

12. FERRY ROAD – BUS SHELTER

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The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to support the installation of an Adshel bus shelter in Ferry Road.

Both the Area Engineer, Linwood and the Assistant Planner have received numerous requests for the installation of a shelter at the inbound bus stop outside 260 Ferry Road.

The inbound bus stop outside 260 Ferry Road is a stop that serves a large catchment area and is opposite a Council housing facility. A passenger count was carried out in February 2000 over a three day period. A total of 188 people used the stop. 87 people caught the bus from this stop on the Tuesday and on the Saturday there were 49 patrons.

Following the passenger count, the property owner for the car sales business at 260 Ferry Road was consulted about the installation of the shelter. His response was very negative and he asked that a site further west be investigated.

Council Officers and a representative from Environment Canterbury visited the site and investigated the options of moving the bus stop west of its present position.

It is not possible to move the stop because of gateways, a takeaway business, and post boxes. At the Barber Street intersection is a “Postshop” and associated post boxes. The result of moving it to here would be vehicles parked on the stop and this is close to the end of the solid median, thus creating a squeeze point for cyclists and traffic. The other site outside the takeaway business would also have created parking issues as this business has no on-site parking available.

The present site from a traffic view point is ideal. There are broken yellow no stopping lines from the intersection of Grafton Street across the car sales driveway which creates an excellent run in for the bus and a no stopping restriction across the driveway to the west of the bus stop creates a good run out for the bus. The business at this site has off street parking available. This position is also the closest to the Council housing opposite.

The site meets the criteria set out in the public transport strategy for the installation of a bus shelter containing advertising.

The property owner has been approached again now that the alternatives have been investigated. He has made it extremely clear that he does not wish to see a shelter installed on this site. The concerns raised by the owner have been the detrimental effects the shelter is likely to create for his business as potential customers will be unable to see his merchandise. (A colour photo of the type of shelter proposed to be installed will be made available at the Board Meeting.)

As no agreement can be reached with the property owner a hearing will need to held before a shelter can be installed

A second passenger count has been carried out during August and the results confirm that this site is a very well used bus stop. It serves a large catchment area and many patrons are elderly. A shelter at this site would be well used by bus patrons.

Recommendation : That the Board support the installation of an Adshel advertising shelter outside the property at 260 Ferry Road.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** For discussion