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Dear Mr Booth

Re: Proposed Bus Stop Clearway Bus Stop WA1376 [WP 142233] Plan 24

Further to your letter dated 30th November 2007 regarding proposals to implement a clearway for bus stop WA1376 directly outside the majority of our property, we are writing to register and express our concerns and objections to the proposed plans:

1. Prevents the occupants or visitors stopping outside our property as they can do today without preventing the bus from stopping in the bus stop area
2. Prevents the occupants from stopping to drive into our driveway at the side of our property or from reversing out of the driveway to leave our property for any in/out access to our property as we can do today without preventing the bus from stopping in the bus stop area
3. Prevents any collection/drop off by friends of our children outside our property as they can do today without preventing the bus from stopping in the bus stop area
4. The bus stop is actually outside of No. 25 yet the majority of the proposed clearway is outside our property
5. The proposed clearway extends beyond the bus stop with the majority of this over the front of our property
6. We do not feel the existing proposals have given us any consideration as residents of the community and sought to find a working solution acceptable to all parties yet which does not impact residents as a result of its implementation
7. We are concerned on the saleability and impact this will have on our property should the house come to market for sale

In addition, a number of the above points will impact and compromise the quality of our life and that of our children's – they are likely to find themselves excluded from social events if access for pick up / drop off are restricted and other community residents are forced to park in more un-safe places. For example: park across the road and have to cross the road or allow our children to cross alone; park further down the road towards the bend approaching our property. This contradicts the overall road safety scheme for residents of the Council where the overall objective is to improve road safety for all.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course on your plans to accommodate our concerns and objections as residents of the community resulting in alternative plans that find an acceptable solution to all parties – the Council, Buses and Operators and us as Residents of the Community. As input into this, our preferred alternative to your ongoing programme to improve access is below:

- Propose (preferred) move the bus stop from No. 25 to after both No. 41 and Nicola Street thereby the bus stop would not be outside the front of any houses of any residents. We would estimate this to be a reasonably cost neutral solution and would not be intrusive to local residents. The new houses after No. 41 are all fronted onto Shorefield Mount therefore there would be no impact to them for parking.

In addition, consider moving back the clearway on the opposite side of No. 33 to finish at the bus stop rather than overlap where Cars Park in the recess opposite No's 29-33.

This would deliver a win – win solution for all parties.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by email or by post.

Yours sincerely

Mitchell Peet

Delivered by: email on Thursday 27th December to harry.booth@bolton.gov.uk
copy posted separately through Royal Mail Friday 28th December.

From: Peet Mitchell [Mitchell.Peet@uk.fujitsu.com]
Sent: 30 January 2008 18:13
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Subject: RE: Proposed Bus Stop Clearway Bus Stop WA1376 [WP 142233] Plan 24 - concerns and objections

Importance: High

Harry,

Thanks for your visit today with Chris Holt, Norman Critchley and another colleague regarding the above.

During the meeting, I sought to understand what the problem was that the Council were seeking to resolve and if this could be resolved with engagement and education with local residents. I discovered there is no problem but this is part of a wider initiative. This is a surprise as it leaves me wondering why is the Council is doing this if there is no problem to solve and why are we all expending energy and costs debating this as well as causing my wife/I stress worrying about it.

We believe we have offered a win-win solution that is acceptable to all parties in my letter but the Council had already dismissed prior to the meeting and met me with this opening statement that on the basis the Council had spent £7k to lift the pavement outside 23 & 25 Blackburn Road to support embarking and disembarking a bus they will not be moving it. My point here is that the Council seems to be happy to proceed with these plans that impact us without any consideration for this cost/stress that it causes now and will be left with us for the future.

I left the short meeting feeling that while you would take away my points, my underlying view was the Council were happy to proceed and impact us as well as any visiting family/friends by proceeding regardless of the objections we have raised. At this time, we are very disappointed citizens and it leaves me questioning what the Council is providing and how it is helping us. This certainly does not feel like "Welcome to the Family Home" is accordance with the Council slogan.

For the avoidance of any doubt, we confirm that we are not happy with the outcomes and our objections as per the letter dated 27/12/2007 remain unresolved. Please feed this back as input into the Executive Committee as agreed along with the points from my initial letter and those above. As agreed we would like all correspondence in writing rather than verbal please for our records. Can we ask that you advise me once the above has been completed?

We have a couple of questions:

1. Can I/we be in attendance when this is heard by the committee? If so, is this is a listening only capacity or are we/I able to speak?
2. Is the committee decision final?
 - a. Can we appeal – if so, what is the process?
 - b. Is there any scope to take legal advice as part of an appeal/process?
3. When is the next committee meeting and when is it likely to be heard?

Regards
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