

9. REMOVAL OF BUS STOP – LINWOOD AVENUE

Charles Manning reports:

As part of the recent re-organisation of routes a bus stop on Linwood Avenue in the vicinity of Wanstead Place and Linrose Retirement Village has been removed, because the Bromley bus no longer uses that portion of Linwood Avenue. This has meant that residents are now around 400 metres from their nearest bus stop on Hargood Street.

The Sumner-City bus via Linwood Avenue now uses this route but is an express service. However it would be a relatively simple matter for the bus stop to be reinstated for use on this route. It would cause a slight delay to the express service, but the alternative is to leave a group of people with a higher than usual dependence on public transport with considerable difficulties in accessing the service.

I suspect that when the Board supported the proposed route changes, they had no evidence on bus stops before them, and believed that existing Linwood Avenue users would be served by the re-routed Sumner service.

Recommendation: *That the Board take the necessary measures to replace the last bus stop.”*

The Area Engineer is preparing some comments on this proposal for the guidance of the Board. These comments will be circulated to Board members with this report.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: For discussion