

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee

Date of Committee 13 November 2007

Report Title Warwick Bus Station - Outcome of Public Consultation

Summary A public consultation exercise on the final layout of the proposed Warwick Bus Station has been conducted. Warwick Area Committee is asked to endorse the layout of the Warwick Bus Station and also to support the progression of the scheme. Area Committee is also asked to approve the advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders as required in relation to the scheme.

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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

Local Member(s) Councillor R Randev
(With brief comments, if appropriate)

Other Elected Members

Cabinet Member Councillor M Heatley
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

Chief Executive

Legal I Marriott – comments incorporated.

- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils Warwick District Council.
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Warwick Society.
Warwick Town Centre Management Group.
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).
Senior Peoples Forum (Warwick District).
Stagecoach in Warwickshire.
National Express.

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 15 November 2007.
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

Warwick Area Committee - 13 November 2007

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Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Recommendation

That Warwick Area Committee notes the outcome of the Warwick Bus Station public consultation exercise, and endorses the final layout of the Warwick Bus Station and the progression of the scheme. Area Committee is also asked to approve the advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders as required in relation to the scheme.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In November 2004, Warwick Area Committee endorsed the implementation of a number of interim traffic management measures for Warwick and asked that the detail of these be further consulted on. The Warwick Bus Station scheme forms part of the measures, which are to be funded by Section 106 developer contributions from the South West Warwick development.
- 1.2 A number of alternative designs for the Warwick Bus Station have been discussed with key stakeholders. In May 2006, Warwick Area Committee endorsed the principles of the preferred layout of the Warwick Bus Station that provided the best balance between bus infrastructure enhancement and provision for car parking. The preferred layout provided a future proof design which can accommodate increased bus service levels including Park and Ride provision. In May 2006, Warwick Area Committee also supported the proposal for County Council Officers to collaborate with the Warwick Forum, bus operators and Warwick District Council to refine the detail of the preferred layout.
- 1.3 In June 2006, County Council Officers set up a Project Board for the scheme, which consisted of representatives from key stakeholders, including Warwick District Council (the land owner), Stagecoach (the main bus operator), Warwick Society and the Warwick Town Centre Management Group. The objective of the group was to collaborate over finalising the layout of the Warwick Bus Station.
- 1.4 The Project Board agreed a final layout for the Warwick Bus Station (see **Appendix A** - Drawing No. H/C37-5/29D). The final layout was subjected to wider public consultation, where the views of bus users, local residents, local

businesses, visitors to Warwick and stakeholder groups were sought on the proposed scheme.

2. Benefits of the Warwick Bus Station

- 2.1 The Warwick Bus Station scheme would significantly alter the existing Westgate Car Park in order to facilitate a high quality bus interchange. This would remove the need for bus services to undertake the unnecessary 'loop' through the inner town centre, thus reducing congestion and improving the environment of the town centre.
- 2.2 The scheme will also offer considerable benefit to bus users by increasing the number of bus bays from four to five, in order to complement future growth of bus provision in the town. It will also provide a more comfortable waiting environment and improved bus information for bus users. It will encourage modal shift and also improve the efficiency of bus operations in the town centre. The scheme would also contribute towards the delivery of the local transport objectives of increasing bus patronage, improving accessibility and reducing social exclusion.

3. Outcome of Public Consultation

- 3.1 The public consultation consisted of an exhibition held in the Market Square between 26-28 April 2007. In addition, a web-page was established consisting of the same material as displayed in the exhibition. People were invited to express their views on the Warwick Bus Station and submit them by 31 May 2007.
- 3.2 Over 350 people visited the exhibition, with the majority of comments being supportive about the proposed new Warwick Bus Station. Of these, 135 people took the time to complete a Scheme Evaluation Form. The majority of these respondents actually resided in Warwick. The overall response to the proposed bus station was very positive in the Scheme Evaluation Forms.
- 3.3 There was a small minority of respondents (11 people) who were worried about the reduction in the capacity of the Westgate Car park by 17 parking places (the number of disabled spaces will remain the same as present). However, it is intended that this loss of car parking will be mitigated by improved real time information about available car parking spaces. This will be achieved through the Warwick Variable Messaging Sign (VMS) Scheme. This scheme involves the placement of electronic signs and supportive fixed signing on the highway detailing real-time car parking availability at designated off-street car parks and directions to them.
- 3.4 Under a proposed legal agreement with Warwick District Council over the use of the Westgate Car Park land for the Warwick Bus Station, it is a condition that the Warwick VMS scheme must be delivered before construction of the Warwick Bus Station can commence. The Warwick VMS scheme is now scheduled to be completed in early 2008.

3.5 The outcome of the public consultation was that the Warwick Bus Station received a strong degree of public support, with no alterations required to be made to the layout.

4. The Way Forward Towards Delivering the Warwick Bus Station

4.1 The County Council Cabinet will be asked at its meeting on 15 November to approve the progression of the Warwick Bus Station scheme, including the submission of a planning application and entering into a legal agreement with Warwick District Council over the use of the Westgate Car Park land.

4.2 If Cabinet approves the progression of the scheme and planning permission is granted, it is anticipated that the scheme will be completed in late 2008. The estimated total cost of the scheme is £765,000.

4.3 It will be necessary to advertise Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to:-

- (i) Prohibit local registered bus services (including National Express coaches) from entering Brook Street via Puckering's Lane.
- (ii) Prohibit vehicles other than local registered bus services from entering the bus station.
- (iii) Make Puckering's Lane one-way.
- (iv) To enable departure charges to be implemented on commercial services – the charge will be £0.20 per departure.

Local registered bus services will access the Bus Station from Puckering's Lane and exit the facility via Market Street. Vehicles other than local registered bus services can continue along Puckering's Lane to either access the Westgate Car Park or continue into Brook Street.

5. Conclusion

5.1 Warwick Area Committee is asked to endorse the final layout of the proposed Warwick Bus Station, and support the progression of the scheme. Area Committee is also asked to approve the advertising of TROs as required in relation to the scheme. Its views will be reported to Cabinet at the meeting on the 15 November 2007.

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30 October 2007

Bus Bay 1:

Service 16 (Southbound) - 1 per hour
 Service 18 (Southbound) - 1 per hour
 Service 68 (Southbound) - 2 per hour
 Service X1 (Southbound) Summer only - every 1 1/2 hours
 National Express Services - 10 per day

Bus Bay 2:

SPARK - Park & Ride Service (Southbound) - 6 per hour
 Service 68 (Northbound) - 2 per hour

Bus Bay 3:

Service X17 (starts/terminates at Interchange) - 4 per hour

Bus Bay 4:

Service 66 - 6 per hour

Bus Bay 5:

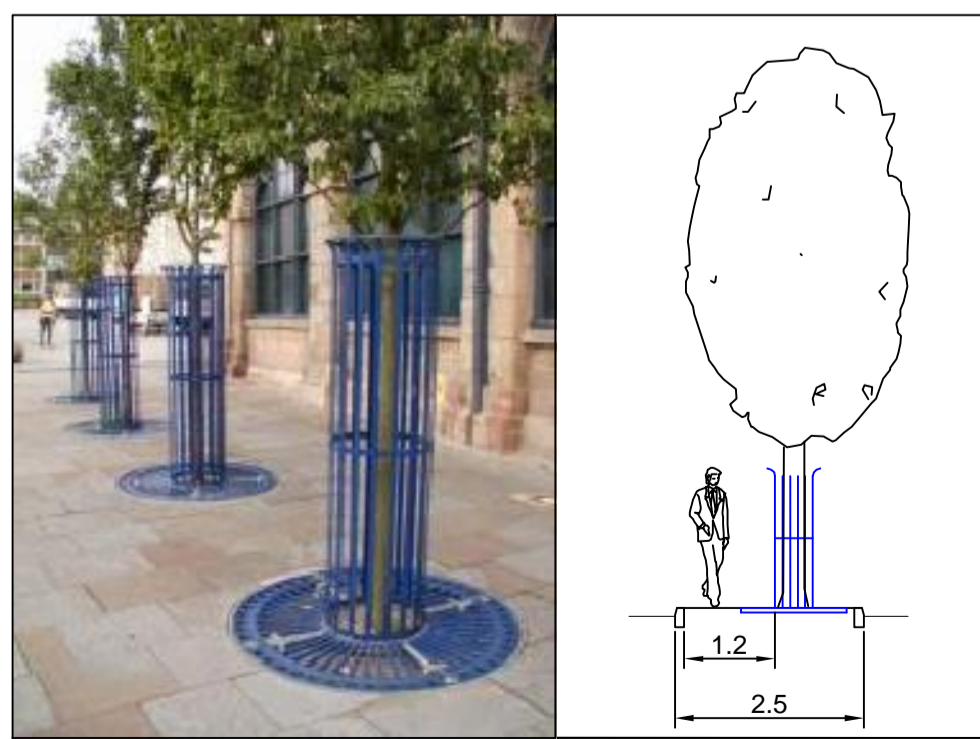
Service 16 (Northbound) - 1 per hour
 Service 18 (Northbound) - 1 per hour
 SPARK - Park & Ride Service (Northbound) - 6 per hour
 Service 539 (starts/terminates at Interchange) - every 1 1/2 hours
 Service X1 (Northbound) Summer only - every 1 1/2 hours



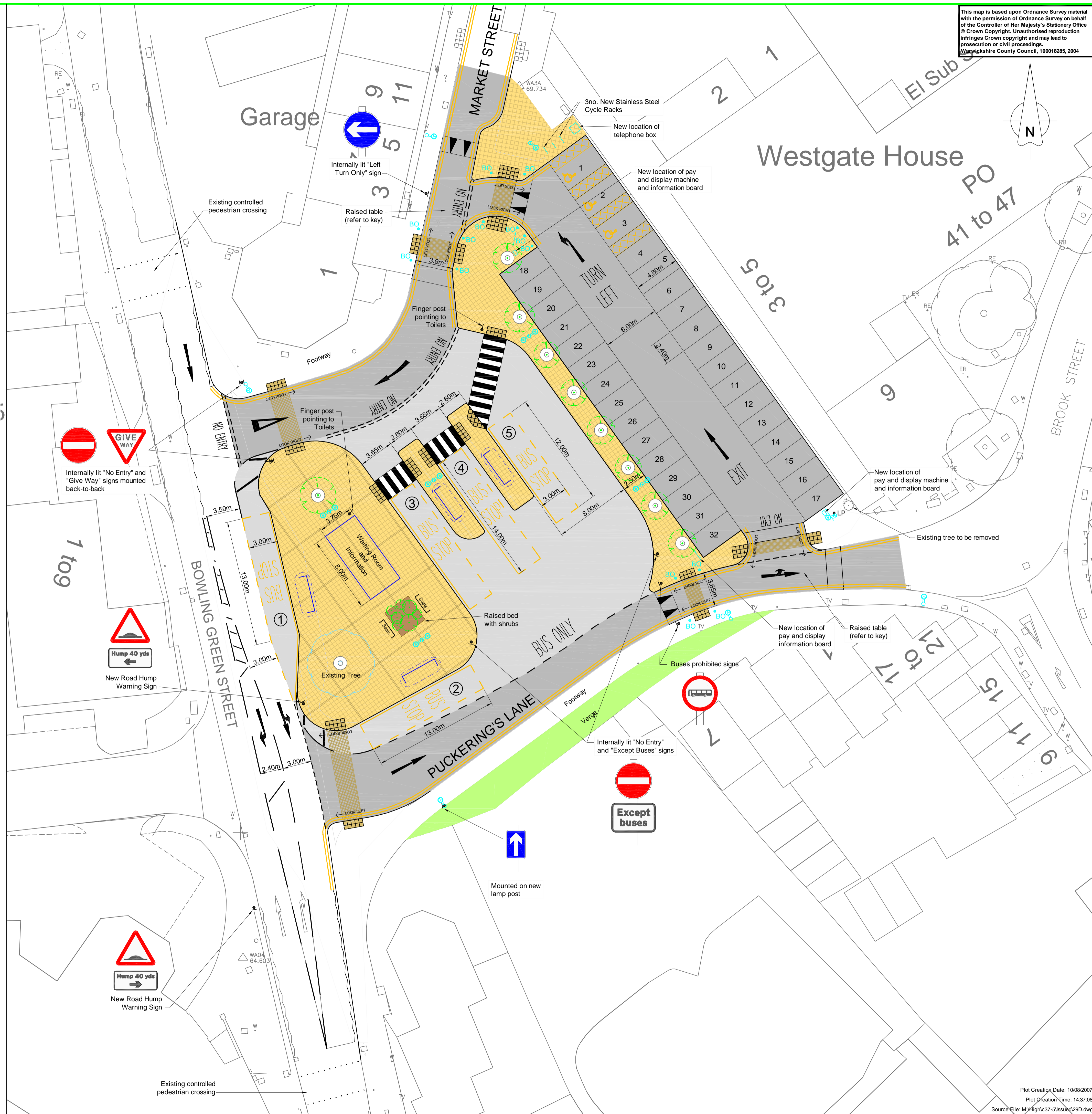
Typical ADSHEL Bus Shelter



Finger Post



Tree Grille & Guard



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- NOTES
1. All dimensions shown are in metres.
 2. All street furniture, trees, street lighting and traffic signs shown on this drawing are proposed unless indicated otherwise.
 3. Bollards to match existing.
 4. Ducts to be laid between all traffic islands for future real time information

- KEY
- BO Bollard (Ollerion Imperial) to match existing
 - ⊙ New trees
 - Raised planter with large shrub planting
 - ▭ ADSHEL Bus Shelter
 - ▭ Raised Table
 - Existing Grass Verge
 - Fuel resistant bituminous surfacing
 - Existing carriageway to be resurfaced
 - Perfecta Paving with grey grid pattern
 - Tegula block paved crossing
 - Tactile Paving
 - ⊙ 8m steel single arm lighting column
 - ⊙ 8m Akord single arm lighting column
 - ⊙ 8m Akord double arm lighting column

D	Finger posts added	Aug 2007
C	Pedestrian crossing revised	June 2007
B	Market Street narrowed	Apr 2007
A	Revisions following Project Board meeting	Apr 2007
	First issue	Mar 2007

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PROJECT
MARKET STREET, WARWICK

TITLE
WARWICK BUS INTERCHANGE

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