

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):	Alexandra, St Mary's and Saddleworth South

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

- Lees Road, Oldham (St Mary's Ward)
- Oldham Road, Uppermill (Saddleworth South Ward)
- Abbeyhills Road, Oldham (Alexandra Ward)
- Glodwick Road near Hamilton Street, Oldham (St Mary's Ward)
- Glodwick Road near Greengate Street (northbound), Oldham (St Mary's Ward)
- Glodwick Road near Greengate Street (southbound), Oldham (St Mary's Ward)

Although there are no-waiting restrictions at each bus stop location, vehicles for disabled and vehicles for 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 and no comments have been received.

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 - I fully support these clearway proposals. These proposals will allow for buses to access and align with the kerb to improve the accessibility of these stops for passengers.

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	The cost of introducing the Order is shown below:	
	Notice of Intent	£500
	Introduction of Road Markings	£3,000
	TOTAL	£3,500
	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).	
	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.	
	Leonnie Wharton-Brown, Senior Accountant	

Legal	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)
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/A4/1750/1, 47/A4/1751/1, 47/A4/1752/1, 47/A4/1753/1, 47/A4/1754/1 and 47/A4/1755/1

No Stopping Order (Bus Stop Clearway)


Drawing No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
47/A4/1750/1	<u>Lees Road, Oldham</u> (South side) From a point 46.6m west of its junction with Glodwick Road for a distance of 23m in a westerly direction	24 Hours		

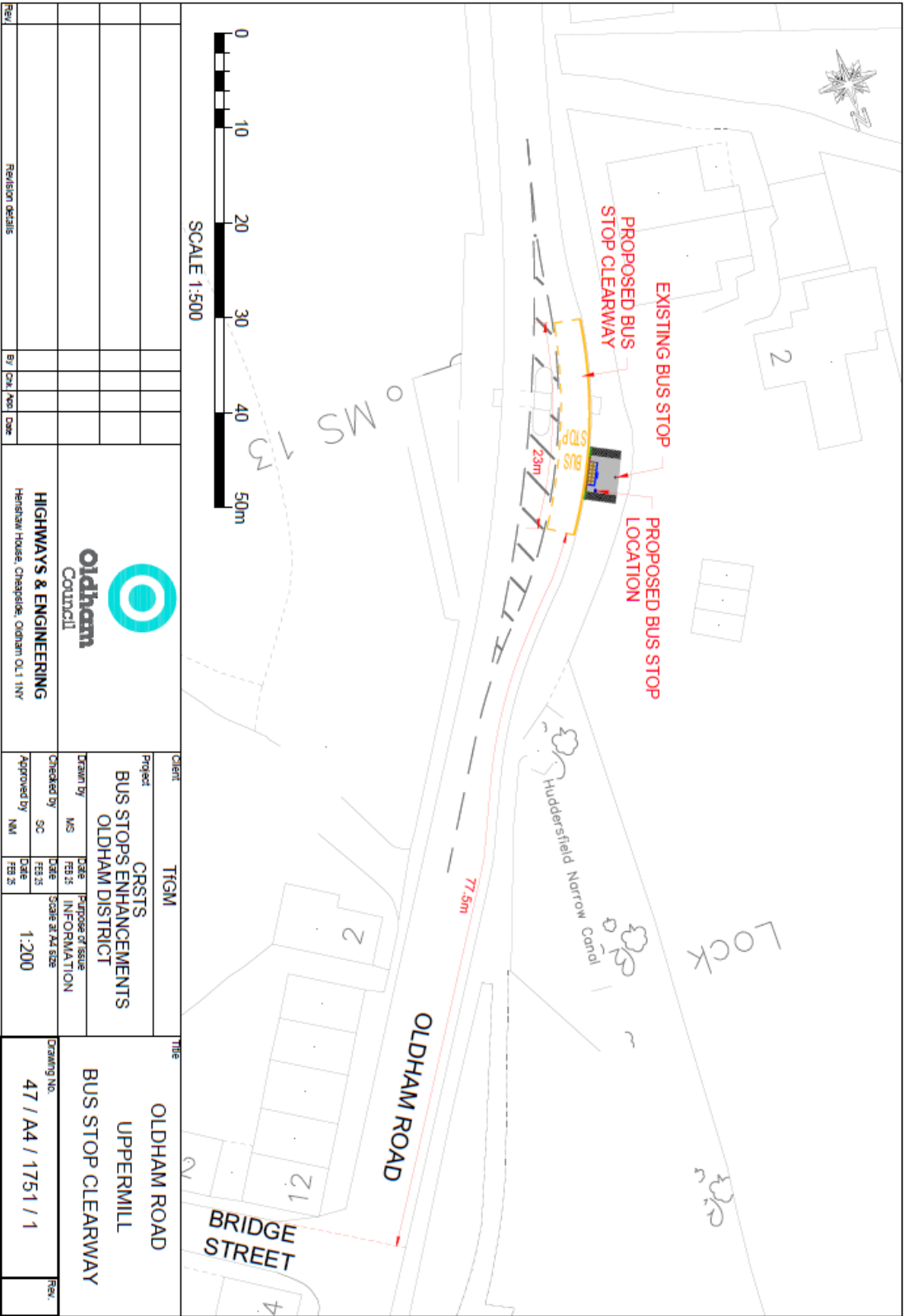
47/A4/1751/1	<u>Oldham Road, Uppermill</u> (West side) From a point 77.5 metres south of its junction with Bridge Street for a distance of 23 metres in a southerly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1752/1	<u>Abbeyhills Road, Oldham</u> (North-East side) From a point 34.3m south-east of its junction with Warren Street for a distance of 23m in a south-easterly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1753/1	<u>Glodwick Road, Oldham</u> (East side) From a point 6m north of its junction with Vineyard Street for a distance of 23m in a northerly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1754/1	<u>Glodwick Road, Oldham</u> (West side) From a point 9.4m south of its junction with Southlink for a distance of 23m in a southerly direction	24 Hours		

47/A4/1755/1	<u>Glodwick Road, Oldham</u> (East side) From a point 15.2m south of its junction with Greengate Street for a distance of 23m in a southerly direction	24 hours		
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There are no background papers for this report

Report author sign-off	Shahed Chaudhary
Role	Highway Engineer
Date of sign-off	4 July 2025

Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	 Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	18 July 2025



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