

Bus Stops Norwich Rd – deferred decision from October 21 meeting

At the October Full Council meeting Cllrs were asked to approve the design of bus stops either side of Norwich Rd. These were part of a planning requirement for the development South of Norwich Rd. Cllrs deferred the decision until more information was available.

BDC Planning were contacted and it was suggested that SCP and NCC should be contacted to ascertain the travel plan and requirement.

Correspondence was exchanged and in summary

- SCP confirmed the planning requirement and the intention to deliver public transport along this route when the demand arises.
- NCC confirmed that there was funding to establish a bus route along Norwich rd. This would be put in place as the need arose following occupation of the development
- It was suggested that the stops could also be used by the flexibus that may already use the route.

Cllrs are asked to confirm that they are happy to take on the new bus stops as town council assets on this basis and choose a preferred design. Pictures previously circulated with October meeting papers.

Correspondence below for information

Dear Claire,

Thank you for your email, I am sorry for the delay in response.

I have emailed our Public Transport Managers and asked if they know why such a condition has been imposed, it may be that an operator is planning a route via Norwich Road. But, it seems to align to Breckland DC Policy as detailed in condition 15. It has gone into the Travel Plan as a requirement of the application. The stops could be used by the local flexibus services. and if they do get built I will ask the developers for a 5 year maintenance option.

Travel Plan funds cannot be used for any infrastructure scheme as these will be provided for in the Transport Assessment.

Kind regards,

Ian

Ian Dinmore,
Residential Travel Plans Officer

Major and Estate Development Team

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Hi Claire,

Please see the response from our Passenger Transport Manager below.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Ian

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From: Stringfellow, Martin <martin.Stringfellow@norfolk.gov.uk>

Sent: 28 October 2021 11:44

To: Dinmore, Ian <ian.dinmore@norfolk.gov.uk>; Asplin, Sean <sean.asplin@norfolk.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Swaffham Development

Hi Ian,

There is funding for bus provision along Norwich Road hence the need for infrastructure.

Regards

Martin

Martin Stringfellow, Passenger Transport Manager

Travel & Transport Tel: 01603 224354

County Hall

Hi Claire,

The bus stops are part of the S278 condition appended to the outline planning permission (attached) and are intended to be delivered through planning when the demand arises.

It seems that a few people are on leave that would be able to provide an update, but Sean Asplin at Norfolk CC is probably best to speak to, I believe he's back tomorrow:-

Sean Asplin, Passenger Transport Manager

Travel & Transport Services

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sean.asplin@norfolk.gov.uk

Regards

Liam Bessell

Senior Transport Planner

On behalf of



From: Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <deputyclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: 25 October 2021 16:24

To: info <info@scptransport.co.uk>; ian.dinmore@norfolk.gov.uk

Subject: FW: Land South of Norwich Rd

Good Afternoon

Swaffham Town Council has been asked to comment on the installation of bus stops on Norwich Rd as it is likely that these will be passed to the town council to look after them. The bus stops are a condition of application 3PL/2015/0917/O. I am concerned that there is no bus service along this route at the moment.

I queried this with the planning officer and was advised to contact SCP and NCC. SCP, as you have been appointed as the travel plan co-ordinator, and NCC sustainable travel plan officer Mr Dinmore to ascertain if a bus route will be instated along this route. Please could you confirm if this is the case or if the bus stops are not required. If you have any queries please contact me. I have copied the correspondence with planning below for your information.

Regards

Claire Smith

DeputyTown Clerk



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From: Hunter, Fiona <Fiona.Hunter@breckland.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 October 2021 10:52

To: Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <deputyclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Cc: Wickerson, David <David.Wickerson@breckland.gov.uk>; Colman, Ed <Ed.Colman@breckland.gov.uk>; Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <townclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>; Cllr J Anscombe <cllranscombe.swaffhamtc@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Land South of Norwich Rd

Hi Claire,

3PL/2015/0917/O

I am not aware there is bus service which currently travels via Norwich Road.

Outline condition 15 requires the developer to submit an Off-Site Highway Improvement Scheme including a bus stop and shelter along the south of Norwich Road at a point along the application site frontage, and a bus stop and shelter along the north side of Norwich Road, together with timetable and mechanisms for delivery.

The Highways consultation on 16th September 2019 advised that “In our previous response a contribution to a bus service was required. However it is now unlikely that a bus service will enter the site and will remain on Norwich Road and so therefore bus stops with shelters and a crossing facility connecting the two stops will be required in lieu of the contribution to a bus service.”. I therefore assumed there would be a bus service in the future at the time of decision.

Outline condition 16 requires an Interim Travel Plan to be submitted prior to the laying of foundations and shall be implemented prior to first occupation. It then goes onto to require a Full Travel Plan to be submitted within one year of the first occupation. The first part of this condition has been approved under approval of details permission 3DC/2021/0129/DOC. The approved document states that SCP have been appointed as the Travel Plan Co-ordinator for the development

and will act as the main contact for the travel plan and will be responsible for implementing measures, maintaining a database and monitoring the effects of implementation. You could therefore contact SCP via info@scptransport.co.uk to ascertain whether there is a bus service you are not aware of existing or coming. It may be the case that a bus service will be feasible when a certain amount of the development is occupied and you could ask them whether they will be making these enquires. I also suggest you contact the Norfolk county Council Sustainable Travel Plan Officer via ian.dinmore@norfolk.gov.uk, as they are likely actively in conversation with the bus service providers.

In the event that no bus service is expected at any point then the Council would consider an application to remove the bus stop and shelter requirement, but the consent as currently granted require the developer to deliver the bus stop and shelter and not doing so would be breach of condition.

Kind regards,

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From: Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <deputyclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 October 2021 09:55

To: Hunter, Fiona <Fiona.Hunter@breckland.gov.uk>

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Subject: FW: Land South of Norwich Rd

Hi Fiona

Last night at our Town Council meeting it was resolved not to move forward with choosing a bus stop design until we have Breckland advice regarding the relevancy of the planning condition. Please could you respond to my previous emails. At the moment if the bus shelters were to be placed there,

the Town Council would not take over the maintenance and upkeep as they do not see a need for the stops.

Kind Regards

Claire Smith

DeputyTown Clerk



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From: Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

Sent: 11 October 2021 12:36

To: fiona.hunter@breckland.gov.uk

Subject: FW: Land South of Norwich Rd

Hi Fiona

We have our Town Council meeting this evening do you have an update on whether the bus shelters are needed or not?

Regards

Claire Smith

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From: Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

Sent: 07 October 2021 11:10

To: fiona.hunter@breckland.gov.uk

Subject: Land South of Norwich Rd

Hi Fiona

We have been asked to choose a bus stop design for the BDW development, as I think it was expected the town council would then look after any street furniture put in. I understand this is in condition 15 of the outline planning permission.

However I have a couple of questions, I believe there are no bus routes along Norwich Rd. if this is the case it seems incongruous that we place a bus shelter there, please could we have your advice.

Regards

Claire Smith

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