

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, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport
Decision date:	18 July 2025
Report author:	Shahed Chaudhary, Engineer
Ward (s):	Coldhurst, Saddleworth North, Saddleworth South and Shaw

Reason for decision

At these locations, bus passengers have to step out into the carriageway, between parked vehicles in order to be seen by the bus driver. Furthermore, certain vehicles (disabled users) and those loading also affect those using the bus stop when parked at these locations. 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

Bus Stop Clearways at the following locations

- Chew Valley Road (nr Wellington Street), Greenfield (Saddleworth South Ward)
- The Sound, Delph (Saddleworth North Ward)
- Egerton Street near Higginshaw Lane, Oldham (Coldhurst Ward)
- Egerton Street near Blue Coat School, Oldham (Coldhurst Ward)
- Buckstones Road (Westbound), Shaw (Shaw Ward)
- Buckstones Road (Eastbound), Shaw (Shaw Ward)

At The Sound, and the Buckstones Road locations, bus passengers may have to step out into the road in order to be seen by bus drivers, to stop the bus. Cars may be parked on the kerbside of the bus stop. By implementing the bus stop clearways, passengers can safely request the bus to stop.

For the Chew Valley Road and both Egerton Street locations, although there are no-waiting restrictions at each bus stop location, vehicles for disabled users and those loading may be parked on the kerbside of the bus stop. At these locations, bus passengers may have to step out into the road in order to be seen by bus drivers, to stop the bus. By implementing the bus stop clearways, passengers can safely successfully request the bus to stop.

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 supports the proposal for The Sound, Delph. Councillor L Lancaster also supports the proposed bus stop clearway on The Sound. Councillor G Harkness supports the proposal at The Sound, Delph.

Councillor L Navesey supports the proposal within the Shaw area. Councillor H Sykes supports two proposed in Shaw due to irresponsible parking.

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 introduction of these clearways at stops as they prevent indiscriminate parking and allow for buses to access the boarding area at bus stops.

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. 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 border="1" data-bbox="581 321 1149 426"> <tr> <td>Notice of Intent</td><td>£500</td></tr> <tr> <td>Introduction of Road Markings</td><td>£3,500</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>£4,000</td></tr> </table> <p>The Council was awarded £39,350 capital funding to develop design works for 30 identified bus stops across Oldham, 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 2025/26.</p> <p>Leonnice Wharton-Brown, Senior Accountant</p>	Notice of Intent	£500	Introduction of Road Markings	£3,500	Total	£4,000
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Legal	<p>Bus stop clearways can be introduced without the need for a Traffic Regulation Order. The Council has introduced 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						

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

Schedule

Drawing Numbers 47/A4/1757/1, 47/A4/1759/1, 47/A4/1760/1, 47/A4/1761/1 and 47/A4/1765/1


No Stopping Order (Bus Stop Clearway)

Drawing No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
47/A4/1757/1	<u>Chew Valley Road, Greenfield</u> (North east side) From a point 19 metres north-west of its junction with Wellington Road for a distance of 23 metres in a north westerly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1759/1	<u>The Sound, Delph</u> (West side) From a point 28m north of its junction with Oldham Road for a distance of 23m in a northerly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1760/1	<u>Egerton Street (nr Higginshaw Lane), Oldham</u> (North west side) From a point 6.9m north east of its junction with Wallshaw Street for a distance of 23m in a north easterly direction	24 Hours		

47/A4/1761/1	<u>Egerton Street (nr Blue Coat School), Oldham</u> (North west side) From a point 42.7m north east of its junction with Horsedge Street for a distance of 23m in a north easterly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1765/1	<u>Buckstones Road (westbound), Shaw</u> (South side) From a point 26.8m east of its junction with Cliff Hill Road for a distance of 20.3m in an easterly direction encompassing the bus bay extents.	24 hours		
	<u>Buckstones Road (eastbound), Shaw</u> (North side) From a point 34.0m east of its junction with Cliff Hill Road for a distance of 23m in an easterly direction	24 hours		

There are no background papers for this report

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Officer approval sign-off	 Nasir Dad
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Date of sign-off	

