

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- Carlisle City Council

Date of Meeting:- 3rd March 2009

Agenda Item No:-

Public

Title:- RESIDENTS PETITION - REQUEST FOR BUS SHELTER

Report of:- DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report reference:- CS13/09

Summary:-

A residents petition has been received requesting the installation of a Bus Shelter on Edgehill Road/Pennine Way, Botcherby. This report gives details of the petition and provides background information relating to this location. It suggests that the petition should be forwarded to the County Council as they are responsible for dealing with requests for new shelters.

Recommendation:-

It is recommended that the petition be forwarded to the County Council with any comments the City Council may wish to make.

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Director of Community Services

20 February 2009

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 A petition has been submitted signed by 134 residents of the Botcherby Ward requesting the installation of a Bus Shelter near the junction of Edgehill Road/Pennine Way where a Bus Shelter was previously located. A sample page from the petition is attached together with the covering letter submitted with the petition. A plan of the area is also attached to highlight the general area where the shelter has been requested.
- 1.2 A Bus Shelter was previously located outside No. 393 Pennine Way but this was removed several years ago following repeated complaints about anti-social behaviour in and around the shelter, and after consultation with local ward members.
- 1.3 At the present time all requests for new Bus Shelters are forwarded to the County Council (Public Transport Unit) for them to consider the request and decide what action is appropriate. It is usual to assess the particular location, identify possible sources of funding and consult the local community. It is proposed that this petition should be forwarded to the County together with any comments the Council may wish to make. If a shelter is eventually provided at this location it would be normal for the City Council to deal with the future maintenance of the shelter using the funding provided in the Miscellaneous Environment Budget.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Consultation to Date.

There has been no consultation on this issue other than the consultation which took place prior to the original shelter being removed.

- 2.2 Consultation proposed.

It is proposed that this issue be forwarded to the County Council. It is anticipated that they will decide what consultation is required.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the petition be forwarded to the County Council with any comments the City Council may wish to make.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The responsibility for providing new Bus Shelters rests with the County Council.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources – N/A
- Financial – N/A
- Legal – N/A
- Corporate – The provision of Bus Shelters does assist in promoting the use of public transport and supports the Green Initiatives being pursued by the Council.
- Risk Management – N/A
- Equality and Disability – The lack of a Bus Shelter can cause difficulties for elderly and disabled residents who may have difficulty standing while waiting for a bus.
- Environmental – The provision of Bus Shelters does assist in promoting the use of public transport and supports the Green Initiatives being pursued by the Council.
- Crime and Disorder – Bus Shelters can provide a focus point for anti-social behaviour and as a consequence many residents object to the siting of a Shelter near their home.
- Impact on Customers – Some residents would benefit from the provision of a shelter, others will object to the anti-social behaviour that may arise.

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16th February 2009

Right to be heard at full Carlisle City Council Meeting 3rd March 2009.

Dear Mr. Dixon,

The undersigned residents of Edgehill Road, Pennineway Road, Eldon Drive and Beverly Rise, Carlisle, request the right to be heard at full City Council meeting on 3rd March 2009 at Civic Centre.

They are requesting that a bus shelter be relocated to the old terminus bus stop Edgehill Road/Pennineway Road. Their old one was demolished and there is currently no means of shelter for the community of nearby residents who use the bus service regularly.

They would like their request to be included on the agenda for the above meeting and also have a person to speak for them to the City Council under the right to be heard as they have a petition of over 30 signatures. Please see attached petition of support.

Thank you very much for your time and I await your written reply.

Yours sincerely



Bus Shelters

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