

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, Portfolio Holder for Don't Trash Oldham,
Decision date:	18 February 2025
Report author:	Shahed Chaudhary, Engineer
Ward (s):	Alexandra and Saddleworth North

Reason for decision

At these locations, bus passengers have to step out into the carriageway, between parked vehicles, to be seen by the bus driver. Parked vehicles may prevent the bus from accessing the stop alongside the kerb, and this also effects 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

Bus Stop Clearways at the following locations

- Lees New Road, Oldham (Alexandra Ward)
- Alt Lane, Oldham (Alexandra Ward)
- Whitby Road (Southbound), Oldham (Alexandra Ward)
- Whitby Road (Northbound), Oldham (Alexandra Ward)
- Huddersfield Road, Austerlands (Saddleworth North Ward)

At these locations, bus passengers have to step out into the road in order to be seen by bus drivers. By implementing the bus stop clearways, passengers can be safely noticed by the driver and also board/alight when needed.

In particular, Alt Lane, is a residential street which has a school. The on-street parking is exacerbated by parents/guardians picking up/dropping off children to school. A person wanting

to stop and board a bus would have to step out onto the road between small gaps between parked vehicles to be visible to the driver.

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 and Councillor G Harkness support the proposal for the Saddleworth North Ward.

Councillor S Mushtaq supports the proposal for Alexandra 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 on behalf of the Bus Team we fully support the proposals as provided as they will aid in accessibility by allowing a bus to align with the boarding point at each of the bus stops mentioned.

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	The cost of introducing the Order is shown below:	
	Notice of Intent	£500
	Introduction of Road Markings	£2500
	TOTAL	£3000
	Annual Maintenance Cost	£500
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>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>
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	None
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/A4/1745/1, 47/A4/1746/1, 47/A4/1747/1, 47/A4/1748/1 and


47/A4/1749/1

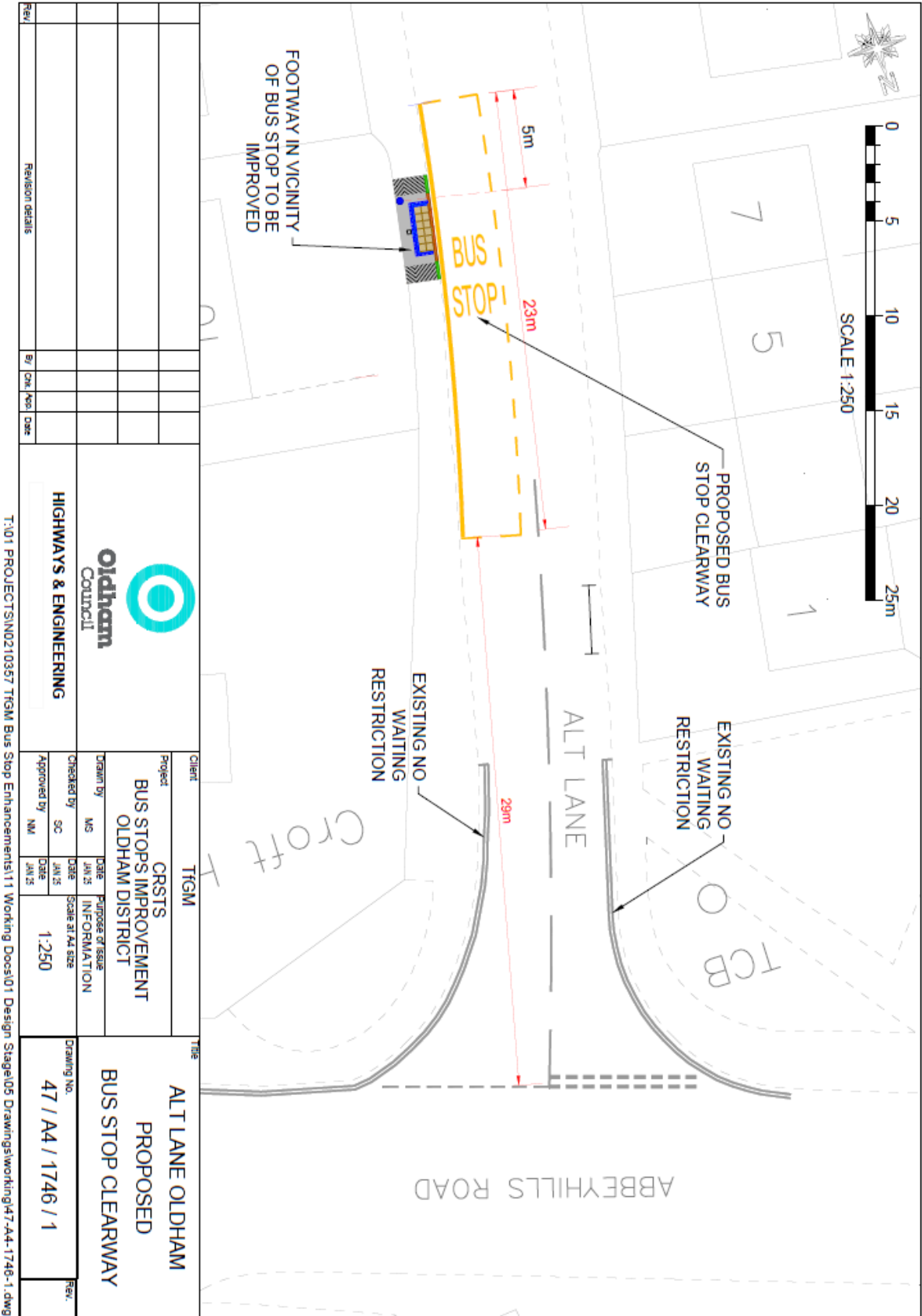
No Stopping Order (Bus Stop Clearway)

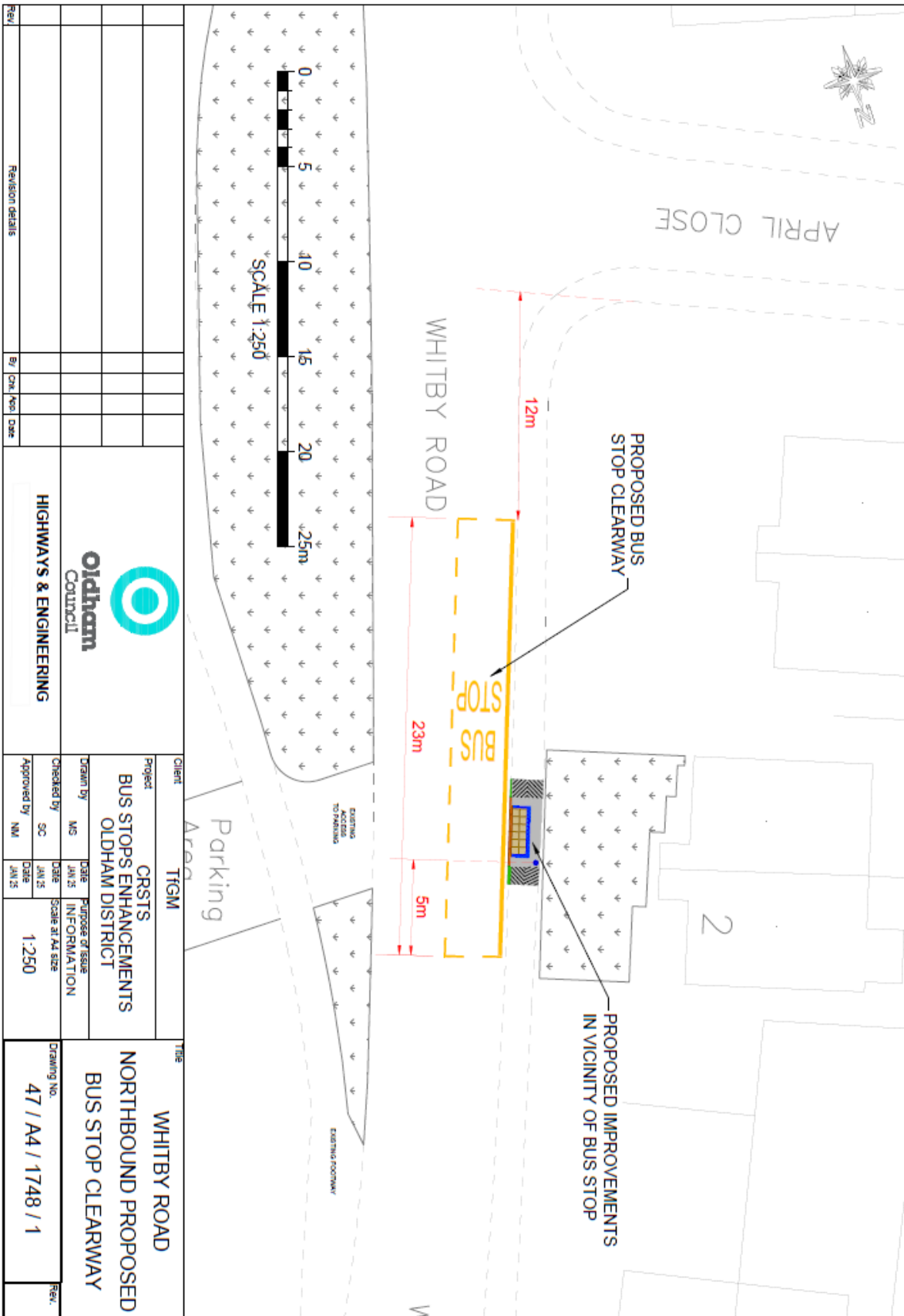
Drawing No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
47/A4/1740/1	<u>Lees New Road, Oldham</u> (South-East side) From a point 80m south-west of its junction with the northern end of Wildmoor Avenue for a distance of 23m in a south-westerly direction.	24 Hours		
47/A4/1741/1	<u>Alt Lane, Oldham</u> (East side) From a point 29 metres south of its junction with Abbeyhills Road for a distance of 23 metres in a southerly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1742/1	<u>Whitby Road, Oldham</u> (East side) From a point 16m south of its junction with Sherbourne Close for a distance of 23m in a southerly direction	24 Hours		

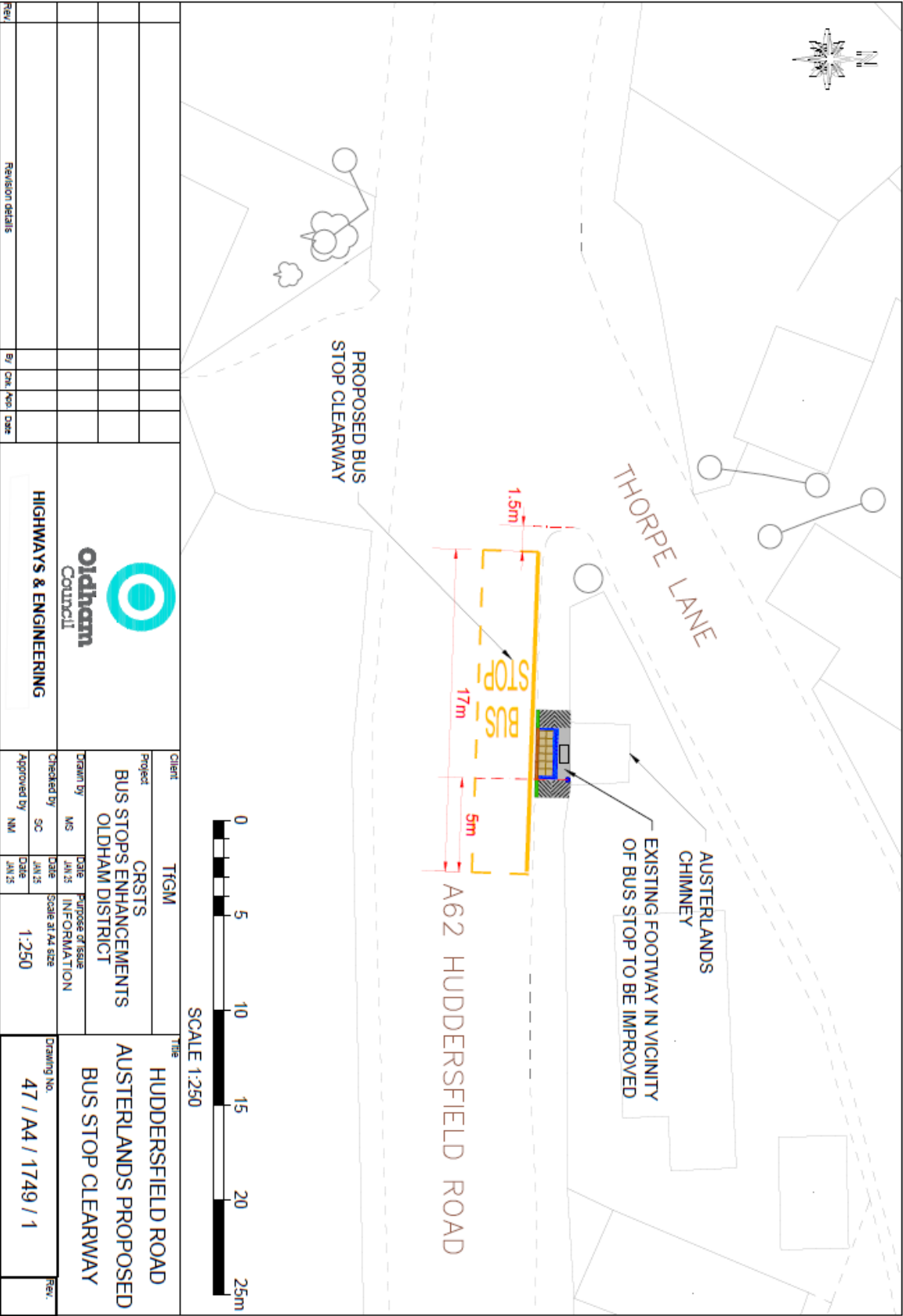
47/A4/1743/1	<u>Whitby Road, Oldham</u> (West side) From a point 12m north of its junction with April Close for a distance of 23m in a northerly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1744/1	<u>Huddersfield Road, Austerlands</u> (North side) From a point 1.5m east of its junction with Thorpe Lane for a distance of 23m in an easterly direction	24 Hours		

Report author sign-off	Shahed Chaudhary
Role	Highway Engineer
Date of sign-off	14/02/2025

Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	 Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	18/02/25







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