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Project - Overview

This report is to assist Witney Town Council in improving existing bus stops at Towers Hill Witney 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:

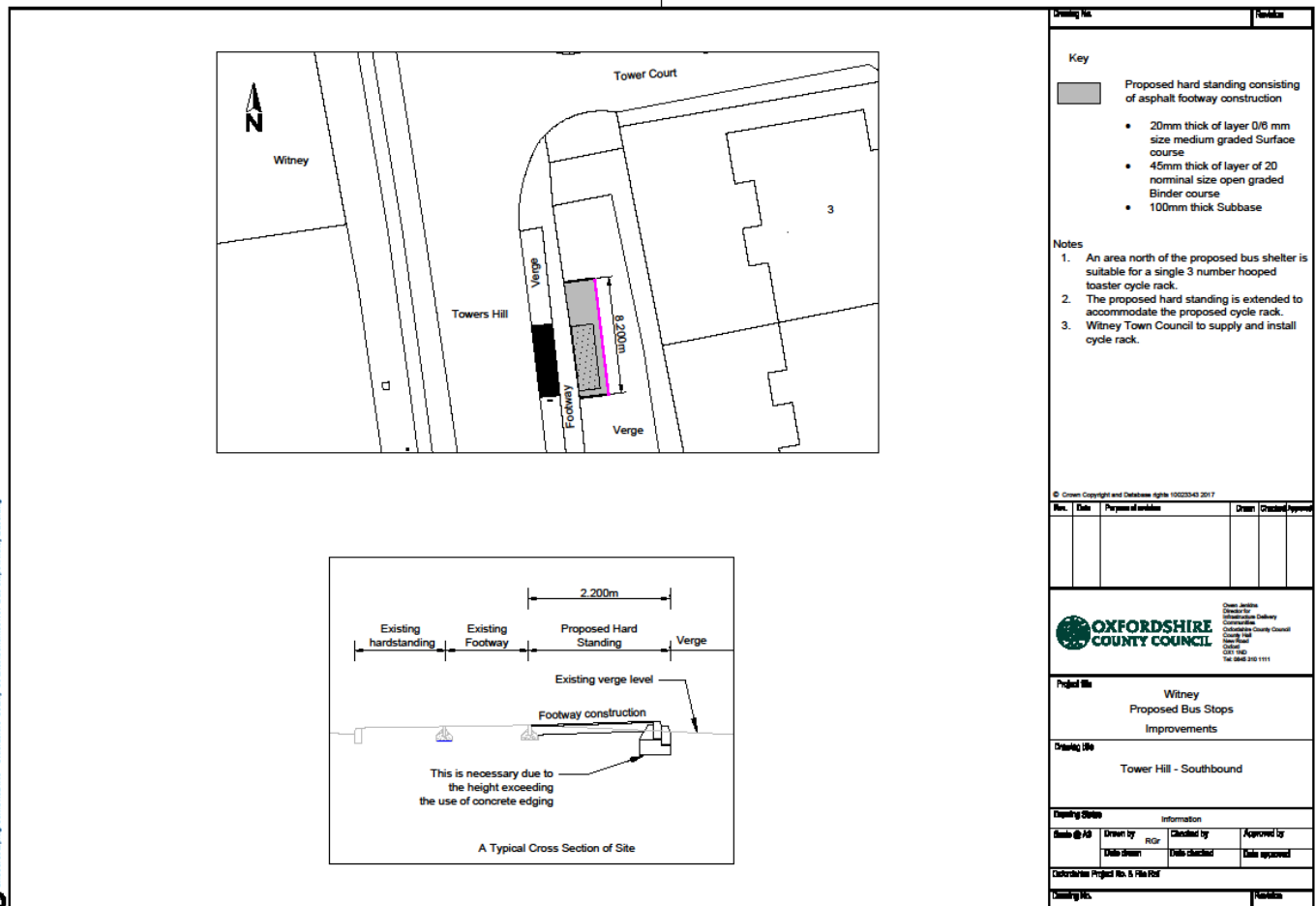
- Ideally, the funds should go towards bus shelters on both sides of the road,
- These shelters should be accessible for disabled users and contain seating
- It would be preferable if the shelters could have real-time information.
- Cycle racks.
- Litter bins at the stops.

On 18 August 2020 a site meeting was held with representatives from Witney Town Council where it was agreed to amend the initial objectives for the following:

- Use funds on the southbound bus stop only due to frequency of use.
- Extend the hard standing to accommodate cycle racks.
- The long side panel of the bus shelter is to face the carriageway to protect waiting bus users from the prevailing westly winds and any spray generated by traffic during wet conditions.

Proposed Improvements

Tower Hill Bus Stop – Southbound



The proposed bus stop shelter is to be installed at the back of the footway in order not to conflict with the existing footway network in the locality.

The bus shelter shall have seating within it with facilities for Real Time Information being installed..

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 and there are mature bushes that will limit the intrusion.

Estimated cost

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| 1. 3 bay cantilever shelter & base | £10.0K |
| 2. Real Time Information (solar powered) | £8.0K |
| 3. Hardstanding extension | £3.0K |
| 4. Waste bin | £0.5K |
| | £21.5K |

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 'over sight' inspections during construction should it be considered necessary.

Appendix 1 – An Example

