



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 12th December 2013

Wards Affected: Berry Head with Furzeham, St. Marys with Summercombe

Report Title: National Express Bus Stop Bolton Cross Layby

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report is in response to a request to ease congestion in Bank Lane and to improve access for the National Express Bus Services.

2. Proposed Decision

- 2.1 Members approve the proposals outlined in **Appendix 2**.

3. Action Needed

- 3.1 Members Approve the proposals outlined in **Appendix 2** for implementation.

4. Summary

- 4.1 The current National Express Bus Stop in Bank Lane, Brixham is a shared loading bay/bus stop which is utilised by delivery Lorries (before 10.00am and after 4.00pm), Country Bus Services 15 and 16 and National Express Services. Bank Lane is an extremely busy area with many vehicles and a high pedestrian footfall and there are times when the National Express Coach cannot serve the allocated stop due to late delivery Lorries or general misuse of the bay. Enforcement is carried out within this area but unfortunately the Civil Enforcement Officers cannot always be on site when infringements occur.
- 4.2 The Council has therefore relocated the existing National Express stop from Bank Lane to Bolton Cross outside the Market Building. There is enough pavement width at this location for customers to wait and using this lay-by reduces the risk to pedestrians compared to its current location in Bank Lane where the front overhang of the coach can cause problems for pedestrians (when parking next to the kerb).
- 4.3 National Express has been using the Bolton Cross Lay by for the last few weeks without any issues.
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Supporting Information

5. Position

5.1 The current National Express Bus Stop in Bank Lane, Brixham is a shared loading bay/bus stop which is utilised by delivery Lorries (before 10.00am and after 4.00pm), Country Bus Services 15 and 16 and National Express Services. Bank Lane is an extremely busy area with many vehicles and a high pedestrian footfall and there are times when the National Express Coach cannot serve the allocated stop due to late delivery Lorries or general misuse of the bay. Enforcement is carried out within this area but unfortunately the Civil Enforcement Officers cannot always be on site when infringements occur.

5.2 The proposal is to implement new bus stop restrictions which were advertised in the local media (Herald Express) and on site during the period 29th August until 19th September 2013. No objections have been received.

This will allow for easier and safer loading and unloading of the National Express Services at the registered times without the risk of congestion or obstruction.

6 Possibilities and Options

The Working Party is requested to consider whether they wish to support amendments to traffic regulation orders in the area as detailed below:

6.1 Implement new Bus Stop restrictions, as detailed in **Appendix 2**.

6.2 Members may wish to recommend that no changes are considered at the present time.

7 Preferred Solution/Option

Members are recommended that the option in 6.1 above would be the most appropriate option.

8 Consultation

8.1 A consultation letter was sent to Brixham Arts & Theatre Society, Brixham Conservative Club, Brixham Heritage Museum and Brixham Parish Council who are all located within close proximity of the Bolton Cross Lay by. Brixham Parish Council has specifically requested that the Bus Stop is located at the far end of the Bus Stop outside the Brixham Museum. Comments received are as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

9 Risks

9.1 None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Copy of the comments received.

Appendix 2 – Copy of revised restrictions to be advertised if approved.

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

None