

## **Note of meeting**

**Date:** 27/10/15

**Attendance:** Michael Deadman (Mode), Paul Gray (Grayline), Chris Johnson (Bicester Town Council), Anthony Kirkwood (Oxfordshire County Council), Will Pedley (OCC), David Taylor (OCC)

### **Manorsfield Road Bus Stop**

CJ: Raised concerns about congestion and suggested that it would be inappropriate / undesirable for laying over at the proposed new stop, but that as long as this wouldn't happen he would not object to a new stop in this location.

PG: Stated that the buses would not lay over at this stop and could either lay over at Bicester Village Station or at bus stand 6 (on the opposite side of Manorsfield Road).

AK: Raised concern about the potential dangers of pedestrians crossing at various points along the road, especially due to the obstructions of buses in the stands and the bend of the road resulting in poor visibility both for pedestrians and vehicles.

WP: Reported that both John Croxton (Thames Valley Police) and Cllr Waine raised concerns over the possibility that other bus services might want to use this stop.

DT: Confirmed that there is not any specific mechanism by which this usage could be restricted.

CJ: Suggested that the residents of Hanover Gardens should be notified about the stop.

**Action:** WP to draft letter and send out to relevant addresses.

DT: Suggested that the pole and flag should be located at the back of the shared footway/cycle path in the approximate location as identified in figure 1 (see overleaf).

AK: Suggested that because the footway is shared with cyclists that it might be advisable to paint give way markings if the stop becomes a more permanent fixture.

CJ: Noted that the tree (which can be seen on the left of figure 1) ought to be cut back as it would cause a visual obstruction to the flag and is overhanging the path.

**Action:** WP to contact OCC Trees team.

CJ: Also stated that he has no objection to the implementation of bus shelters at the Bicester Village Station forecourt, assuming that they have space for advertisements and therefore can be maintained by the advertisement provider or possibly by Bicester Village.

**Action:** WP to follow up and establish when shelters will be provided and by whom etc.

**Decision:** A bus stop will be provided on Manorsfield Road (northbound) at the approximate location shown on figure 1. The flag will bear the stop number 8. Following the various pedestrian safety and traffic obstruction concerns raised, the location of the stop will be monitored by all concerned through observation and periodic checks, rather than formal surveys. The ongoing suitability of this stop location will be reviewed following the first

occupation of the 50<sup>th</sup> dwelling or six months from the start of the service as per the S106 agreement.

**Note:** at this juncture Anthony K. and Chris J. left as they did not need to participate in the subsequent discussions.

### **Bicester Village Station Bus Stop**

PG: Raised concerns about the potential for traffic congestion along Station Approach and the impact that this would have on service reliability. Also raised concerns over the turning radii and the possibility that this would restrict vehicle egress from the bus stops provided.

**Action:** WP to discuss turning radii with Brian Short (Major Projects Engineer).

ALL: the relocation of bus stops on the London Road south east of the railway line was discussed.

PG: Expressed a preference to use these stops rather than those at Station Approach.

**Action:** PG/MD to provide a map of the route showing the agreed stop locations.

**Decision:** It was agreed that the stops on London Road would be used in the first iteration of the Exemplar site service. This arrangement will be reviewed at the same time as the Manorsfield Road stop.

**Figure 1: Approximate location of Manorsfield Road bus stop pole and flag**

