

## 2. SUMNER BUS ROUTE – BUS STOPS

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The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council that six new bus stops be installed for the new limited stop Sumner bus route.

The Sumner bus route has been revamped and divided into three. There is to be an extended service to the Mt Pleasant area and there will be two buses running from Sumner into the City. One of these two buses will travel down Ferry Road as the Sumner bus does at present and the other will travel via Linwood Avenue and Gloucester Street with limited stops to serve shops, a school and other services along this route.

The limited stops will serve the Crematorium, Eastgate Mall, Avonside Girls' High School (corner Gloucester Street/ Linwood Avenue) and the Stanmore Road Shopping Area. It is essential that these stops be as close as possible to these facilities. The adjoining owners have been made aware that the stops are required and are only for this service.

The Board, in conjunction with this matter, considered a letter from Mr Graham Purvis of Stanmore Road, expressing his objections to the siting of a bus stop in Gloucester Street adjacent to Stanmore Road. Various concerns were expressed in this letter, including noise, the attraction of unsuitable people into the vicinity of his house, vibration, loss of parking, loss of value for his house, and hazard to waiting bus passengers as there have been a number of accidents at this intersection, with some of these accidents resulting in cars hitting his concrete fence.

The Board considered that the proposed new bus stop was likely to attract only limited patronage and that the possible adverse effects of the new bus stop outlined to the Board by Mr Purvis were unlikely to be realised.

The introduction of this limited stop bus route will improve the bus service from Sumner to the City.

**Recommendation:** That new bus stops be installed at the following locations:

1. On the north east side of Linwood Avenue commencing at a point 67 metres from its intersection with Keighleys Road and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 17 metres.
2. On the south west side of Linwood Avenue commencing at a point 72 metres from its intersection with Hargood Street and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 17 metres.

3. On the north side of Gloucester Street commencing at a point 34 metres from its intersection with Linwood Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 17 metres.
4. On the south side of Gloucester Street commencing at a point 37 metres from its intersection with Linwood Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 17 metres.
5. On the north side of Gloucester Street commencing at a point 6 metres from its intersection with Stanmore Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 15 metres.
6. On the south side of Gloucester Street commencing at a point 6 metres from its intersection with Stanmore Road and extending in a westerly direction for 15 metres.