

**Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director of Place**

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>18 January 2021</b>
Subject:	<b>Fleet Hargate, Old Main Road - Proposed Bus Stop Clearway</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers objections to a proposal for a Bus Stop Clearway to apply between the hours of 6am to 9pm daily, at Old Main Road, Fleet Hargate.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the objections are overruled and the Clearway, as advertised, be introduced.

**Background**

A bus shelter is provided at Old Main Road at the location shown at Appendix A. However vehicles parking in the area obstruct access for buses which can then no longer pull alongside the bus stop to clear the main carriageway, and allow passengers to alight or disembark using the raised kerb provided.

No restrictions on parking are currently in force in the area. The extent of the proposed clearway is shown at Appendix A and this was advertised via notices on site from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 20 July 2020.

**Objection**

Three objections have been received to this scheme Concerns are raised with regard to the loss of the opportunity to park on street outside the adjacent properties by residents and their visitors. It is claimed that buses will obstruct driveways and therefore the bus stop should be relocated elsewhere in the village.

**Comments**

Monitoring of parking at this location has confirmed that parking regularly takes place within the area of the bus shelter and the lack of a formal bus stop marking may contribute

to this. The proposed clearway will permit the use of the yellow bus stop marking and therefore highlight its presence to road users, and will allow for it to be enforced.

Although parking and loading will be restricted directly outside the small number of properties adjacent to the bus stop there are no other restrictions in the vicinity so there is adequate space close by for these activities and visitor parking. Buses may on occasion obstruct the use of a nearby driveway but this will be for a brief period only as strict timetables are adhered to so buses will not be waiting longer than is necessary.

The location of this bus stop is one of five serving the village. To relocate it will disrupt the regular spacing at which they have been placed and incur the additional costs required to install new kerbing and relocate the shelter.

## **Conclusion**

The proposed bus stop clearway will prevent parking or stopping within the area of the shelter by any vehicle other than a bus, and promote safe access on and off the vehicle via raised kerbs. There will be minimal impact on the availability of on street parking in the area as a result of its introduction.

## **Consultation**

### **a) Risks and Impact Analysis**

None carried out.

The following were consulted with regard to these proposals: Local Member, South Holland District Council, Fleet Hargate Parish Council, Transport Services and Stagecoach Bus Company.

## **Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Plan showing extent of proposal.

## **Background Papers**

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
None	None

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