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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES

Wednesday 19th October 2016

Present: Councillor Peter McBride (Chair)
Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor David Sheard

Apologies: Councillor Naheed Mather

In attendance: Councillor Jean Calvert
Councillor James Homewood

1 Membership of the Committee

The Committee noted the following substitution. Cllr David Sheard substituted for Cllr Naheed Mather.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Committee Local Issues held on 14 September 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

3 Interests

No interests were declared at the meeting.

4 Admission of the Public

All items were considered in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

No Public questions were asked at the meeting.

7 Member Question Time

No Member questions were asked at the meeting.

8 Objections to the relocation of bus stop 450 16720 on the A62 Leeds Road, Deighton

The committee gave consideration to local ward councillors' objections to the proposed relocation of bus stop 450 16720 on the A62 Leeds Road, Deighton.

The report explained, in order to reduce congestion and help improve journey time reliability on the A62 Leeds Road, it was proposed to relocate bus stop no – 450 16720 into the adjacent layby, 30 metres to the south. It went on to explain that the flow of traffic towards Huddersfield was temporarily blocked each time a bus pulled up at stop no – 450 16720 and due to the positioning of a pedestrian refuge, motorists were unable to safely overtake stationary buses at the bus stop. Relocation of the bus stop to the layby would resolve this issue by enabling general traffic to safely pass a stopping bus.

Objections to the relocation of the bus stop were received from four local retailers stating that the layby to be used for the bus stop was currently used for parking by customers.

Ashbrow ward councillors objected to the proposals as set out in the report, including objections on the grounds of the new stop being further from the residential area, the new location would be near a sharp bend and further away from the pedestrian refuge facility and potential loss of trade for local retailers.

Cllrs Jean Calvert and James Homewood attended the meeting to voice their concerns regarding the proposed relocation of the bus stop on the grounds that the relocation would adversely impact local businesses. They were also concerned that the relocation would result in pedestrians being put at risk by crossing the road to the newly relocated bus stop which was nearer to a sharp turn in the road.

The committee recognised that the A62 Leeds Road corridor was a key strategic route and the highway congestion caused by buses stopping at the bus stop created delay and unreliability for bus services.

RESOLVED: That the objections to the proposed scheme be over-ruled and the bus stop relocated in order to:

- a) reduce congestion and delay on the busy A62 Leeds Road corridor; and
- b) create a safer highway layout