

Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



Subject:	Bus Stop Clearways – Various Locations
Decision maker: Senior Officer	Nasir Dad, Director of Environment
Decision maker: Cabinet Member	Councillor C Goodwin, Don't Trash Oldham
Decision date:	09 February 2025
Report author:	Shahed Chaudhary, Engineer
Ward (s):	Hollinwood, Saddleworth North, Saddleworth South and Failsworth East

Reason for decision

This report proposes the introduction of Bus Stop Clearways at the following locations:-

- Elm Road, Hollinwood
- Denshaw Road, Delph
- Oldham Road, Grasscroft
- Ashton Road East, Failsworth
- Roman Road, Hollinwood

At these locations, pedestrians step out into the carriageway between parked vehicles to be seen by the driver. Parked vehicles prevent the bus from accessing the stop alongside the kerb, it also affects traffic movements and visibility along the roads concerned.

If approved, the proposal would enable passengers to board and alight buses safely and improve safety for motorists using the roads.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Bus Stop Clearways be introduced in accordance with the plans and schedules at the end of this report.

Background

Elm Road, Hollinwood has residential properties, with parking bays that front the bus stop. There is need for a platform to be constructed to assist passengers to board/alight buses from the footway. A bus stop clearway in the main carriageway is required to prevent double parking by delivery vehicles and others.

On Denshaw Road, Delph, there are residential properties in the vicinities of the bus stops. Some of these residents rely on the highway for parking and this often extends to the areas around the bus stop. Site visits have confirmed that parking takes place in the vicinity of the bus stops. This is exacerbated by pick up and drop offs made by parents/guardians of children attending the school opposite the bus stop.

On Roman Road, Hollinwood, there are residential properties in the vicinity of the bus stop with no off-road parking available. The bus stop is also on a bend. Therefore, it is proposed to move the bus stop closer to the playing fields with the clearway avoiding the residences.

If approved, the proposals would enable passengers to board and alight buses safely and improve safety for motorists using the roads.

Alternative option(s) to be considered

Option 1: To approve the recommendation.

Option 2: Not to approve the recommendation.

Consultation

The Ward Members have been consulted and Councillor P Byrne, Councillor G Harkness and Councillor L Lancaster support the proposal for the Saddleworth locations.

Councillor M Woodvine and Councillor G Sheldon support the proposal for Saddleworth South.

Councillor H Bishop supports the proposal.

Councillor K Ghafoor supports the proposal within his Ward.

Councillor K Rustidge has commented, I welcome this proposal in principle in relation to my ward, it would be terrible if there was an accident, so anything that can be done to make things safer is welcomed.

Councillor N Hindle supports the proposal for the Failsworth East Ward.

G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no objection to this proposal.

T.f.G.M. View - The Director General has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

G.M. Fire Service View - The County Fire Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

N.W. Ambulance Service View - The County Ambulance Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

Risks

TfGM have commissioned Oldham Council to undertake design work for improvement to footways in the vicinity of a number of bus stops. The commission development of Traffic Orders and providing a cost for the works to be undertaken. TfGM would be financing the eventual implementation of the improvements through the CRSTS fund. There is risk associated with the funding not being available from TfGM, leading to the bus stop improvements and bus stop clearways not being implemented even though the Traffic Orders could be in place.

Implications

Financial	<p>The cost of introducing the Order is shown below:</p> <table><tr><td>Notice of Intent</td><td>£500</td></tr><tr><td>Introduction of Road Markings</td><td>£2,500</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>£3,000</td></tr><tr><td>Annual Maintenance Cost</td><td>£500</td></tr></table> <p>The Council was awarded £39,350 capital funding to develop design works for 30 identified bus stops, as part of the Bus Stop Enhancements scheme (M1412).</p> <p>The proposed scheme in this report forms part of the overall Bus Stop Enhancements scheme, which is wholly financed through City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) grant funding. The works will be fully defrayed in 2024/25.</p> <p>Leonnie Wharton-Brown</p>	Notice of Intent	£500	Introduction of Road Markings	£2,500	TOTAL	£3,000	Annual Maintenance Cost	£500
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Legal	<p>A bus stop clearway can be introduced without the need for a Traffic Regulation Order. The Council has an approvals procedure for dealing with bus stop clearways which to a large extent mirrors the procedure to be followed when making Traffic Regulation Orders. It is recommended that the approval procedure be followed. (A Evans)</p>								
Equality impact including implications for Children and Young People	<p>None</p>								
Co-operative	<p>The proposals set out in this report improve road safety and access for public transport at five locations in the borough, where current parking arrangements can make it difficult for pedestrians to access buses through parked cars. This will support residents to access public transport more safely and easily. This is in line with our cooperative agenda. (James Mulvaney, Policy Manager)</p>								

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?	Yes
Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?	Yes
Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?	No

Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

Schedule

Drawing Numbers 47/A4/1740/1, 47/A4/1741/1, 47/A4/1742/1, 47/A4/1743/1 and

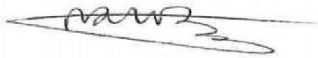
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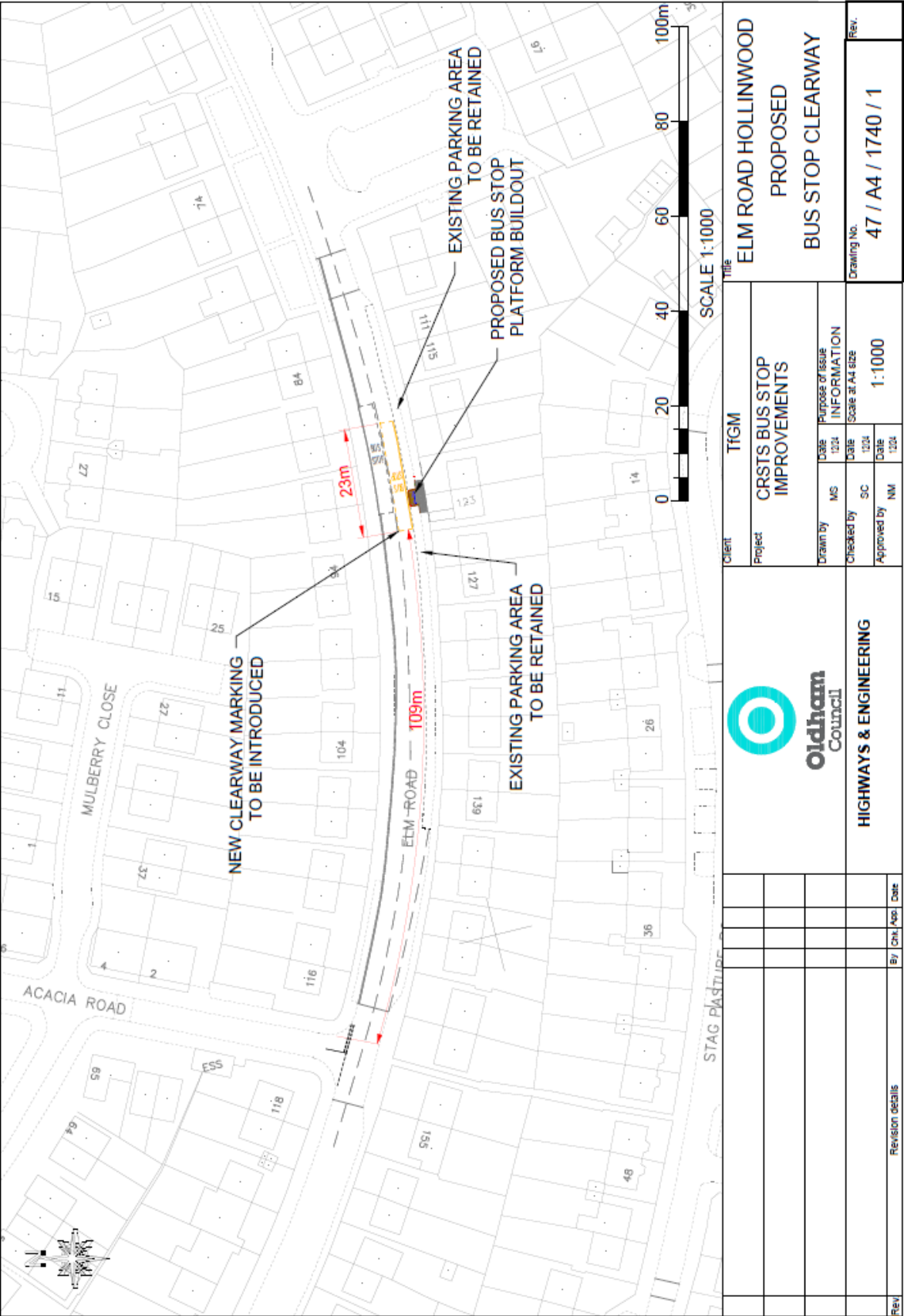
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Drawing No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
47/A4/1740/1	<u>Elm Road, Hollinwood</u> (East side) From a point 236 metres north of its junction with Acacia Road for a distance of 23 metres in a northerly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1741/1	<u>Denshaw Road, Delph</u> (North side) From a point 22.3 metres east of its junction with Friarmere Road for a distance of 23 metres in a westerly direction	24 Hours		

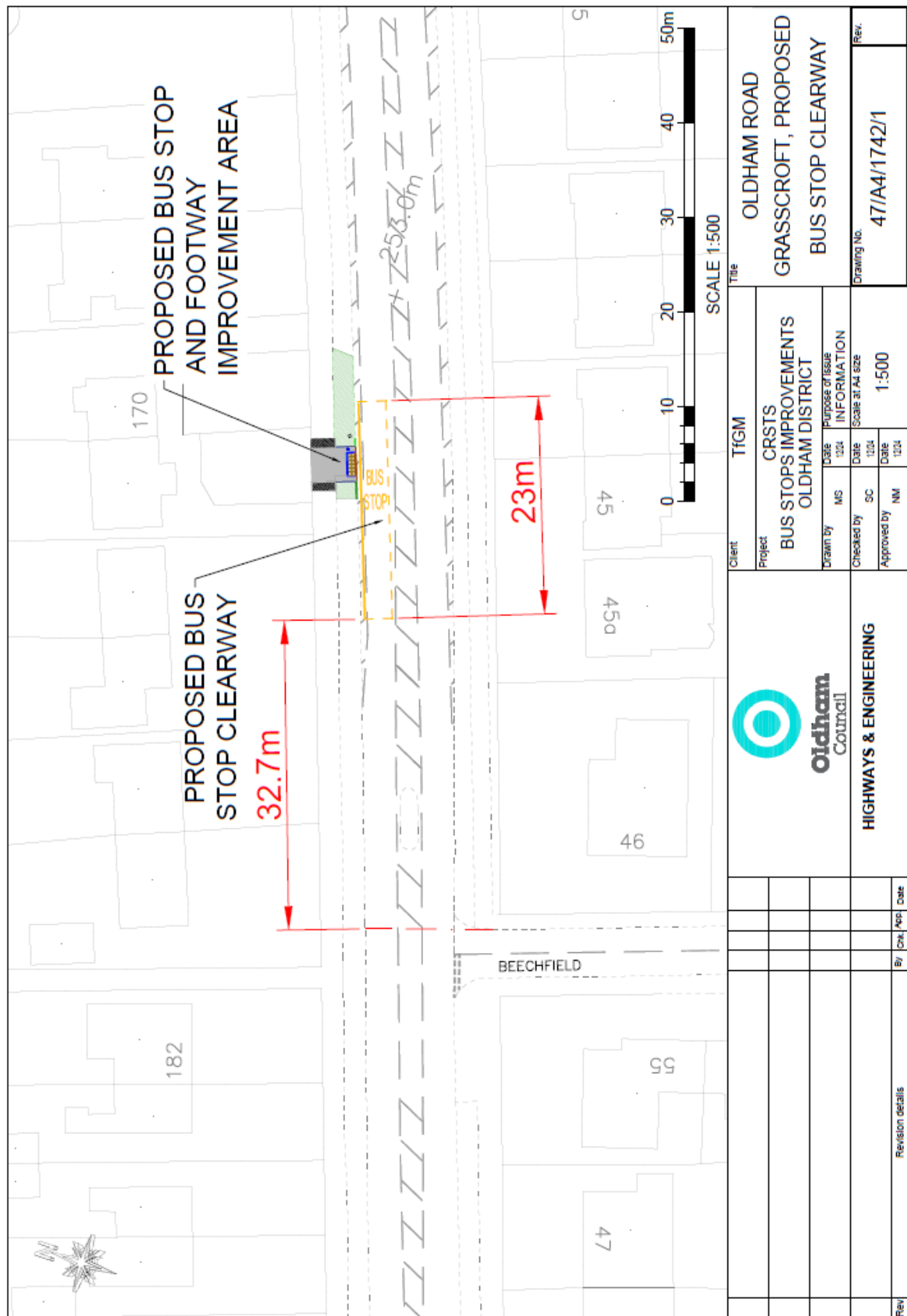
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47/A4/1742/1	<u>Oldham Road, Grasscroft</u> (North-west side) From a point 32.7m north-east of its junction with Beechfield for a distance of 23m in a north-easterly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1743/1	<u>Ashton Road East, Failsworth</u> (North-east side) From a point 30m south-east of its junction with Douglas Street for a distance of 23m in a south-easterly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1744/1	<u>Roman Road, Hollinwood</u> (North-west side) From a point 4m south-west of its junction with Tiber Avenue for a distance of 23m in a south-westerly direction.	24 Hours		

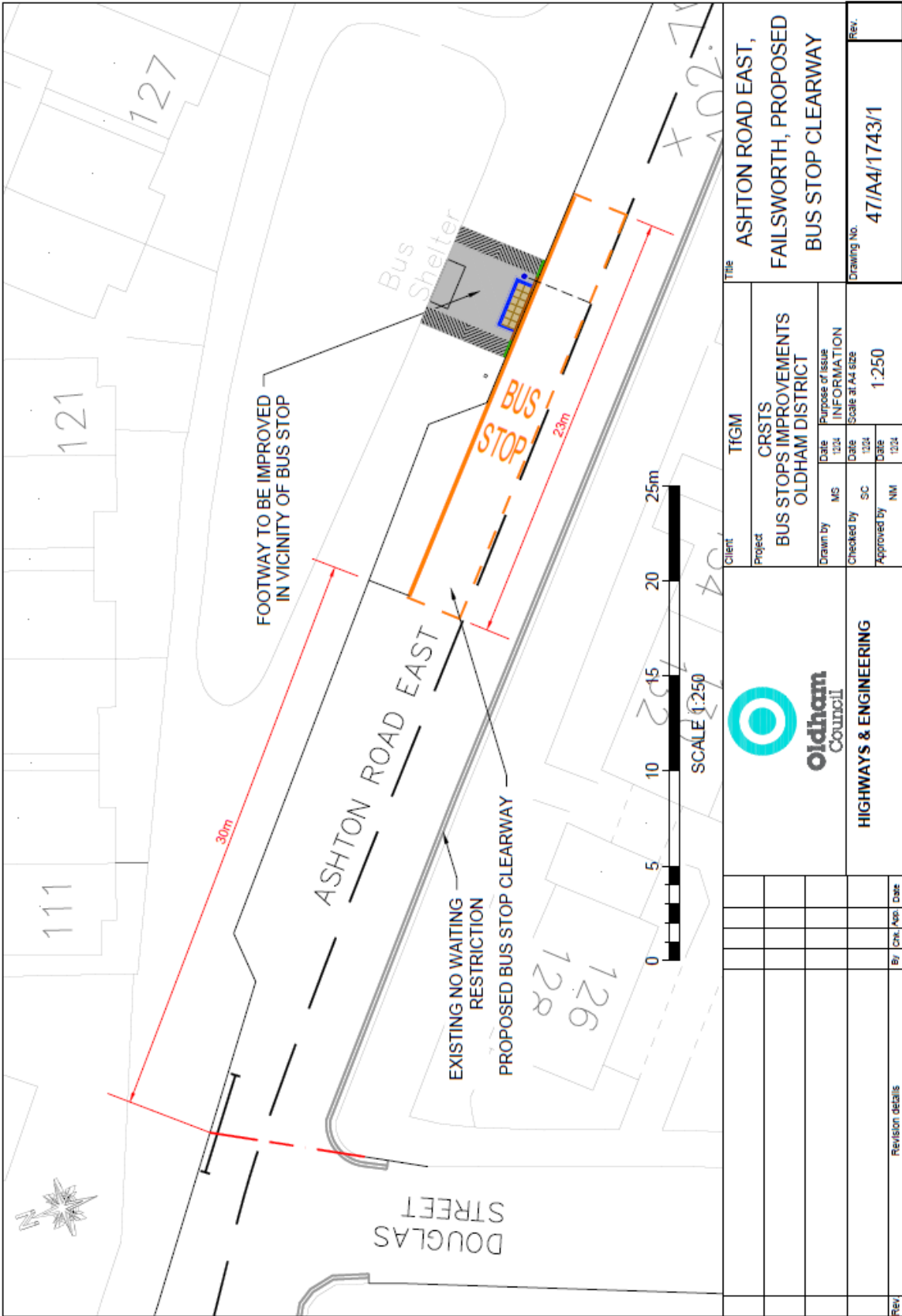
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Date of sign-off	5 February 2025

Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	 Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	09 Feb 2025



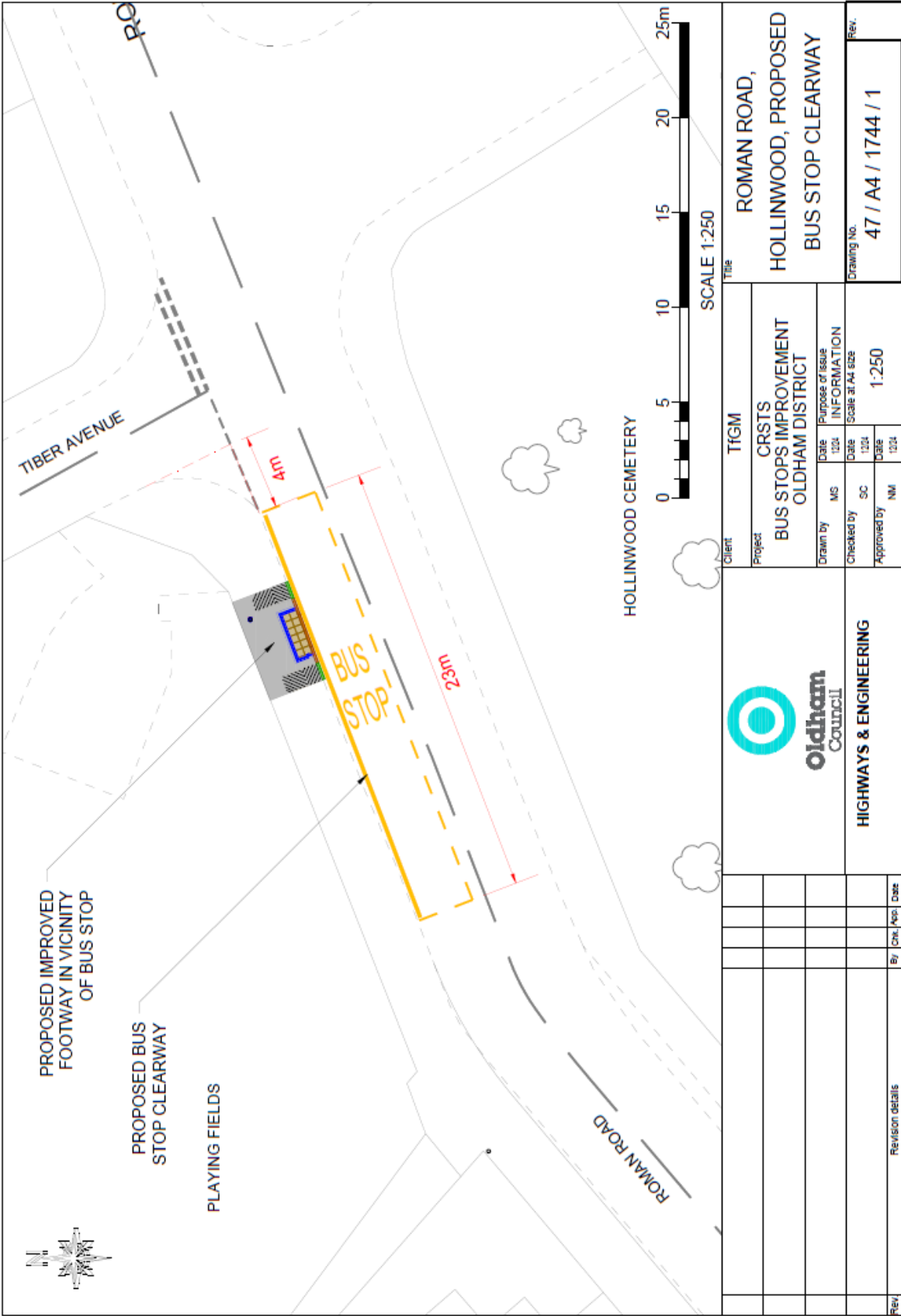
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	Purpose of Issue		INFORMATION	
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