

BUS STOP ISSUES UPDATE

At West Craven Committee on 2nd December 2025 members discussed the following item -

(m) Bus Stops

Members discussed recent accessibility improvements to bus stops carried out by LCC. Whilst investment in the bus service was welcomed, it was felt that the Parish and Town Councils should have commented on the plans as this would have fed into the decision-making process. For example a couple of bus shelters had been removed at Sough which were owned by the Parish Council, together with one owned by Barnoldswick Town Council.

RESOLVED

That LCC's Bus Teams be notified that the Committee –

- Welcomes the improvements but questions some of the decisions and wished that the Parish and Town Councils had been consulted;*
- That new bus shelters be as good as or better than those being replaced;*
- That larger shelters be provided at busy stops e.g. Coates Lane;*
- That the pedestrian crossing point at Station Road be improved;*
- That the surfacing on Station Road and at the junction of Skipton Road with Fernlea Avenue be straightened; and*
- That the surface of the lay-by on Fernlea Avenue be haunched and hardened.*

LCC have responded as follows –

Firstly, the committee may be interested to hear that we have received approximately £50m in funding from central government via the East Lancashire Levelling Up Fund. This is to be focused on East Lancashire transport improvements (Burnley, Pendle, Rossendale, Hyndburn). Projects include bus priority measures, real-time passenger information, and new cycling/walking routes.

Full details can be found here:

<https://lancashire.citizenspace.com/eastlancsluf/>

While most of the improvements are being carried out at the existing locations, individual site consultations were kept to a minimum. However, stakeholders engaged for the scheme, include:

- MPs (both pre and post July 2024 general elections)
- County and district councillors
- District officers
- East Lancashire communities and businesses
- Active Travel England (ATE)

In response to the committee's specific queries, where shelters are being replaced (as part of this scheme) the relevant shelter owners have been contacted prior to the removal of any shelter. Any shelter removed will be replaced with a new upgraded shelter.

Replacement shelter sizes depend on the footway width available at each site, typically we do opt for the same or longer shelters in length, however they must conform to today's minimum clearances. This footway and roadside clearances determine the size of the end panel that can be chosen as we must be compliant to those standards.

The sizes of the shelters at Coates Lane are specifically:

(Layby) 3 Bay Euroshel Invincible 600mm - 4066mm total length, 752mm total width
2 Bay Euroshel Invincible 300mm – 2790mm total length, 452mm total width.

Highways Maintenance have been asked to respond to the following resolutions and their reply will be reported back in due course -

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