

# STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Monday, 29 January 2024

**Title:** Request for Bus Shelter

**Contact Officer:** Head of Estates and Operations – Mark Lewis

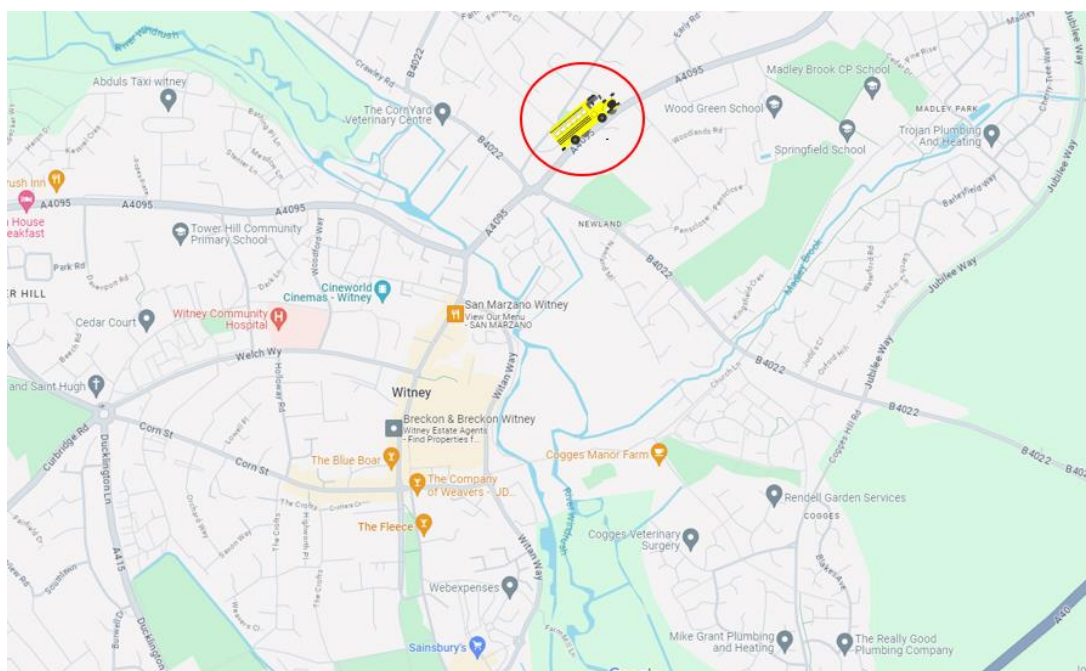
## Background

In accordance with WTC policy and procedures all requests for bus shelters will be brought to the attention of the Council for consideration.

## Current Situation

A request has been made to WTC via email. (See Appendix A)

The location of the bus stop in question is detailed on the map below.



The current bus stop photos.



The Parish Transport Representative has kindly provided the following information:

The only service currently serving this stop is the S7 to Woodstock, Kidlington and Oxford which runs every 30 minutes 7 days a week.

An old rustic style bus stop marks the stop with the addition of a flag saying S7 Stagecoach mounted to a nearby lamppost as it would be impossible to mount on the rustic bus stop which may be leading to some confusion.



Part of a timetable case is resting at the bottom of the rustic bus stop but with no bus time information. The bus stop opposite is unmarked but mainly used to drop off only. There has never been a shelter and in a conservation area this might be difficult to install.

Usage from this stop has grown significantly since the 233 became the S7. It is now common for someone to board there however maybe one person on average per service. I do not have precise information for the stop but base this figure on my own observations regularly using the service.

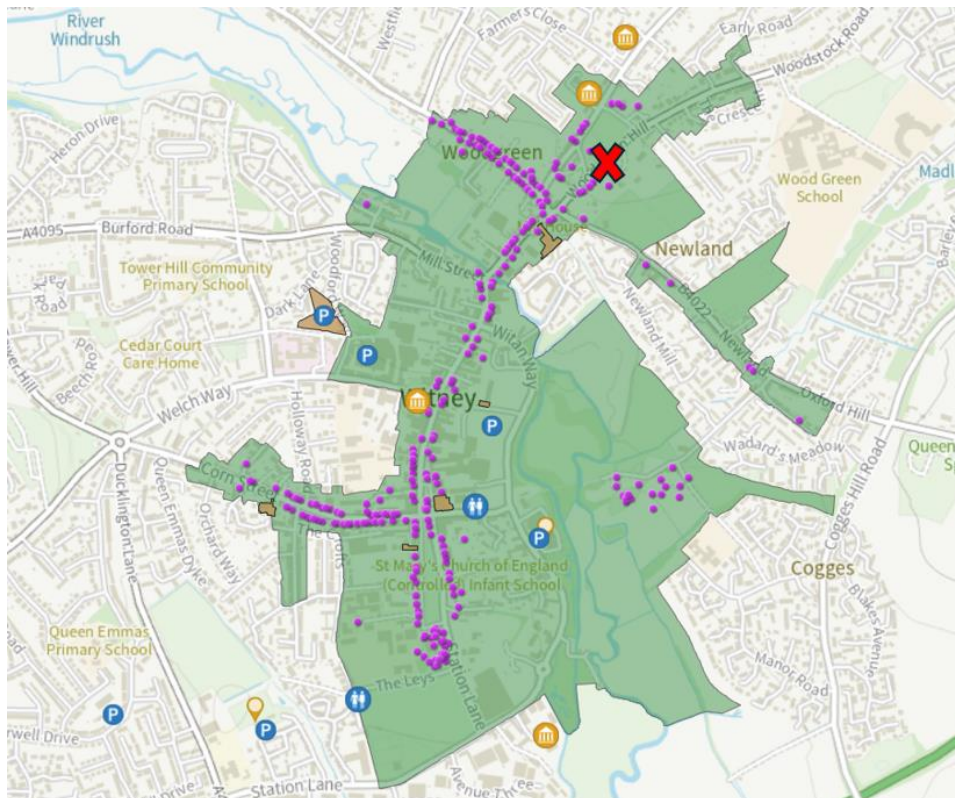
As it is a long-established bus stop on a busy bus route it would be reasonable to request that a new or restored timetable case be attached to the bus stop and the correct timetable information provided. The S7 is partly funded by Oxfordshire County Council and Estelle Manor and the lack of timetable information is uncommon for that route. The timetable would also show information for the stop on the opposite side of the road Witney bound.

### Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Replacing car journeys with public transport can help reduce CO2 emissions by 42% if using the bus.

The requested bus shelter falls within Witneys conservation area which should be taken into consideration.



**Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Consideration should always be given to any anti-social behaviour this may create and neighbouring properties and maintaining WTC's reputation in providing vital services to the town.

This is a single request and may not be considered the highest priority for a bus shelter in Witney.

**Financial implications**

Described here or as stated in the report above.

The typical cost for a bus shelter is in the region of £7,500 which exceeds WTC's street furniture infrastructure budget.

**Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. Response to requisitioner for the bus shelter
2. Actions for WTC going forward