

Exe Bridge Retail Park

Report of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste

Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Committee notes the report and a further report on options to improve the situation at the entrance to Exe Bridge Retail park from Cowick Street is brought to a future Highways and Traffic Orders Committee.

1. Background/Introduction

Concerns have been highlighted by local members that existing bus stop arrangements at St Thomas Station, Cowick Street cause passengers to alight at inappropriate locations when arriving at Exe Bridge Retail Park.

The local member requested a site meeting with local City Council and County Council elected members, Highways Officers and representatives of Stagecoach.

2. Main Text/Proposal

A site meeting was held at the Exe Bridge Retail Park, Cowick Street on 15 April. The meeting was attended by County Council officers, together with City and County Council elected members. Unfortunately, due to an incident at the bus station, representatives of Stagecoach were not able to attend.

The meeting witnessed busses queuing to enter the existing bus stop at St Thomas Station resulting in obstruction of the entrance/exit of Exe Bridge Retail Park and passengers alighting onto the splitter island at the Entrance/Exit at the junction with Cowick Street.

It was agreed that alternative layouts would be considered to address these issues.

Video surveys will be undertaken in September/October to monitor traffic volumes, flows and conflicts. Following analysis of the data alternative options will be developed for consideration.

The scheme options will be considered in consultation with Stagecoach and brought to a future Highways and Traffic Orders Committee for consideration.

3. Options/Alternatives

Options, including maintaining the existing layout, will be developed and brought to a future Highways and Traffic Orders Committee for consideration.

4. Sustainability Considerations

Any proposed scheme will take into consideration the objectives and strategies of the Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan aim to improve travel choices and reduce unnecessary use of the private car as a contribution to improving Devon's environmental, social and economic well being.

5. Equality Considerations

Any proposed scheme will be designed bearing in mind the effect on carbon emissions and overall have a positive impact.

6. Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations at this time.

Any changes to the existing layout be introduced in accordance with the relevant legislation.

7. Carbon Impact Considerations

Improved public transport facilities will encourage more use of public and sustainable transport, reduce congestion in the city and improve air quality.

8. Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

In order to address concerns resulting from existing traffic movements data will be collected to demonstrate existing demand and conflicts. Scheme options will be developed and brought to a future Highways and Traffic Orders Committee for consideration.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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