



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	06 June 2022
Subject:	Metheringham, High Street - Proposed Bus Stop Clearways

Summary:

This report considers objections to a proposal for Bus Stop Clearways to be introduced on High Street, Metheringham as shown at Appendix B.

Recommendation(s):

That the objections is overruled so that the Clearways, as advertised, can be introduced.

Background

Concerns have been raised by the Transport Services Group regarding access for buses to two bus stops in this area of the village. In addition, the footway at the current location of the bus stop on the south side is too narrow to support the installation of a post for a bus stop flag and timetable information without compromising the route for pedestrians. The bus also obstructs visibility for vehicles exiting the junction with nearby Drury Street.

Investigations have indicated that vehicles are parking within the areas around the bus stops obstructing access to them. The introduction of a clearway allows us to apply the yellow 'BUS STOP' marking and enforce the restriction on stopping and parking, thereby discouraging indiscriminate parking. A revised location for the bus stop on the south side has also been identified and agreed with the Transport Services Group, which relocates it away from the junction with Drury Street and provides a wider footway for passengers to wait and for a post to be installed without obstructing pedestrians.

It is proposed to introduce these clearways to apply from 6am – 7pm, Monday to Saturday. They have been subject to public advertisement and all affected frontages have been made aware of the proposals.

Two objections were received following the consultation period. Both raised concerns regarding the proposed bus stop clearway on the south side at the revised location and that it would result in obstruction access in and out of private driveways. They believe the proposed location sited on a bend, will compromise the safety of other road users negotiating this route when the bus is stationary.

The officer's view is that as the bus will stop only briefly at this location so obstruction to driveways will be minimal. Site visits have identified the revised location as being that most suitable for the bus stop and this is supported by the bus companies operating in the area.

Conclusion

These clearways will ensure that buses can access the bus stops, improving the safety of passengers and assisting in the maintenance of service timetables. The revised location on the southern side of High Street allows sufficient space for bus stop signage, for passengers to wait and for others to pass safely.

Consultation

The following were consulted on these proposals: Local Member, North Kesteven District Council, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Emergency Services, Transport Services, Stagecoach Bus Company and affected residents.

Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site Locations
Appendix B	Detail of Proposals

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
Consultation documents: objection correspondence.	Available on request

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