

2. NORTH-EAST BUS SERVICE REVIEW - ADDITIONAL BUS STOPS - ROOKWOOD AVENUE AND BOWER AVENUE

Mr Nigel Soper, owner of the properties at 67 to 69 Rookwood Avenue, attended at the invitation of the Subcommittee to express his concerns regarding the installation of a bus stop outside the above properties. Mr Soper indicated these related to the following points:

1. Location of bus stop outside a motor vehicle entrance to the properties (no 69).
2. The fact that no consultation had been held with the occupiers of 71 Rookwood Avenue.
3. That the bus stop was located potentially outside four properties allowing for any future subdivision of number 67.
4. That the bus stop was located too close to the Bower Avenue roundabout and thus presented a traffic hazard.
5. That there were already car parking problems in this locality and that location of a bus stop would exacerbate this.
6. That this was a new stop and he had not been aware of the possibility of a bus stop when he purchased the properties.
7. The location of a bus stop would cause loss of value of the properties.
8. Other bus stops were located not far away.
9. The tenants in the properties at 67 and 69 Rookwood were opposed to the installation of a bus stop.
10. The bus patrons outside 69 Rookwood were sitting on a low wall causing damage to this with rubbish being deposited.
11. He believed that bus patrons may have been responsible for vandalism to his letterbox at number 67.
12. The bus when stopped would be over a fire hydrant.

Following discussion with Mr Soper the Subcommittee considered that the concerns expressed by Mr Soper would be met to some degree by relocation of the bus stop from no 69 to no 67 Rookwood Avenue with a new post and sign. This would then mean that the motor vehicle accessway to no 67 would not be obstructed and was in accordance with the wish expressed by Mr Soper that his preference would be for relocation in this manner if the bus stop could not be shifted to a completely new location.

It was not considered that the other concerns expressed by Mr Soper were significant enough to warrant complete removal of the bus stop from this location which was installed to service shops and a nearby medical centre.

The Subcommittee **decided** that the existing bus stop be relocated to outside 67 Rookwood Avenue with a new post and sign and that a letter be sent to Mr Soper commenting on the reasons for this in relation to the issues raised by him with the Subcommittee.