



- **Electric vehicle charging and access** – As you know the government plans to ban petrol diesel and hybrid vehicles in less than 15 years. Also, the Witney town and district council have pledged to be carbon neutral 2030. As a young couple it brings us no greater pleasure to see our council and government in support of this. Myself and Lottie are lucky enough to have access to a car scheme from my employer the BMW Group which has several electric vehicles available. Although due to not having access for an electric vehicle charging station we are unable to safely charge the vehicle on our property. With our proposed parking location we would be able to construct a charging station and be able to meet the councils and governments carbon neutral pledge. Ref article (<https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/17735340.councils-pledge-fight-climate-change/>)
- **Parking congestion on Corn Street** – As you know parking on Corn street can be very limited as residents, workers and shoppers regularly park along the street. By having an internal driveway this would allow us to not have an impact on the current parking availability on the street.
- **Safety Concerns** – Currently as seen in the image, there are two bus stops almost directly opposite each other. I have witnessed when two buses are stopped at these locations cars begin driving through the gap causing near misses between cars and pedestrians who are coming off the bus.



Requested bus stop for relocation

After carrying out further research on this I found information on the government planning website (<https://www.planningni.gov.uk/downloads/busstop-designguide.pdf>) which states as follows: “ Safety and sightline considerations suggest a minimum separation of three bus lengths (36m), with the stops positioned in such a way that the buses stop ‘tail to tail’ and move off away from each other (See Diagram 3c).”. As you can see from my image the separation is around 2-3 meters.

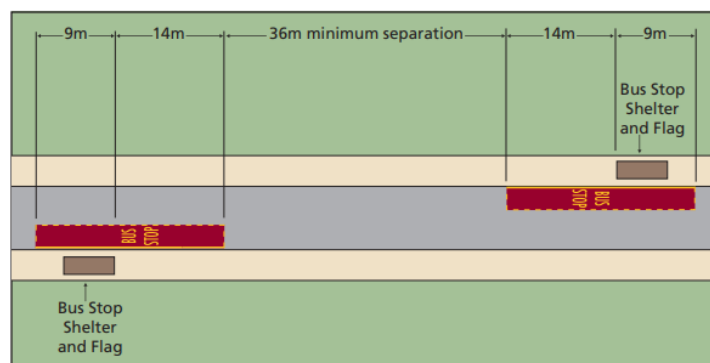
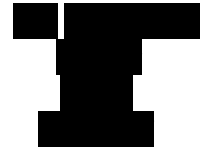


Diagram 3c – Bus stops on opposite sides of a two-lane carriageway



- **Traffic and further safety issues** – Around 20m prior to the bus garage bus stop the stagecoach buses stop on the double yellow lines multiple times a day (as seen in the image). Meaning when both/one of the opposite bus stops mentioned previously causes congestion coming off the roundabout. As seen in the image a near miss between vehicles and an elderly couple due to the buses not having a suitable location to stop outside the bus depot and cars racing to get parked the two buses stopped at the same side (the stop seen in the image and the bus garage bus stop that is being requested to be relocated).



Myself and Lottie thank you for taking the time to read through our request and hope you will support us on this matter.

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