

**Fw: Bus Stop / Shelter A71 Strathaven Road -Violet Crescent**

Wednesday, 21 October, 2009 8:30 PM

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Date: Wednesday, 21 October, 2009, 8:29 PM

Douglas

Can you advise if you have had an opportunity to examine our request for information regards the above shelter / stop. This issue was raised at our community council meeting on Monday night and I was asked if I could again follow up on this matter. I would be obliged if you could advise.

Thanks

Robert Freel  
Secretary  
Stonehouse Community council

— On Tue, 6/10/09, ROBERT FREEL &lt;robfreel@btinternet.com&gt; wrote:

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Date: Tuesday, 6 October, 2009, 11:05 AM

Hi Douglas

Firstly many thanks to yourself and Stephen for getting the replacement shelter at Lockhart street, much appreciated.

I have been however been contacted by variuous residents regards another stop location A71 Strathaven Road- Violet Crescent which has recently been moved and our community seek further details on this.

**Background**

The Stop is located ont he A71 Strathaven Road heading towards Strathaven att he junction to Violet Crescent. It has been moved approximatly 10-15 yards East of its existing position which had a bus pull in bay. The new stop location has raised a few questions from residents and these are detailed below.



- Why has the stop location been moved.
- Is this a temporary arrangement.
- Will a shelter be erected at the new site.
- What, if any community engagement did you carry out to assess impact of the stop move.
- Will the existing shelter be removed and re-used anywhere else in Stonehouse.

The new site itself has a few problems in that it is located on a narrow stretch of pavement, which is bounded by a large overgrown hawthorn hedge on one side and a pedestrian barrier on the other. When pedestrians are trying to get past bus passengers they are finding that they are having to either squeeze past the hedge which is either scratching people or catching on their clothes or if they try to squeeze past on the barrier side it's dirty from road spray. At night, whilst there is a streetlighting pole at the site the lighting is not great and again this is causing problems with regards getting past bus passengers.

This stop is also being used by pupils travelling on the service bus to Strathaven Academy and again when large numbers are at the stop it's difficult for mothers with buggies to get past. I am also led to believe that the Stonehouse Coaches service will no longer go round the main housing estate thus this could potentially make this stop busier.

I would appreciate if you could investigate and get back to me prior to our next community council meeting which is scheduled for Monday 19th October.

thanks

Robert Freel  
Stonehouse community council



Bus Stop



**Relocation of Bus Stop - Junction of Strathaven Road and Violet Crescent, Stonehouse**

Tuesday, 10 November, 2009 10:23 AM

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Dear Mr Freel

Thank you for your email of 6 October 2009 regarding the above subject. Please accept my apologies for the late response to your enquiry. In response to your specific questions raised in your email I can confirm the following.

1. A local resident complained that buses parked at the original bus stop restricted the visibility for vehicle drivers attempting to exit Violet Crescent. As a result of this request, representatives from South Lanarkshire Council, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and Strathclyde Police conducted site visits to gauge the risks associated with the position of the bus stop being located close to the junction. It was agreed that in the interests of road safety and to mitigate the risks associated with obstructed visibility, the bus stop should be moved to its new position.
2. As the decision to relocate the bus stop, was taken on the basis of road safety concerns the relocation of the bus stop is deemed permanent, to ensure as much as possible, that the risks associated with the previous arrangement are reduced.
3. We are currently looking at the feasibility of widening the footway and providing a bus shelter at the new location. Progress on this matter is determinant on consultation with the land owner of the grass verge to the rear of the footway.
4. As outlined under point one above, consultation between the main bodies responsible for public safety and road safety in this situation was exercised with full consideration of the impact to the community. Although there is no requirement to formally consult the community, we are mindful of the need to provide adequate space and shelter at this bus stop, with this in mind; we will continue to monitor the situation. Furthermore, we have witnessed a very low usage at this bus stop; nevertheless, we are arranging to have a patronage survey undertaken by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), the result of which will be communicated to you by December 18<sup>th</sup> 2009.
5. Since receipt of your email the old shelter has been removed. The old shelter was badly damaged and was deemed unusable for recycling and was therefore scrapped.

I trust the aforementioned response to your enquiry satisfies the points raised. In the meantime should you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact John Boyle, of the Traffic and Transportation Section, on 01698 453603.

Yours sincerely,

**John Boyle**  
**Engineering Officer**  
**Traffic and Transportation Services**







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