



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(MOLE VALLEY)**

**RESPONSE TO THE PETITION BUS STAND
SOUTH STREET**

11 JUNE 2008

KEY ISSUE

To consider the response to the petition submitted by Mrs. Johnson on behalf of the residents and customers of the businesses located in South Street, Dorking.

SUMMARY

The petition was presented to demand the removal of the Bus Stand located in front of the Mays Garage in South Street, Dorking.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to agree that:

- (i) the petition is noted, and
- (ii) the existing location of the bus stand be accepted.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The previous location for the Bus Stand only allowed the necessary space for a single bus to alight passengers safely at any one time.
- 1.2 Due to the time schedule the standing bus would hold up the through service and create major accessibility problems.
- 1.3 The emergency services were consulted and all agreed on the new location in front of Mays Garage.
- 1.4 The design standards for bus stop accessibility mean that the lead in and the lead out for the bus results in a bus stand clearway length of 37m.
- 1.5 The 24 hour clearway has had a detrimental effect on local residents effecting parking and numerous complaints have been recorded.
- 1.6 The clearway markings were amended in the beginning of May 2008 to allow more parking spaces to address concerns raised by residents.
- 1.7 No complaints were received from the date of the amendments.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The petition submitted to the Local Committee on 12 March 2008 logged 44 signatures supporting the removal of the Bus Stand.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 The existing location is the most suitable position for the Bus Stand and this is the considered view of the Passenger Transport Group who is responsible for this activity.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The emergency services were consulted.
- 4.2 Passenger Transport Group is responsible for any new Bus Stand and there is no obligation to consult with residents.
- 4.3 Surrey County Council policy is to inform Local Councillors of proposals.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY

- 5.1 The relocation of the existing Bus Stand will cost in service delivery and officers time which is viewed as being detrimental to the bus service.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Bus Stand was relocated to address accessibility problems.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no specific implications arising from the cancellation.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 All the necessary consultation was carried out to relocate the Bus Stand.

8.2 Complaints were addressed by reducing the clearway to facilitate parking.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Public Transport must be supported.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

10.1 The Local Committee accepts the existing location of the Bus Stand.

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