

4. BUS STOPS - ROLLESTON AVENUE AREA

The Subcommittee met as resolved at its previous meeting with Mr Wayne Holton-Jeffries, Passenger Transport Manager, Environment Canterbury, and Mr Greg Campbell, CEO, Red Bus Company to discuss the problems expressed by residents concerning the bus stops located in this locality.

Mr Holton-Jeffries indicated that Environment Canterbury had recently undertaken a survey to ascertain if any routes could easily be diverted from these stops without significant loss of patronage or revenue but that none were readily apparent.

Mr Campbell indicated that with management they had been able to eliminate bunching of buses using this terminus and they had given instructions to drivers to switch off motors when waiting over. A delay of some three minutes was, however, unavoidable in view of the turbo timers on the bus motors.

The opportunity was taken to discuss the possible options identified at the previous meeting of the Subcommittee ie:

1. Reducing the number of buses using this route.
2. Relocation of terminus in whole or part
3. Re-routing buses via Hereford Street
4. Noise mitigation
5. Use of other parking areas as bus layovers

It was noted that the Lichfield/Tuam Street one-way swap would provide the longer term solution to the problems being experienced but that in the short term an alternative option might be to relocate part of the terminus to the Hereford/Montreal Street area which could reduce loading on the existing stops by some 50%.

It was **decided**:

1. That Environment Canterbury and Red Bus Company would undertake further investigations into this option and report back to a meeting of the Subcommittee to be held on Thursday 5 July.
2. That the Land Transport Subcommittee be requested to investigate and expedite the Lichfield/Tuam Street one-way system swap.