

Report for Resolution

Report to Norwich Highways Agency Committee
22 January 2009

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Report of Head of Transportation and Landscape

Subject Bus Stop Clearways

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the new legislation relating to bus stop clearways, to seek approval to introduce clearway markings at all existing marked bus stops within Norwich and to adopt a consistent approach to bus stops in Controlled Parking Zones

Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to

- (1) note that marked bus stops no longer require a traffic regulation order to make them legally enforceable;
- (2) agree that all existing marked bus stops are upgraded to include a clearway line and a no stopping except buses sign;
- (3) agree that in future bus stop cages, clearways and no stopping signs should be provided in locations where parking is likely to obstruct the bus stop.

Financial Consequences

The cost of funding this work will be met through the Local Transport Plan budget.

Strategic Priority and Outcome/Service Priorities

The report helps to meet the strategic priority “Strong and prosperous city – working to improve quality of life for residents, visitors and those who work in the city now and in the future” and the service plan priority of delivering the LTP.

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Background Documents

Survey details

Report

Background

1. Recently, the legislation related to bus stops has changed so that all bus stops that are marked on the ground by means of a bus cage, a clearway line and a no stopping except buses sign can be enforced without the need for the previously required traffic regulation order. The guidance states that all existing bus cages should now include the clearway line and no stopping sign, as shown on the plan attached as appendix 1.

Work Required


2. In Norwich there are 519 bus stops, with 177 of these being marked with a bus cage. Of that 177, 109 are marked with a bus cage, a clearway line and a no stopping sign, so that they can be legally enforced without a traffic regulation order.
3. Of the remainder, 25 are missing the no stopping sign only, 4 are missing the clearway line and 27 are missing both. It is suggested that all of these are corrected so that they can be legally enforced. The list of locations affected is attached as appendix 2. The estimated cost of this is £10,000

Bus Stops with No Bus Cages


4. Currently there is no consistent approach as to when bus cages are provided at bus stops. Marking all bus stops in the City with bus cages is not considered to be practical, as it would cost in excess of £125k. It would present an on going maintenance liability for refreshing the lines, and in the residential areas with narrower roads, would be visually intrusive
5. As part of the Growth Project commitment to improving public transport in the south-west sector, it has been agreed to mark out all bus stops on the Earlham Road and Dereham Road corridors. This helps guarantee that the kerbside space is available for buses to stop in the correct position to align themselves with the DDA kerbs. It also has the added benefit of generally making the stops more visible.
6. Consideration has been given to adopting this approach across all bus stops on the A and B class road network. However this would involve marking an additional 99 bus stops at a cost of approx £40k. Many of those stops are on existing double yellow lines, and therefore they are unlikely to be obstructed by parked cars. Instead it is suggested that only stops that are not currently protected by double yellow lines, and where parking is likely to occur are marked. The list of affected stops is attached as appendix 3. The estimated cost of this is £5k
7. In future it is recommended that new bus cages should be provided when bus stops are likely to be obstructed by parking.

Appendix 1 – Required Signing and Lining


appendix 1



**19 metre Bus Cage
& Clearway to diagram
1025.1**



**No stopping sign
to diagram 1025.1**



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<p>Title City Wide Bus Stop Clearways</p> <p>Bus Cage, Clearway Line and Sign</p>	Date 12 November 2008	Scale(s) Not to scale					No.	Date	Notes	REVISIONS	Int.	Ctd.
	Drawn By CS	Designed By										
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	DWG. No.						Approved for Issue					

Appendix 2

Sites Requiring a Clearway Line only

	Street	Landmark	Ward
1	Bishop Bridge Road	outside Post Office	Thorpe Hamlet
2	Earlham West Centre	outside School	Bowthorpe
3	Earlham West Centre	outside shops	Bowthorpe
4	Quebec Road	outside No 48	Thorpe Hamlet

Appendix 2

Sites Requiring a Clearway & No Stopping Sign

	Street	Landmark	Ward
1	Astley Road	outside School	Bowthorpe
2	Bishop Bridge Road	opposite Post Office	Thorpe Hamlet
3	Bracondale	opposite Corton Road	Lakenham
4	Bracondale	opposite King Street	Lakenham
5	Bracondale	Conesford Drive	Lakenham
6	Bracondale	opposite Europa Way	Thorpe Hamlet
7	Catton Grove Road	outside No. 78	Catton Grove
8	Chapel Break Road	outside Astley Road	Bowthorpe
9	Chapel Break Road	Bendish Way	Bowthorpe
10	Constitution Hill	Ash Grove	Sewell
11	Constitution Hill	De Caux Road	Sewell
12	Eaton Street	opposite Red Lion	Eaton
13	Fifers Lane	Ives Road	Catton Grove
14	Hall Road	opposite Hewett School Entrance	Lakenham
15	Harpsfield	opposite Village Hall	Bowthorpe
16	Ipswich Road	opposite Maid Marion Road	Lakenham
17	Magdalen Road	Elm Tavern	Sewell
18	Newmarket Road	opposite Judges Walk	Eaton
19	Newmarket Road	The Eagle PH	Town Close
20	Quebec Road	outside No 37	Thorpe Hamlet
21	Surrey Street	outside Notre Dame School	Mancroft
22	The Avenues	Beside The Library	University
23	Unthank Road	Mount Pleasant	Nelson
24	Watling Road	opposite High Rise Flats	Crome
25	Witard Road	opposite Baptist Church	Crome

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Sites Requiring a No Stopping Sign

	Street	Landmark	Ward
1	Angel Road	Elm Grove Lane	Sewell
2	Avenue Road	Pembroke Road	Nelson
3	Avenue Road	opposite Pembroke Road	Nelson
4	Aylsham Road	Penn Grove	Mile Cross
5	Colman Road	opposite Mornington Road	Nelson
6	Drayton Road	Stone Road	Mile Cross
7	Drayton Road	Shorncliffe Avenue	Mile Cross
8	Drayton Road	opposite Wensum Park	Mile Cross
9	Heigham Street	opposite Orchard Street	Mancroft
10	Heigham Street	opposite The Dolphin PH	Mancroft
11	Heigham Street	opposite Wingate Way	Mancroft
12	Heigham Street	Black Horse Street	Mancroft
13	Heigham Street	Causeway Close	Mancroft
14	Heigham Street	Orchard Street	Mancroft
15	Heigham Street	Wingate Way	Mancroft
16	Ipswich Road	City College	Town Close
17	Ipswich Road	opposite City College	Town Close
18	Ipswich Road	opposite Ipswich Grove	Town Close
19	Magdalen Road	opposite Elm Tavern PH	Sewell
20	Munnings Road	opposite Springfield Road	Crome
21	Newmarket Road	opposite The Eagle PH	Town Close
22	Plumstead Road	opposite Vincent Road	Crome
23	Sprowston Road	opposite Bell Road	Catton Grove
24	Sprowston Road	Wall Road	Catton Grove
25	Thorpe Road	opposite Station	Thorpe Hamlet
26	Thorpe Road	outside Station	Thorpe Hamlet
27	Thorpe Road	Matlock Road	Thorpe Hamlet

Appendix 2
A & B Class Road Sites

	Street	Landmark	Ward
1	Aylsham Road	opposite Penn Grove	Mile Cross
2	Colman Road	opposite Jessop Road	University
3	Colman Road	Romany Rye PH	University
4	Colman Road	The Farmhouse Public House	Eaton
5	Colman Road	outside St. Annes Church	University
6	Colman Road	near roundabout	University
7	Colman Road	Elizabeth Fry Road	University
8	Colman Road	Highland Road	Nelson
9	Colman Road	Jessop Road	University
10	Colman Road	Lound Road	University