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Project - Overview

This report is to assist Witney Town Council in improving existing bus stops at Towers Hill sites by providing information and installation estimates.

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Background

In April 2020 Witney Town Council was notified by Oxfordshire County Council of available S106 funding for Bus Stop improvements within Witney.

Objectives

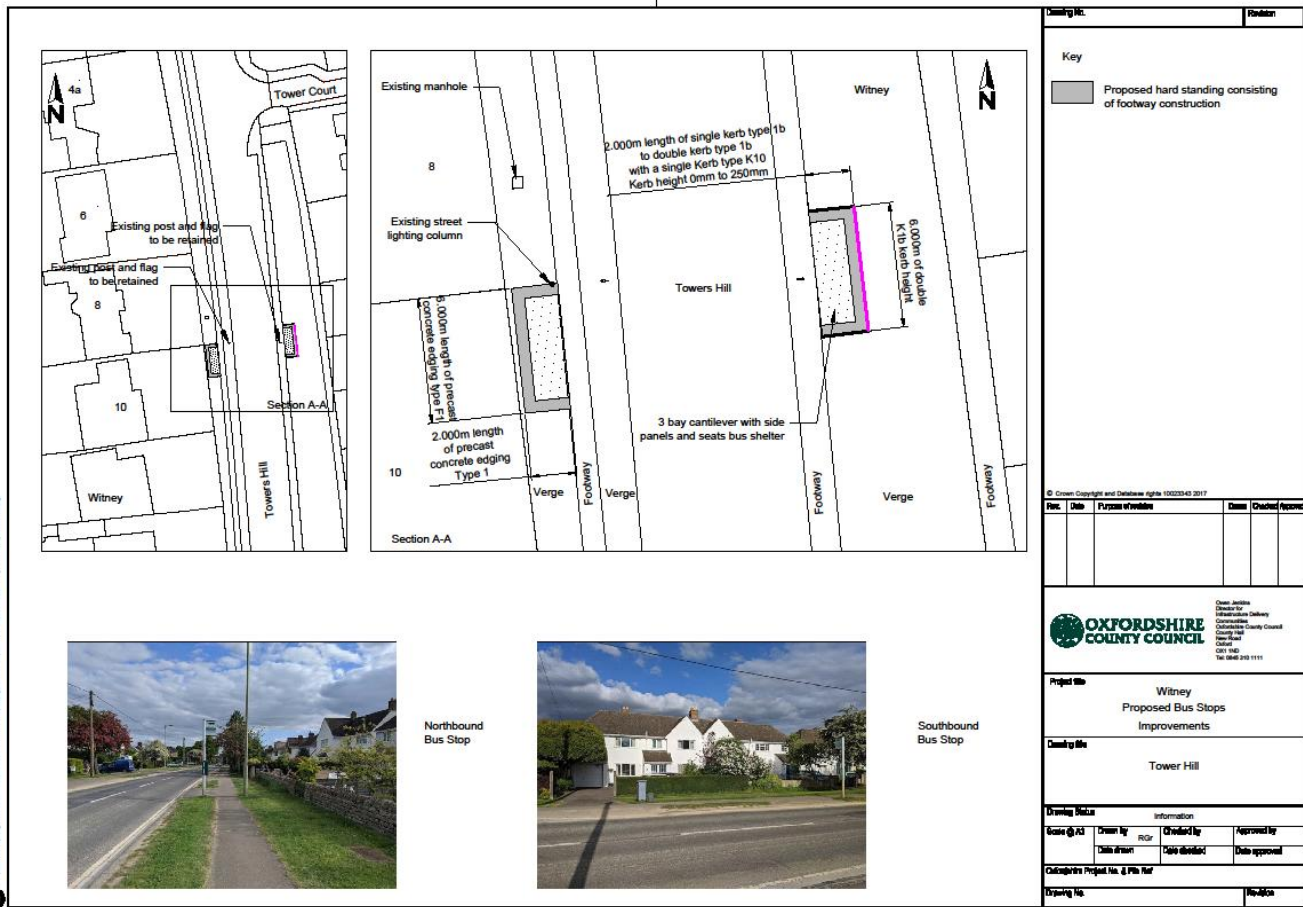
During the initial meeting between Oxfordshire County Council representative and members of the Town Council, it was agreed that Oxfordshire County Council will develop the proposed improvements at bus stops identified by the Town Council and to provide a short report which is to be the basis for further discussion within the Town Council.

The list of features submitted by Witney Town Council members is:

- Ideally, the funds should go towards bus shelters on both sides of the road,
- These shelters should be accessible for disabled users and contain seating
- It would be preferable if the shelters could have real-time information.
- Cycle racks.
- Litter bins at the stops.

Proposed Improvements

Site1 – Tower Hill Bus Stops



These are existing bus stops that are situated in the open and those waiting to bus the bus services are exposed to the weather. Both bus stop shelters are to be installed beside the footway in order not to conflict with the existing footway network in the locality.

Both bus shelters are to have seating within them with the option of Real Time Information being installed later if it is considered appropriate and funds are available.

Normally to prevent any tension between neighbours the shelter is installed on the residential boundary line, so each neighbour has equal amount shelter intrusion from the property which is achievable for the southbound bus stop only.

Unfortunately, due to the site constraints such as the street lighting column and utility manhole access that is to be free from any obstruction at any time forces the location of the shelter to outside one resident on the northbound bus stop. It is anticipated that there will be some objection to the proposal by this resident as the arrangement is not reciprocated as the opposite bus stop.

Estimated cost (both bus stops)

1. 3 bay cantilever shelter & base	£36.0K
2. Pole & flag	£2.5K
3. Real Time Information (solar powered)	£16.0K
4. Cycle racks (toast rack)	£1.5K
5. Waste bins	£1.0K
	£57.0K

Summary

The proposed bus stop improvements are dependent on the funding available should Witney Town Council wish to proceed with the improvements suggested in the report then the following stages will be necessary: -

1. Identify which improvement is to be promoted. There is still an opportunity at this stage to consider additional locations that may benefit from adopting the features put forward within this report.
2. Oxfordshire County Council/ Witney Town Council need to agree and secure the funding for the proposed improvements.
3. Oxfordshire County Council is required to secure permission to proceed with the agreed improvement from the Area Engineer.
4. Upon receiving permission to proceed Oxfordshire County Council is to arrange quotations from a suitable Contractor for the improvements.
5. Oxfordshire County Council/ Witney Town Council need to agree in writing that Witney Town Council shall be responsible for future maintenance of the bus stops
6. Witney Town Council is to employ an approved Contractor to install the agreed improvements, Oxfordshire County Council will provide assistance in providing details of approved contactors and provide 'oversight' inspections during construction should it be considered necessary.

Appendix 1 – An Example

