

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Economic and Development Services</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>7 March 2005</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Union Street, Harthill – Proposed relocation of bus stop; Ward 18</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>EDS</b>

**5. Summary**

To report the receipt of objections regarding the proposed relocation of a bus stop on Union Street - Harthill.

**6. Recommendations**

- i) Objections to the relocation of a bus stop on Union Street, Harthill be not acceded to;**
- ii) Support for the scheme be reiterated.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

The proposed scheme, which received approval at the 14 July 2003 DPM meeting, Minute Number 63 refers, will involve relocating the existing bus stop that is currently located outside the Post Office to outside number 102 Union Street. In addition the scheme will also involve footway alterations, around the new bus stop location, to provide a level 'platform' for bus passengers to stand on when lighting/alighting the bus.

## **8. Finance**

The scheme is estimated to cost approximately £5,000. Funding is available from the LTP Integrated Transport Programme for 2005/06.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The estimated cost is dependant upon the need to divert Statutory Undertakers apparatus; this is expected to be minimal.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The scheme is in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, in conjunction with the Council's Road Safety and Traffic Management strategies, for improving road safety and facilities for public transport users.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

A number of concerns have been raised by Harthill Post Office, Parish Council and local residents about the position of the existing bus stop outside the Post Office and the problems that it causes to road users. They allege that when a bus is stationary at the stop it affects visibility for vehicles pulling out of Woodall Lane and for pedestrians crossing the road. In addition there are a number of drivers who abuse the parking restrictions at the bus stop, due to the limited amount of parking outside the Post Office.

During March 2004, letters were sent out to local residents informing them of the proposed works. Unfortunately, this led to two objections, which resulted in Council Officers, Local Ward Members and the Parish Council attending a site meeting with the two residents to discuss the scheme; however this did not resolve their concerns.

Since that meeting a number of different options have been considered – these were the removal of the bus box marking or an alternative location for the bus stop. However, these would not overcome the problems of vehicle parking at the bus stop or poor visibility out of Woodall Lane. Therefore, we have been requested via the Parish Council to reconsider relocating the bus stop to outside number 102 Union Street, as before.

A copy of Drawing Number 129/U90.1, is attached showing the proposed scheme. Copies of the letters received during the scheme design are attached as Appendix A.

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