



Petition regarding the re-siting of a bus stop on Reginald Road South

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 A petition has been received from 76 parents who use the Oak Tree Day Nursery, regarding a proposal to relocate a bus stop on Reginald Road South from its current location outside 5 and 7 Reginald Road South, to a point some 20 to 25 metres further south, directly outside the Oak Tree Day Nursery.
- 1.2 The road is served by Arriva bus service number 20, which runs 6 times per hour in each direction during the daytime. The bus stop is well used by local residents.
- 1.3 To improve the accessibility of public transport, bus stops are being provided with clearway markings and access kerbs. This will help disabled people to access bus services, help less able people, as well as older people and those with children in prams. Such improvements could not be achieved in the present location. A meeting was therefore held in January, between council officers and representatives from the bus company, to determine the best place for the stop to be relocated.
- 1.4 Other complaints have also been received about other traffic issues in Reginald Road South, related to the speed of traffic and congestion at the Nottingham Road junction caused by parked vehicles.
- 1.5 Locating the bus stop outside the nursery provides a solution which addresses all the issues raised, because:
 - it enables the installation of access kerbs to help people to access buses more easily.
 - the bus stop clearway marking will prevent parking which creates difficulties and safety problems for traffic at the junction. As buses rarely stop for any length of time, the clearway marking, together with one for the bus stop opposite, will provide more space for traffic to pass through safely.
 - the location of the bus stop is still midway between adjacent stops on the route. Other locations which were considered were too close to other stops on the route.
- 1.6 The new bus stop will include appropriate markings to prevent parking in the vicinity. Whilst this may inconvenience those people who are dropping off or collecting children from the nursery, as they will need to park slightly further away from the nursery, I believe that the safety benefits of having no parking outside the nursery outweigh these marginal inconveniences.

- 1.7 The petitioners raise concerns about safety problems caused by having a bus stop outside the nursery. There is no evidence to suggest that safety will be affected adversely. Indeed, removal of parked cars from outside the nursery entrance will provide safety benefits, and there are examples elsewhere in the city where bus stops are located outside schools with no accident or other safety problems. It is normal practice to have parking restrictions directly outside school entrances, and the bus stop will achieve such restriction along this very short section of Reginald Road South. The clearway marking will only be 19 metres long.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To advise the petitioners that their objection has been considered but that the bus stop will be installed as proposed on Reginald Road South outside the Oak Tree Day Nursery.

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Background papers: None
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