

Appendix B Correspondence received and officer's comments

B.1 Comments from: A resident of Beck Road (word for word)	Officer's Comments
<p>I am writing with regards to contest certain aspects of the proposed zebra crossing / bus stop move from bellhouse road to beck road.</p> <p>I am in total agreement and support the traffic calming measures, what I do not support is the bus stop move, I am a fulltime single dad to two children and have lived on shirgreen for 34 of my 38 years, I have lived at no [redacted] beck road with my children for 13 years and at my parents address, [redacted] beck road for 21 years previously,</p> <p>First I will explain why I strongly object to the bus stop outside my driveway on the opposite side of the road,</p> <p>Reason 1</p> <p>A few nights a week there are a lot of cars parked up and down our end of beck road outside our house due to a [redacted] family who get a lot of visitors, when I reverse off my drive I have blind spots either side due to parked cars having a bus parked across my driveway even though on opposite side would result in me been blocked in as this bit of beck road is not as wide as the other end where there are currently two bus stops either side and will make it dangerous for me coming off of my drive onto beck road, there was a serious accident recently on nethershire lane where a grandma was reversing off her drive with her grandson and got hit by a drunken speeding idiot , her grandson had serious injuries resulting in round the clock special care i don't want this possibly happening to my children are anyone else's when coming off their drive, which you will increase the dangers on this bit of road, my daughter is currently having checks at hospital for passing out and fitting , have had her to rush her to hospital a few times, I should have clear access onto my drive and off it at all times in case of emergencies such as these.</p>	<p>Locating the bus stop at the proposed location will not block the vehicle access to No. 2 Beck Road. The bus stop is proposed to be located at the other side of the road and the layout has been tested by using the computer programme (autotrack). This shows that vehicle swept paths when turning in and out of the drive will still be possible, even with a vehicle in the parking bay adjacent to the drive. To reverse out would also be possible; however the Highway Code does indicate that vehicles should reverse on to a drive and pull out forwards and even if the bus stop wasn't being proposed the Council would recommend that residents use their drives in this way.</p> <p>Nb. If the driveway is blocked then this is obstruction and the police can be called to deal with the offending vehicle.</p>

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<p>Reason 2, our stretch of beck road is highly dangerous for speeding cars shooting on here at all times of day , it wants some severe speed humps putting on to make safer before someone is killed, I have spoke to my neighbours either side of where the proposed bus stop would be who have drives and them reversing of their drives with bus there is making it highly dangerous for them coming onto beck road from there property's due to speeding cars and blind spots the bus will cause them when picking up passengers</p> <p>Reason 3, I personally do not want the bus stop there as it will give us all near it a lot of grief with constant broken glass, rubbish, trouble causing youths and drunks on weekends, as i have said earlier that part of beck road is narrower than the other end, so the broken glass will be on the road constantly effecting me and my neighbours when coming on and off our drives, I asked the senior engineer Andrew Haywood if he would like a bus stop outside his and his reply was no so I said what gives him the right to cause us residents here who live here daily upset cause that's what it will bring, were the ones who will have to constantly clean it up, and if our tyres are constantly getting damaged you can't always see it in the dark , the council will surely be liable for our new tyres, this is no exaggeration as we see this all the time outside the bus shelter on other side of beck road in front of our house and other bus stops around shiregreen and the city, i am a fulltime single dad struggling to bring up my two children alone , 9years fulltime around 13 and a half years in total that's why I got my property as had them every weekend for 4 years at my current address until i won custody, they do not see their mum through her own choice and have not seen her know for going on 9 years and I lost my beloved mum [REDACTED] to ovarian cancer nearly 4 years ago who was a fantastic community development worker across Sheffield and</p>	<p>An independent road safety audit has considered the proposed new bus stop along with the new crossing and raised no potential safety problems. Following your response we consulted the auditor again and explained your concerns but they remained of the same view, i.e. there were no road safety concerns. Nb. The stop has been proposed in this location so it is far enough away from the junction with Bellhouse Road to not cause any safety issues at the junction. Numerous site visits have also shown that the location proposed is rarely used to park vehicles due to the steep verge.</p> <p>I appreciate you might feel that this may increase your levels of stress and understand that things are not easy for you. However, there won't be a shelter at this new stop. If there is any anti-social behaviour that regularly occurs at the existing bus stop we can pass this information onto the community police officer and ask them if they can give this some attention. I would also say the stop will largely drop off passengers and not pick them up so there won't be a tendency for groups of people to hang around.</p> <p>See response to Point 2 – The design team have assessed the best possible location for the bus stop and due to factors such as safety, access requirements and general parking arrangements we feel this is the best possible location.</p>

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<p>who was very well respected for the amazing work , help and difference she did and made in the Sheffield communities she worked in, some of her councillor friends Joan Barton, David blunkett, Jackie Drayton, and was my only support with the children, my son has special care needs so I have a lot of pressures and stresses to manage constantly in my home life and i can do without this,</p> <p>Reason 4, There is already a problem with parking for some residents at this end of beck road this would take up more room that residents who live here use for parking their cars and don't have the facility of off road parking and the same applies for when friends and family visit residents with their cars</p> <p>Reason 5, Having the bus stops both on this end of beck road will make this section of beck road dangerous for crossing pedestrians when the bus stops as like i say we have it daily with speeding cars on this stretch of beck with drivers who aren't bothered at all who will shoot round the bus when its picking up passengers making this end of beck even more dangerous than it is now as you will be creating added dangers,</p> <p>Reason 6, The bus stop should stay where it is on bellhouse road outside the nursery where it is affecting no residents who live here with regards to above issues, there is a crossing just below on bellhouse road , about 2 mins down which is used daily by parents and children from beck school twice daily with help on this crossing with lollipop man and lady and used often by all pedestrians coming to and from work ect, i know this as walk my children to Eccles field school and collect them every day and we walk our dogs 4 times a day up and down bellhouse road and back and forth on beck road so see this daily, also see the speeding cars up and down bellhouse and back and forth on beck road, here you have a perfectly good crossing ready to go with the dropped kerbs and none slip flags, putting in a new crossing higher up and moving the bus stop is just wasting money on materials when it is not warranted which could be better put into a traffic light crossing on</p>	<p>Although the proposal does remove some on-street parking, site visits have shown that there is spare capacity for parking both on Bellhouse Road and Beck Road (also see response to point 2).</p> <p>The relocated stop will be used predominately for dropping off bus passengers – these are relatively low in numbers for much of the day and therefore the bus will only be stationary for short periods of time.</p> <p>Two surveys were undertaken during the working week to understand where people cross Bellhouse Road, one in the morning from 7am – 10am and one between 2.30pm – 6.30pm. These showed that although a large number do cross at the informal crossing further down with the school crossing patrol (at school opening and closing times), at other times of the day the top side of the junction with Beck Road is the most popular location. The advantages of having the crossing at the top side of Beck Road compared to your suggested location is that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visibility for both pedestrians and drivers is very good,

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<p>this lower existing crossing which would stop traffic and make it a lot safer and more severe speed humps up and down bellhouse road right to the bottom two lots of speed humps is not enough, beck road most definitely requires the same, this is not me rubbishing the proposals its me saying they will not fully work and it's not enough to make it safe and stop these dangerous speeding drivers, safety is paramount here before someone is killed, I know from speaking to neighbours on bellhouse road that a girl has been hit by a car on bellhouse road going down from beck road, a cars hit a tree lower down where theres a blind bend which they constantly fly round, and we have personally seen 3 or 4 smashes in the past year at the bottom of bellhouse road , i see it day in day out with my children and so do other residents, the zebra crossing will not always stop the speeding drivers as i have witnessed it myself and so have neighbours i have spoken to on the nethershire shops zebra crossing higher up bellhouse road where cars have not stopped, the proposed speed humps are a waste of time as these type of speed humps the majority of drivers drive straight over them not slowing down seen it done all the time and been in taxis going on lane top Southey green road, Hartley brook road , sicey avenue ect, it wants some severe ones some of them are good on higher bit off sicey avenue and nethershire lane where the humps meet the road but not all , my neighbour across the road made a good point about the thinner severe ones they have in supermarkets and at meadowhall that would go all the way across the road, these would not be as wide so would cost less and would work as they would cause damage to there cars if they did not slow down, beck road is just as dangerous and its a blessing no ones been hit and seriously hurt and killed, my parents house is across from beck school and have experienced this directly when a car came tearing over the brow of the hill and nearly went straight into us, i feel really strongly about this , have talked to residents on beck road and bellhouse road and they feel the same, i have been and seen the head teacher at beck school where my children used to go and he</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the absence of trees makes the lighting levels better, and • the gradient to the crossing is relatively flat in comparison so would be easier and less problematic for the elderly / those with disabilities. • it allows us to narrow down the exit / entry to Mason Lathe Road which is currently very wide and so have a positive impact on road safety. <p>Our independent road safety team have undertaken a road safety audit of the proposals and no road safety concerns were raised in regards to the proposed location. It is intended that the existing school crossing patrol will move to the new zebra location whilst the existing informal crossing further down will remain with the proposed speed cushions located just before it. We have talked to the school crossing patrol team and they have no problems with the proposed change of crossing location.</p>

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<p>is in agreement with regards to safety measures been put in place on beck road , i have asked him to e mail you, and he is putting a copy of the letter and plan you sent me in the school reception for parents, i am currently contacting my mum's councillor friends to ask them to support me in this, and still speaking to residents and neighbours on bellhouse and beck road , ones i have spoken to aren't happy and want it making as safe as possible, some have said they will contact you directly , others have asked me to get a petition done and they will sign it, not everyone has internet access.</p> <p>Reason 7, Why have not all the residents on bellhouse road from beck down to the bottom not had letters and been asked as this is where the accidents have been, why have not all residents of the end section of beck road been asked there opinions, and why have the local school beck and parents not been asked of their opinions to what will make it SAFER and better , we are the ones who live here and have to deal with this, these two roads ,are highly dangerous for all surrounding residents and passing pedestrians due to excessive speeding at all times of day and night</p> <p>Reason 8, I have worked hard on my property and spent a lot of money on the outside gardens , drive and inside and so have neighbours, i am a bricklayer by trade and worked in the building industry for 15 years and know that having a bus stop outside your home can affect the value of the property and put off a lot of prospective buyers</p> <p>This letter is ultimately about making this safer for residents and passing pedestrians and not giving existing residents problems and making things even more dangerous for us with regards to change of bus stop</p> <p>Thank you for your time and would appreciate a response</p>	<p>The consultation letter and plan was delivered to 60 properties both on Bellhouse Road and Beck Road. On street notices were erected, providing further information for anyone passing through the area or catching the bus, and there was also an advert placed in the Sheffield Star newspaper. The emergency services have been consulted as well as local Councillors. The Council consider the extents of the consultation to be adequate and proportionate to the scheme proposed.</p> <p>The relocated stop will be used predominately for dropping off bus passengers – these are relatively low in numbers and therefore the bus will only be stationary for short periods of time throughout the day. This is unlikely to have any effect on the value of your property.</p>

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Hi I live at number [REDACTED] Beck road, have been looking at your plans to move the bus stop and put in a zebra crossing, this I think you are doing wrong as most parents cross further down but not as far as the lollipop man, also the bus is a bad idea as it's going to cause blind spots for them with drives and number [REDACTED] is planning to have one put in, this road is bad as it is with accidents it also gets very busy with cars parked, have you spoke to parents and use that live on the street , I have and nearly everyone is saying it's in the wrong place , I would do a proper meeting were people can tell you what they think is the best. Thank you, hope to hear from you soon.

Officer's Comments**Bellhouse Road – Proposed Zebra Crossing**

Thank you for your comments regarding the proposals for the new zebra crossing on Bellhouse Road and new bus stop location on Beck Road. I will explain the reasoning behind the scheme and also comment on your suggestion for an alternative crossing position as well as the safety/access issues you raise over the proposed new bus stop location.

Proposed Zebra Crossing Location

Two surveys were undertaken during the working week to understand where people cross Bellhouse Road, one in the morning from 7am – 10am and one between 2.30pm – 6.30pm. These showed that although a large number do cross at the informal crossing further down with the school crossing patrol (at school opening and closing times), at other times of the day the top side of the junction with Beck Road was the most popular location.

The advantages of having the crossing at the top side of Beck Road compared to your suggested location is that,

- visibility for both pedestrians and drivers is very good,
- the absence of trees makes the lighting levels better, and
- the gradient to the crossing is relatively flat in comparison so would be easier and less problematic for the elderly / those with disabilities.
- it allows us to narrow down the exit / entry to Mason Lathe Road which is currently very wide and so have a positive impact on road safety.

Our independent road safety team have undertaken a road safety audit of the proposals and no road safety concerns were raised in regards to the proposed location.

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B.2 Comments from: A resident of Beck Road (word for word)**Officer's Comments****Proposed Bus Stop Location**

The independent road safety audit also considered the proposed new bus stop with the new crossing and raised no potential safety problems. Following your response we consulted the auditor again and explained your concerns but they remained of the same view ,i.e. there were no road safety concerns.

Nb. The stop has been proposed in this location so it is far enough away from the junction with Bellhouse Road to not cause any safety issues at the junction. Numerous site visits have also shown that the location proposed is rarely used to park vehicles due to the steep verge. If other nearby residents want to apply for a drive and dropped vehicle crossing they are still entitled to do so and approval may still be granted even if it is within the extents of the new stop.

In conclusion we are happy that we have considered all possible locations for the zebra crossing both uphill and downhill from Beck Road as well as the impact of the new bus stop and so do not propose to change our proposals. However your comments and our response with our recommendations will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport in due course, see Next steps below.

Next steps:

The comments received during the consultation together with our recommendations will be reported to the Councils Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport at a future meeting of the Highways Cabinet Member Decision Session (HCMD) which is likely to be in June / July. As soon as the date has been fixed I will notify you of when the meeting is to take place and what the arrangements are for you to attend should you wish to do so.

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