

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee North Warwickshire Area Committee

Date of Committee 14th September 2005

Report Title Atherstone Bus Station Improvements

Summary The bus station in Atherstone forms a key interchange point for the network of bus services in North Warwickshire. The facilities are in need of improvement to cater for the increased number of bus passengers in the area. This report details the proposed improvements and asks the Area Committee to approve the plans.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? Yes/No

Background Papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

- Other Committees North Warwickshire Area Committee – 30th March 2005
- Local Member(s) Councillor Mrs A Forwood – Good design and will lift up what has become a run down part of Atherstone.
(With brief comments, if appropriate)
- Other Elected Members Councillor R Sweet – no comments received.
- Cabinet Member Councillor M Heatley – for information.
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive
- Legal K Scales – agreed.

- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils North Warwickshire Borough Council
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet Report seeking permission to apply to the Regulatory Committee for planning consent.
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

North Warwickshire Area Committee

14th September 2005

Atherstone Bus Station Improvements

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

Recommendation

That the Area Committee endorses the details of the scheme in this report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The bus station at Atherstone forms the main focus for a number of bus routes that link North Warwickshire to other towns and Atherstone to the surrounding villages.
- 1.2 The bus station received new shelters and paving some years ago but these are now in need of replacement. The number of passengers using the bus station is likely to increase as routes to the new Coleshill Interchange and Nuneaton are developed further.
- 1.3 Area Committee supported the proposal to improve the bus station at Atherstone where the local transport Plan proposals for North Warwickshire were considered at the 30th March 2005 meeting of this Committee.

2. The Proposed Scheme

- 2.1 In order to make the bus station an attractive place for passengers to wait for bus services the following improvements are proposed:-
 - (i) A large new bus shelter which will be fully enclosed with full lighting, sliding doors and seating. Negotiations are underway with the District Council to agree that their cleansing department patrols will lock the shelter up in the early evening at the same time as the adjacent public toilets to prevent inappropriate use;
 - (ii) An attached undercover waiting area with lighting and seating would be provided for use when the main shelter is closed;

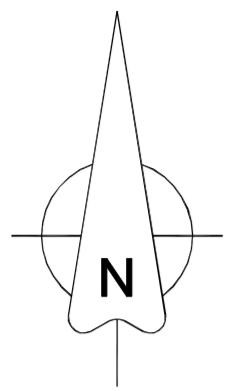
- (iii) Raised and widened kerbs to allow easier access to buses. In addition to ensure easy access to the bus stop, the lowering of kerbs, where needed, to provide a step free route to the bus stop, is also being investigated;
 - (iv) Extra seating and public information boards for the benefit of bus passengers;
 - (v) Subject to the funds allocated for the scheme, provision of CCTV and a public address system to deter anti-social behaviour will be introduced.
- 2.2 The plan attached as **Appendix A** details the proposed improvement. It is proposed that the waiting room and shelter structures are dark blue in colour.
- 2.3 The Borough Council has been consulted in respect of the proposal and have expressed their support.
- 2.4 It is intended that a planning application for the scheme will be made in due course. The Area Committee's views on the scheme will help inform the application.

3. Funding

- 3.1 £75,000 has been allocated to the scheme from the Local Transport Plan funding in 2005/2006.
- 3.2 The maintenance of the bus waiting room and associated shelter will be undertaken by the contractor who secures the County-wide bus shelter maintenance contract which is due to be considered by Cabinet in September.

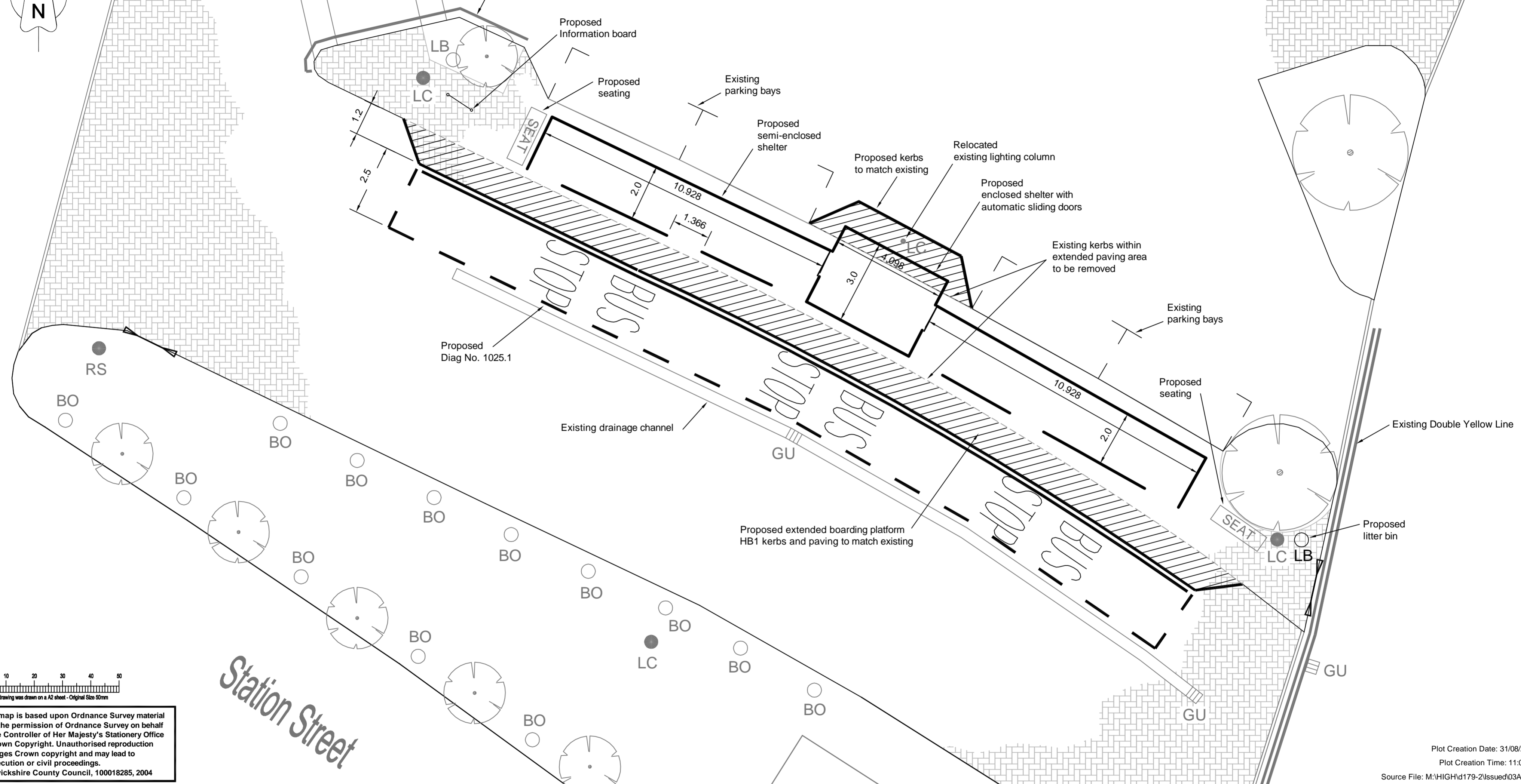
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24th August 2005




Car Park

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 1. All dimensions are in metres unless shown otherwise.
 2. All existing lighting columns, trees and street furniture to remain unless shown otherwise.
 3. All existing road markings to remain unless shown otherwise.



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Appendix A