

STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 3 June 2024

Title: Marriott's Bus Shelter

Contact Officer: Deputy Town Clerk

Background

The ownership of the redundant bus shelter at Marriott's Walk has been disputed for a number of years and is now beyond repair.



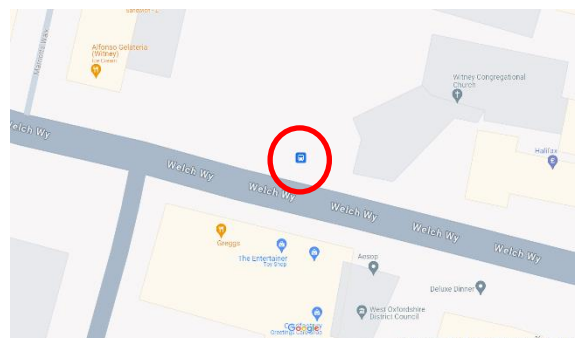
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Current Situation

There have been various attempts to bring the bus shelter into use, to remove it completely or use it for another purpose which have not come to fruition.

Following representation from a resident with mobility issues, Oxfordshire County Council have contacted the Town Council and agreed to:

- Remove and dispose of the shelter outside Caffe Nero and make good that area,
- Install a new shelter (where the arrows are) against the wall at the 'official' Marriotts Walk bus stop below and install a new pole at the approach end of the shelter



OCC have suggested the shelter should be the same style as installed at Staple Hall, but with ends since there is ample footway width and solid upper panels since it will be located against the wall. The replacement bus stop pole and flag will be the OCC Premium specification, like the other stops in the centre of Witney.



Staple Hall stop (for information)

The Colour will be the same colours as the newly installed High Street stop – black and high viz green. Town Council officers have advised OCC to contact the District Council’s conservation office.

The bus operators confirmed to OCC that they do pick up passengers at this stop.

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.

An additional sedum roof stop in the centre of Witney will help biodiversity, promote bus travel and make it more appealing for residents.

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.

Financial implications

Described here or as stated in the report above.

- OCC will pay the full cost of these works
- The town council will accept responsibility for maintenance of the new shelter after installation

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and inclusion to the Town Council’s bus shelter portfolio.