

West Craven Committee – Teams Meeting with Lancashire County Council (LCC)
on Bus Shelters 17/08/23

Attended by:

Jason Kelly – Trainee Engineer at Pendle Borough Council (PBC)

David Whipp – Councillor PBC

Tom Whipp – Councillor PBC

Ashley Weir – Principal Transportation Officer LCC

Ben Lovatt – Transportation Officer LCC

Background/Issue

At a meeting of West Craven Committee on 4th July Members discussed the condition of bus shelters on the main routes through West Craven. It was resolved that a meeting be requested with LCC's Bus Stops and Shelters Team to discuss improvements to each bus shelter in West Craven, including the Primesite bus shelter at Kelbrook.

Real time information

Real time information boards to be installed at main stops in Barnoldswick and Earby. Possible for additional stops to be provided with displays, depending on Levelling Up Funding (LUF) programme. Funding would not cover every stop. Councillors requested that stops in Kelbrook, Salterforth and on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick (Coates Lane) be included. Main stops to be prioritised but there's a potential for parish/town councils to add to the funds so that more information boards can be installed and parish/town councils can feed in suggestions for locations. Displays at heritage shelters would be of a sympathetic design.

Quality Bus Routes & LCC LUF

LCC won't take on additional sites unless levelling up affects the shelter. A. Wier agreed that LCC need to consider the position with regard to shelters previously put in by the county council. A request to get raised kerbs for the two stops in lay-bys on Skipton Road, Barnoldswick would be considered.

Primesites

Four sites were mentioned however only one was in the West Craven area. According to LCC, the Kelbrook shelter opposite the Craven Heifer isn't on the adopted highway and the owner of the land is unknown. LCC are unable to take on that Primesite shelter under the circumstances.

Half of the pavement is adopted by LCC. They propose removing the existing shelter and installing a new shelter on the adopted footway adjacent to the kerbside. The bench at the rear of the pavement could be relocated to where the existing bus shelter is. B. Lovatt agreed to provide Cllr D. Whipp with a plan of the proposed changes for West Craven Committee to consider at their next meeting on 5th September. Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council would also be consulted.

Weather concerns

Cllr D. Whipp mentioned a member of the public has complained about the protection from the weather in a bus shelter on Kelbrook Road, as the replacement shelters don't provide the same cover as those previously in place. LCC are going to have a look at the issue and reassess the situation.

Seating in Bus Shelters

Request made to LCC to allow better seating facilities in the bus shelters. LCC could possibly not install a seating strip. Parish/town councils could install decent seats, subject to these not interfering with maintaining advertising boards.

RAL number request

Cllr D. Whipp has requested the RAL paint number for the 'blue bus shelters' on behalf of Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council.