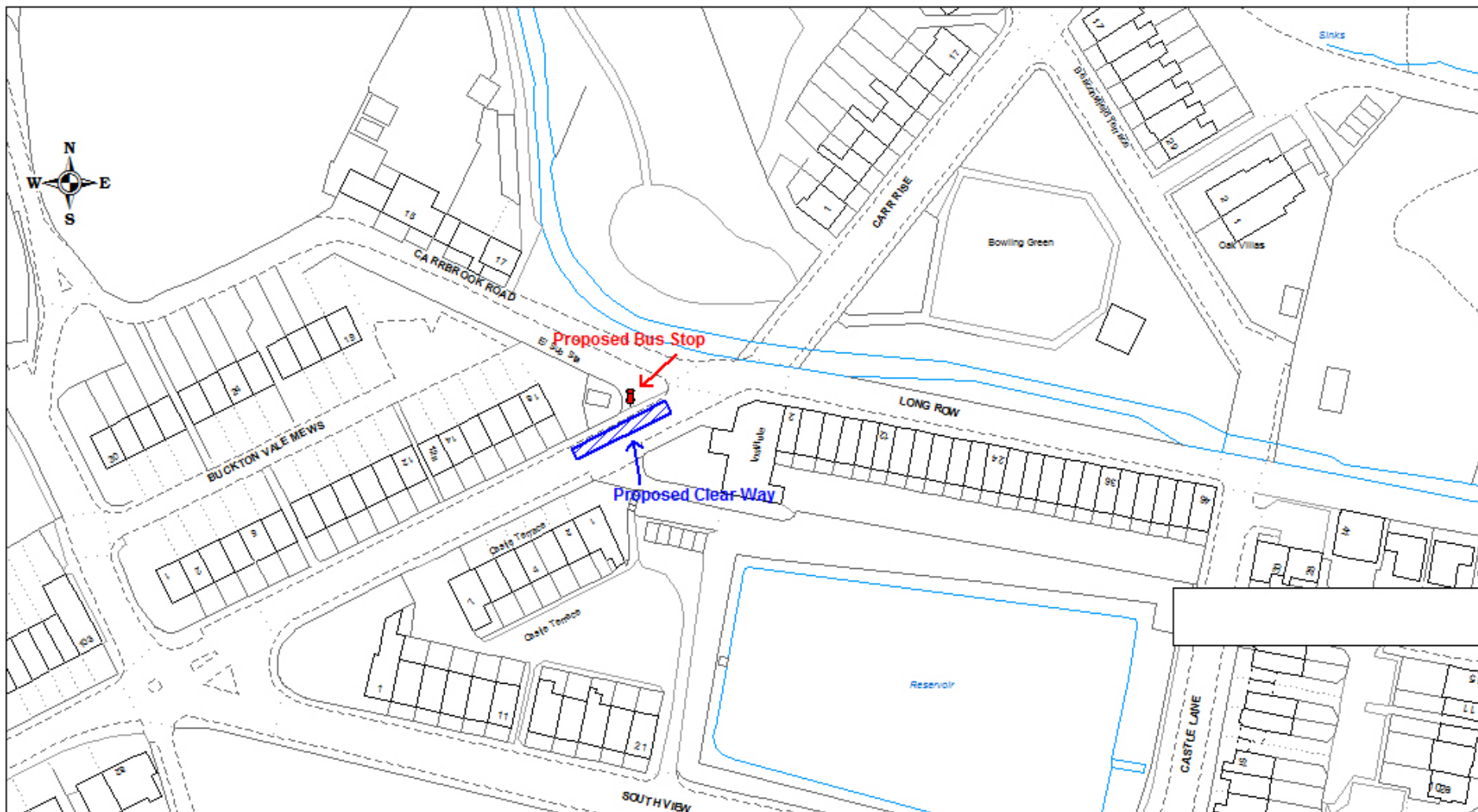
- 5.1 It is recommended that the Bus Stop and Bus Stop Clearway be implemented and that authority is given for the necessary action to be taken in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 1988 provision 36.


APPENDIX 'A'

Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

- (1) It shall be the duty of every local authority upon whom functions are conferred by or under this Act, so to exercise the functions conferred on them by this Act as (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in sub-section (2) below) to secure the expeditious convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.
- (2) The matters referred to in sub-section (1) above, as being specified in this sub-section are:
 - (a) The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
 - (b) The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;
 - (c) The strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy);
 - (d) The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
 - (e) Any other matters appearing to ...the local authority.... to be relevant.

Appendix 'B' – Drawing No. 001



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			<p>DATE 15/09/2016</p>	
			<p>DRAWING No. 001</p>	
			<p>DRAWN BY P Williams</p>	
			<p>Buckton Vale Road, Carrbrook</p>	