

Response to Consultation regarding the proposal to install a Bus Shelter at the bus stop on the A170 eastbound

Opposing 169

Comments included:

I have considered objections to the proposed bus shelter on the A170. This bus shelter is neither needed nor wanted.

I calculated that, across one week in June (so a 7 day operation, 12 buses a day, from 8.14 am onwards), only 4 people mounted the 128 bus from this stop at any one time. In my own experience - I regularly use the 128 to go to Pickering - I've never seen more than 2 people and a dog at this stop.

I don't see much point in spending all that money for the very small number of passengers involved.

I object to this bus shelter in response to the article in the Moorsider. This shelter is not required or wanted by the residents immediately affected by it.
Spend our money wisely, on something that will benefit everyone not just a few!

I write to confirm that I am against the bus shelter being erected on the A170.

The issue isn't that it is a minor convenience that these people should wait 5 minutes until the bus has left. These people have lived there long enough and will have had to wait for the bus to move. The people aren't against the bus stop but against the bus shelter.

Having myself had to try to leave one of these houses before, I support the view that the bus shelter would be an obstruction. Cars do drive in excess of the speed limit along this stretch of road. It is particularly difficult, given the speed vehicles drive and the slight bend in the road towards the roundabout to watch both sides of the road and feel safe. Adding another obstruction seems reckless. Whilst the materials may be transparent the whole construction will not be made from transparent materials and presumably there will also be posters confirming the bus schedule and potentially advertisements. Furthermore, I can't remember the last time I saw a bus stop which hadn't been vandalised - to include scratches.

I am slightly perplexed as to why this would be the bus stop to choose to put a bus shelter when it is used quite infrequently.

I am at a loss to understand the reasoning behind the necessity of the proposed bus shelter. The town and its residents who use the buses have managed all these years without the need of a bus shelter. If it is so necessary then why must it be there? The worst place it could be placed. It is no less wet or miserable having to wait at any of the bus stops in town so why this particular bus stop?

The bus service is not a service any more, and hasn't been for a long time. You can't get to work and back or to a hospital appointment and back within a reasonable time frame. You never have been able to and still can't in the 21st century get a bus from Kirkymoorside to Malton direct you have to change at Pickering and the buses don't connect and the buses don't connect with the trains. There are no buses on Sundays except during summer!

Many elderly and disabled people cannot walk from most of the estates to and from a bus stop. Please do not erect this bus shelter. It is going to make the junction with Old Road a blind junction, make it difficult for those residents having to join the A170 from their residences and it is not

going to make that bus stop be used any more than it already is. I also think it will be a target for vandalism.

Having lived 150yds away for the last 55 years since 1952-53 when Ryedale School was opened 1000s of children as well as others that use the New Road bus stop have had to wait in all weather without any chance of shelter.

As well as being an unsightly object to see coming into Kirkbymoorside which is a tidy area it could also attract vandals and drug users, as did the lovely brick and wood built shelter in the children's playing field when it was first opened, which the council of the day pulled down instead of getting rid of the vandals.

KMS in bloom works hard to make the approach to KMS look good then the council want to put up an ugly object no matter what it's made of. The vote on this should only defend those involved, not nationwide. As for the cost where do you find money of this sort for an unjustifiable project?

We feel very strongly about this bus shelter not going ahead due to our safety concerns. I cannot express strongly enough how this is going to have a huge impact on not only the residents living in proximity to the bus stop 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 who do use this bus stop also block our view but we politely ask them to move out of the way which they are happy to do. Just the other day a van was leaving the property 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.

A transparent shelter will still offer an obstruction with its metal framework and seats and people sitting there.

Advice from an estate agent and solicitor confirms that the shelter would devalue the neighbouring properties therefore the residents would be within rights to take legal action to recover any loss of value and take legal action against the body responsible for approving the shelter for knowingly and willingly putting lives at danger.

This shelter is unnecessary and a potential traffic hazard.

Very silly and dangerous place for this to go.

I am not in favour of a bus shelter at the specified bus stop but believe there is a need for bus shelter provision in the town which would be better determined with a better evaluation of the public transport requirements taking into account changes to the bus routes.

Don't think there is enough demand to warrant a shelter.

I am putting my trust in you now to do the right thing and scrap the shelter.

What a silly waste of money, Please consider people's lives. A very dangerous place to put a shelter.

This is a safety hazard. It will obstruct the residents view onto a major road putting drivers, motor cyclists and cyclists in danger.

Please spend the money on sorting traffic problems out rather than using it to cause a traffic accident.

I deliver to one of these houses on a regular basis and this is a very bad idea.

Line of sight will be compromised.

As a regular visitor to Kirkbymoorside and with children who use public transport it is absolutely incredible that such a ridiculous proposal is even being considered. When children alight the bus I would rather they were safe and wet than dry and dead. I urge you to reconsider this as a matter of urgency.

As well as the safety concerns I think that the money could be better used somewhere else.

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| A bus shelter would cause a safety issue |
| Will obstruct vision. |
| The shelter would cause a dangerous obstruction. |
| Too dangerous a place. |
| This bus shelter is not necessary and a waste of money. Why change something that works perfectly fine as it is? |
| Bus shelter is a waste of money. |
| The bus shelter would cause a major safety issue for the houses nearby. Also no member of the public has asked for a shelter to keep them dry the money could be spent better on something that would benefit all of the town folk. |
| This shelter is unnecessary and a potential traffic hazard |
| I used to live at the property directly next to this proposed site. At the time I complained and work was cancelled. I don't understand why it has been re-started. |
| As a lifelong Kirkby resident we have managed very well without a bus shelter at that bus stop. There are much more important and worthwhile needs for use of council money. |
| Concern regarding the safety of pedestrians and drivers as vehicles try to exit their drives. |
| Very few people use this stop. This is an unnecessary use of public funds and unsightly building for little use. |
| Bus shelter not necessary x 2 |
| What a waste of council funds. The money would be better spent on a zebra crossing Bus shelter = benefit the few, no lives saved Zebra crossing = benefit of all, possible life saved |
| Very dangerous, unsightly, unnecessary and will devalue the neighbouring properties |
| What a waste of council money. Very unnecessary to waste money on something that is going to be unsafe. |
| Too dangerous for road users out of Old Road and pedestrians crossing the A170. |
| A very silly and dangerous idea. Total waste of money. |
| Entering and exiting the neighbouring driveways is dangerous enough already without you putting an obstruction in the way. Very unsafe. |
| I visit one of the neighbouring houses on a regular basis and with the amount of speeding cars travelling along the A170 the shelter is going to cause a huge danger for road users too. |
| This is a very busy road on which a lot of people exceed the speed limit. The money could be better spent. |
| The money could be spent on something better like a road crossing. Really not necessary to endanger peoples lives. |
| As a friend lives in one of the neighbouring properties I know how dangerous the bus shelter is going to be for them. Very fast approaching vehicles are bad enough without making it any worse. |

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| No necessity for this bus shelter. |
| This shelter will cause a danger to residents of the houses in this area when trying to get onto the A170. |
| I have children at school and it is very dangerous crossing the road down there. Please put the money into something here rather than putting other people in danger. |
| The bus shelter will block my view when entering the A170 from my property. It will encourage people to 'hang around' the shelter to smoke and drink. The majority of people in Kirkbymoorside wanting the 128 bus catch it at one of the two bus stops in Piercy End. There is no bus shelter there where it is needed. Complete waste of money. |
| I strongly agree with the concerns of the residents in neighbouring properties and the difficulties the face when leaving their properties by car. |
| You need a clear line of sight to enter onto the A170 which a shelter will impede |
| Vehicles are not allowed to park here because of the danger and obstruction they would cause, but it is considered acceptable for buses to stop here at regular intervals. To compound the problem by adding a bus shelter thereby causing an even greater obstruction makes even less sense. |
| Money could be better spend on traffic calming measures |
| As a regular visitor I can see the hazard the bus shelter would cause for use of the driveways. |
| Would cause obstruction to driveways on Vivers Place. |
| I have worked opposite the bus stop for 27 years now and have witnessed many accidents over the years and erecting a bus shelter over there is going to cause danger for local residents. The residents already have to cross a pavement when pulling on and off their drives, putting a bus shelter there is only going to make matter worse not to mention be a waste of money. |
| As a non driver I use the 128 bus. I take an umbrella or dress appropriately. |
| This is not necessary. A waste of good money. |
| Dangerous location. |
| This shelter will be an unsightly object at the approach to Kirkbymoorside. It is totally unjustified for the use it will get. |
| We have lived opposite the site for the past 20+ years. The number of people using the stop has declined over the years and the ones that use it on a regular basis are familiar faces and live in neighbouring streets. If raining, people use umbrellas and are wet by the time they arrive for the bus. Our son uses the bus on a daily basis for work purposes and says that it is unnecessary expense to the town. No Thank You. |
| I cannot express enough what danger this is going to cause for the neighbouring residents. |

The money spent on the bus shelter could be put to better use for the amount of people that will benefit from using it.

Unsafe and such a waste of money.

Highly dangerous and not needed.

The bus stop really doesn't get much use! Money would be better spent elsewhere.

In our opinion this would be a risk not worth taking

Living on New Road it would be preferable for the money to be spent to help us cross the road safely.

This structure would be used very little and would not be value for money.

Supporting 34

Comments included:

I write in support of the proposed A170 Eastbound bus shelter. To get this far with the shelter proposal has taken much voluntary effort, given on behalf of people who suffer in silence in bad weather, whether they don't go where they need to go, or do go and get cold and wet. The effort was also made to encourage other people to use buses.

I think that it is important to see this shelter proposal in the wider context and the greater good. A decision to allow the shelter is not just about the views of a few households living near a small area of verge, the issues supported are much wider than this. Bus travel is encouraged by providing appropriate shelter. By encouraging bus use, we cut down private car use. This reduces air pollution, congestion, wear on the roads, and carbon footprint. These issues are constantly raised, but often people are at a loss to know how to tackle them. One bus shelter has only a small impact, but it should be seen as part of a bigger strategy to support economic growth and public health in the region. A congested, unhealthy and polluted area will not thrive. The people who don't see the point of this shelter don't see their own responsibility to act for the greater good.

The safety issues have been carefully looked by people qualified to judge them. The new shelter base already encourages passengers to stand back from the road edge, so giving drivers emerging from the houses a better view of the road. The extra passengers that the shelter will encourage can easily not be seen as an obstruction to visibility by simply avoiding bus times when driving out. The buses are only hourly, and don't run at all on winter Sundays and on any evening. Really any inconvenience to residents is minimal when compared with the inconveniences faced every day by people who build their schedule around an hourly bus service that takes nearly twice as long to reach its destination and to get home again than a car does. Nearly 1/5 of Ryedale households do not have a car. This bus stop serves a good many households and also visitors to those households.

The risk of vandalism is minimal in Kirkbymoorside, and this shelter is very unlikely to encourage antisocial groups to gather. It is small enough community for many people to know other people's families, so antisocial behaviour is swiftly dealt with, and it is a rural area, so too far for others to travel in to cause any trouble.

The shelter is small, and the nearest houses have high hedges and some also park vehicles in front of their own windows. There is no negative impact on the beauty of the area, in fact the shelter could have flower tubs added, as often used around our town, and so help to enhance the approach to the town!

I write as a resident, as a regular bus passenger, as a parent of young people who need and use buses, and as Chair of Kirkbymoorside Environment Group who are a well-respected group within the town.

As a regular user of the 128 through Kirkbymoorside and reader of the town blog I was dismayed by the (handful of) negative comments on the proposed Eastbound bus shelter. Examples follow: Why could there not be a shelter uptown? (this was rejected long ago over fears of vandals meeting in it). Why should the travellers from this stop not be able to endure exposure like everyone else? What about the safety issue for drivers entering the traffic? (This has been carefully reviewed at County Council Highways)

I was encouraged by Eden Blyth's strong advocacy on the blog for the 'regulars' who use the stop (Kirkbymoorside Blog 24th October), and over the summer have shared experience with some passengers at the stop and in winters past. I have witnessed venturers boarding in torrential rain- no shop doorways there for them- and remember that in very cold snaps- when the road uptown was impassable to all vehicles- many 'new' out of town passengers, sprightly or not, had to use this stop, alongside Kirkby folk. Please remember responses via Kirkbymoorside Town Clerk for the County Council by Friday 9th November as indicated in 'The Moorsider'? Extra Copies obtainable at Kirkbymoorside Library.

I see many people standing at that stop in bad weather getting splashed from the road and I feel that the bus stop will be a huge improvement. Not only will it protect people from the weather, surely it will be safer as it will be set back from the road.

I am in Favour of it being erected in the proposed place. I use the bus quite a lot to Pickering and beyond. Many times I've stood there in appalling weather, cold and wet through waiting for the bus. I'm disabled and a seat would also be beneficial.

I use that bus stop every week, it is very open and very cold in winter standing there.

The bust shelter on the A170 sounds like a good idea.
Public transport needs to be as user-friendly as possible, particularly for people as they get older and are unable to drive.
Climate change will bring increasingly unstable weather, making that bus stop increasingly bleak at times. Using public transport instead of cars is one way of mitigating pollution, so environmentally desirable. The bus shelter is therefore a good thing on two environmental counts.

I support the installation of a bus shelter on the A170 road on the East-bound side. It would be lovely as it is a very windy road and there is no shelter to hide from the wind and the rain on a bad day.
I am still fit enough to go to the Market Place to catch the bus on an inclement day, but it would be lovely to catch it from the A170 bus stop. I hope that it gets get passed and then I won't need to walk to the Market Place bus stop.

I am in favour of it. I think it will provide much needed shelter for bus passengers without having

an adverse effect on the surroundings

I fully support the proposed bus shelter on the A170.

I am elderly and don't drive. I regularly use the bus into Pickering and Scarborough. With the winter approaching the shelter would be a great asset.

One of the reasons that deter us from even thinking about using the bus service is waiting in the open on a cold, wet or windy day (this in either summer or winter!) but we are aware many people have no alternative. Our grandchildren regularly use the service as I am sure do many young people on their way to school, college and work. Whilst we do not, at present, need to use the bus service in time we will be grateful for it as we all try to cut back on car journeys.

I support the installation of a bus shelter at the A170 eastbound bus stop in Kirkbymoorside

I have seen the request in the Moorsider for a bus shelter at the A170 Eastbound site in Kirkbymoorside and support it wholeheartedly.

I use this stop four or five times a year, pass it aboard a bus perhaps two to three times a week and by car perhaps twice a week.

It is well used by people who need shelter from the weather. The 128 bus tends to collect an average of two passengers there each time that I am aboard. Several school and college children also use it for their morning buses to Pickering, Malton and Scarborough.

The very regular 128 passengers who I note boarding there include one with learning disabilities, an epileptic passenger with seizure alert dog, mobility buggy user with very limited mobility and many elderly passengers. Why should anybody, especially these people, be expected to get soaked to the skin whilst they wait for a bus that they have no choice but to use?

This is an excellent site for a shelter from the road safety aspect as well. Its front face will be 2.7m (9') back from the carriageway, with the road curving away from the site in both directions, giving drivers excellent visibility sightlines. It will actually improve the situation on wet days because sheltering passengers will be much further away from the carriageway than they are now clustered around the bus stop post.

I wish to give my support to the plan to erect a bus shelter at the A170 Eastbound bus stop. I believe that we should be positively encouraging people to use our bus service by making waiting for the bus as comfortable as possible.

It is also my opinion that a small transparent bus shelter would have almost no negative impact visually and be of great benefit to passengers, especially the elderly and disabled.

Please register our agreement to a bus shelter being built.

I fully support the need for a bus shelter at this location and the detailed proposals for its location and construction.

It will help many more people who use the bus stop regularly. Its location is good for the 400 residents at that end of Kirkbymoorside. Its detailed design and location – set well back from the edge of the highway – is ideal to ensure a degree of shelter without obscuring those within the shelter, or those who may consider the shelter obstructs other views.

Kirkbymoorside currently has no bus shelters and ideally other locations in the town would benefit from them. There are significant numbers of local residents without a car or without access to a car, and as the population ages, more will be forced to abandon their car on health grounds. There will thus be an increasing requirement for bus stop facilities to serve the residents of the town in the future, ensuring they can maintain independence and have access to services not available in Kirkbymoorside. Some 200 residential properties have this location as their closest bus stop.

I therefore feel it is really important to ensure that this shelter is given the go-ahead.

We would like to register our support for the proposed bus shelter on the east side of the A170. We don't use the stop ourselves but have often driven past the poor bus users standing in cold, wet and windy conditions.

As a user of public transport who does not own a car, I would welcome a bus shelter on the A170. It is a very open spot where you are hit by the weather full on and a bus shelter would be very much appreciated.

I support the installation of a bus shelter at the A170 Eastbound bus stop.

I should like to register my support for the proposed bus shelter on A170 opposite Cook's garage.

I strongly support the proposed bus shelter on the A170 eastbound, opposite Cooks Garage

Yes I agree we need a bus shelter on the A170 eastbound as proposed, before the bad weather arrives.

We support the installation of the bus shelter at the A170 eastbound bus stop. Let's keep the residents of Kirkbymoorside dry and warm in these winter months.

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