

I am writing this letter in objection to the erection of a bus shelter on the eastbound carriageway on the A170. I am writing to object on the grounds that erecting a bus shelter would quite simply cause an obstruction to the view of those trying to pull onto the A170 from driveways. As a past resident for 20 years and a current regular visitor to a house where the bus shelter would be erected and already find it hard to pull onto the A170 due to the volume of traffic, travelling at speeds exceeding the 30mph speed limit.

As it stands, members of the public can be asked to move to the side to allow drivers to see if it is clear to pull onto the A170. If the bus shelter is erected, members of the public will not be aware of cars trying to pull onto a main road and will be restricting the view of drivers.

When visiting the house, I am forced to stop on the A170 and reverse into the driveway to make it easier to pull onto the main road when leaving. Performing this manoeuvre is tricky enough, even with full view in all mirrors when reversing left into the driveway – again due to the speed and volume of the traffic. Causing an obstruction to one side will inevitably increase the risk of pulling onto the main road, making it dangerous for road users travelling on the main road and especially for those pulling onto the main road from driveways. Surely the safety of drivers is far more important than a bus shelter? I cannot help but think that money can be far better spent around the town rather than erecting a bus shelter to save a few people from getting wet on occasion. I would like to be consulted on other options for this money to be spent on prior to the bus shelter being erected, as I think the town should be too, as I think this is quite frankly a waste of the town's money and will impose risk on the residents of Kirkbymoorside – this is not a good idea!

I'm writing to express my concern at the plans to erect a covered bus shelter on the A170 towards Pickering.

As a Kirkbymoorside resident for over twenty years and as a frequent visitor with my partner, it worries us that this would create real safety issues for the residents on this side of what is a very busy road.

The proposed site sits on the centre section of a long sweeping S-bend, meaning visibility when driving from either side is already impaired. As much as I'd like to believe that everyone is diligent and fully obeys the speed limits in this area 20+ years experience tells me otherwise when trying to join the A170 in either direction.

When heading towards Helmsley, the driver has just left a 40mph stretch and is approaching a 30mph stretch. We often see drivers rarely having fully slowed down when approaching the corner, so are often travelling at higher than comfortable speeds around the bus stop site. In the other direction, familiar drivers know they're leaving the 30mph area and begin to accelerate just as visibility is lost on the corner leaving Kirkbymoorside. Again, this increases risk directly around the proposed bus shelter site.

In its current guise, this is manageable. Granted, joining the A170 is difficult, but at least the visibility we do have is not obstructed. If a bus user is obstructing the view, a friendly nod or wave can help, and we've seen many bus users are happy to oblige and help us join the road. Once a permanent structure is built, this is no longer possible. What is already a dangerous stretch of road would become significantly more dangerous when residents cannot see the traffic coming towards them when they enter/exit their driveways; because of the structure obstructing the view. Even glass panels would distort the view and make it difficult to work out how far away approaching traffic really is.

I totally appreciate and understand the needs of bus users who may not be so fortunate as to be able to use a car day-to-day. On a different site, I'd wholly endorse this shelter and understand its benefits. The proposed stretch of road has a lot of traffic, but not a lot of footfall. Might I suggest that this valuable budget is better spent serving the needs of the wider town where more people might use it, and the safety concerns are significantly lower?

I trust that sense will prevail in this matter and that the Kirkbymoorside Town Council will spend the money wisely in serving the whole town's needs and not putting anybody's safety at risk.

With reference to the consultation Kirkbymoorside Town Council have carried out.

We feel very strongly about this bus shelter not going ahead due to our safety concerns.

I cannot express how this is going to have a huge impact on not only myself and my neighbours but for other members of the public travelling along the A170, pulling out of Old Road and Vivers Place. The shelter will cause a great obstruction which will block peoples view of fast travelling vehicles along this road. The few people that do use this bus stop also block our view but we politely ask them to move out of our way which they are happy to do.

Just the other day a van was leaving our property on Friday and a car was trying to pull out of Old Road but could not see because of the van, which was stopped exactly where the shelter would go, the car pulled out causing a car to skid and stop almost crashing into them.

Although they have said they will put a transparent one up this will make no difference as there will still be the metal framework and seats and people sitting in there. Also I noticed in the Moorsider the person wanting the shelter has put in all the costs of the original shelter which was not transparent, Why was this?

We all feel very upset by all of this as in the first place we were never consulted about the shelter so we were not given the chance to object until the base had actually gone down and we have all received a lot of harassment from Helen Gundry over the last few months by putting letters through our doors, sitting on our driveways at 6am in the morning and saying we should be more considerate and not to leave our houses while people are waiting for a bus, which to me is total admission from her that the shelter is going to cause great danger. Why does she feel that a couple of people getting wet is more important than one of us possibly causing a fatality. It only takes a very small obstruction to block our view of an approaching cyclist or motorbike etc.

I have also had advice from an estate agents and a solicitor, they have both confirmed that the shelter would certainly devalue our properties therefore we would be well within our rights to take legal action to recover any loss of value and also to take legal action on whoever would give the go ahead for knowing and willingly putting our lives in danger.

Withymoor & Co. Town Council.



Subject: Bus Shelter N/Side of New Road.
The article in the Moorsider was of great interest to me about the way no one knew about this until the foundations were laid.

If this was passed in 2017 how could we not know about this. I knew it would have been on the agenda and in minutes at the time. I was kept very quiet for some reason.

In my opinion, the local householders should have been informed as was done in Peasey End and West End about the ballads. Had this been done I think it would have been nipped in the bud.

Because of this informing the public the council should do the reasonable thing and call an extra meeting ^{ANNUL} to annul this.

I am amazed the council were taken in by what must have been a concerning SOB story. Without considering the greater picture I do not believe the figures give for this stop having lived 150 yrs away for the last 55 yrs.

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than use the new Road Bus Stop, you had to wait in all weather without any chance of a shelter.

On the basis of your thinking are you going to provide more shelter.

As well as being an unsightly object to see coming into K.M.S. which is a tidy area.

It could also attract Vandals and Druggies, as did the lovely brick tiled built shelter in the children playing field when it was first opened, which the council of the day pulled down instead of getting rid of the Vandals.

K.M.S in Bloom works hard to make the approach to K.M.S look good then the council want to put up a ugly object no matter what it is made of. (CART BEFORE HORSE)

The vote on this should only depend on those involved, not nation wide?

As for cost where do you find money of this sort for an unjustable project??

As a person born and bred in the town and has always had the towns best interests at heart.

Sincerely yours