

APPENDIX C

SUPPLMENTARY QUESTIONS

1. Can this bus stop be removed?

It is not TfGM policy to remove bus stops unless there are road safety grounds to do so. Removal of this stop would be considered detrimental owing to the distance between the previous stop (Victoria Street) and the next stop (Clarendon Road, just past Hyde Police Station).

2. Can this bus stop be relocated? i.e. moved away from residential properties.

Due to the residential nature of Clarendon Road there is no suitable, alternative location for this stop, without placing it outside other residential properties.

3. Does the Bus Stop Clearway have to be operational for 24 hours?

If the Clearway was only in force between 7am and 7pm this would not take away the accessibility issue for passengers boarding a bus from the carriageway as the 346 operates outside of these hours. This could also lead to confusion in terms of enforcement and if overnight parking were allowed residents may be reluctant to move their vehicles before 7am.

4. What are the patronage figures for this bus stop?

Owing to the way that ticket machines on buses work there are a limited number of fare stages on any given route. As such it is not possible to provide patronage numbers for an individual stop without manually conducting a survey.

Please also have reference to the following statement from the Service Delivery Manager at Stagecoach Manchester:

“I very much understand the concern of the panel that this may be an underutilised stop and therefore question the need for improvement, however, the whole point of the original request we made of TFGM/Tameside was to improve the stop and passenger experience in order to encourage greater usage of public transport. This request was made in the knowledge that the new housing development had brought new residents to the area who may be more inclined to utilise public transport if the correct facilities were in place.

Ideally this stop would be upgraded to include a passenger shelter, lighting etc, but I did not make this request to TFGM as I am realistic about the impacts on local residents (local residents would not welcome a bus shelter placed on the pavement outside their property) as well as pavement space restrictions.

I have been a resident of Tameside and live fairly locally to the area all my life, and there has always been accessibility issues at this stop for buses pulling in and potentially disabled persons accessing services. With improvements in equal opportunities legislation over the past decade I do think it is the appropriate time to make this stop improvement.”