

Request for The Bear bus stop clearway, Bridge Street

Location: Existing eastbound The Bear bus stop is located outside The Bear public house, Bridge Street, Walton-on-Thames.

Issue: The existing eastbound stop is served by multiple bus routes including London United/ Bear Buses 400, Hallmark Connections 458 and 555 and Falcon 461 and 564 services.

Buses are currently unable to access the stop properly due to parked vehicles at either end of the bus cage. A 13m bus cage is in place to protect the stop, but this is not a sufficient size for this location and buses are unable to draw level with the kerb to serve it appropriately. It is important that buses are able to access stops to provide step-free access, to ensure that all passengers are able to safely board and alight, especially those with limited mobility, wheelchair users or those with push chairs.

Proposal: It is proposed to introduce a bus clearway for the eastbound The Bear bus stop, operating twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. It is also proposed to extend the bus cage by a further 10m (5m at the approach end of the stop and a further 5m at the departure end of the stop).

If approval is obtained to install a clearway, a consultation exercise will be completed with affected frontages and feedback considered from respondents and a final decision made to amend the bus stop. Once a quote has been agreed with the lining contractor to complete the bus cage marking, this job will be added to their programme of works and a clearway plate will be erected.



Figure 1 – eastbound The Bear bus stop, Bridge Street, Walton-on-Thames (Google maps April 2018)



Figure 2 – eastbound The Bear bus stop, Bridge Street, Walton-on-Thames (Google maps April 2018)

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