

National Express Proposed Bus Stop Bolton Cross Comments

24th July 2013 Mike Morey - LD

Hi Lesley,

Further to our telephone conversation, I would just like to re-affirm my concerns for a bus shelter to be positioned adjacent to the Lay-by, as I feel that such a construction would conflict with the operations of Brixham Does Care and its clients. This concern is due to the potential narrowing of pavement space on this busy stretch of thoroughfare.

As for positioning of the National Express coach in the Lay-by, if it is deemed the right place for such a stop, then may I suggest it should be sited at the southern end (i.e. Monksbridge end of the lay-by) as that would reduce the interference to Town Hall/BDC users.

I pose the following question, do we have the person power to take action if the coaches were to overstay their allotted time, as was the case today when the BDC mini bus was unable to use that space for over three hours?

Cheers,



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25th July 2013 Brixham Parish - LD

Dear Lesley

We have consulted Brixham Town Councillors regarding the proposed new stop for National Express at Bolton Cross and comment as follows.

Councillors have **agreed**, in principle to the relocation of the National Express stop. However, they have **agreed** that:

1. The new bus stop must not be located outside the main entrances to the Town Hall and Brixham Does Care (Old Market Hall). The Town Hall and Brixham Does Care entrances are regularly used during the day and in the evening when there are functions / theatre events. A bus stop outside of these entrances would cause congestion on the public footpath and create a major restriction when exiting the building in the event of an emergency. The Theatre seats 260 and in the event of an emergency during a show, there would be a large proportion of Theatre users exiting the front entrance of the Town Hall. Therefore, the new bus stop must be located near Brixham Museum.

2. A condition should also be implemented to the effect that all coaches / buses using the lay by must turn off their engines due to concerns with exhaust emissions.

Councillors have also agreed that if any shelter is installed in the future, once again, it must not be located outside of the main entrances to the Town Hall and Brixham Does Care (Old Market Hall) due to concerns with congestion on the public footpath and creating a major restriction when exiting the building in the event of an emergency.

Regards

Tracy Hallett

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25th July 2013 Brixham Heritage Museum - LD

Dear Miss Dransfield

Thank you for your letter of 15th July concerning National Express Use of Bolton Cross Bus Bay, Brixham.

The concern of the Brixham Heritage Museum would be fumes and noise caused right outside the Museum front door, which means the Museum entrance must be closed. Our business relies on being seen to be open and we also feel our Receptionist and front entrance volunteers should not be subject particularly to the fumes but also the noise. [We have already experienced this as the National Express drivers are already using this lay-by.]

Thank you for your attention to this.

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2nd August 2013 Brixham Parish - LD

Hi

Brixham Councillors have asked for an additional comment to be added to the email sent to you on 25th July. They have **agreed** that a condition should include a maximum time limit to park at the new stop.

Regards
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Dear Miss Dransfield

National Express use of Bolton Cross bus bay, Brixham

Thank you for your letter of 15 July.

We shall be delighted for the National Express bus to use the Town Hall bus bay, with one caveat that the engine is turned off when the bus is empty. My personal experience as a steward in Brixham Museum is that the noise and air pollution caused by a bus engine constantly running are very unpleasant indeed. Provided these can be kept to a minimum we would have no objection to resiting the bus stop. I've no doubt that the Museum Administrator will be raising the same point with you.

As far as the theatre is concerned the timing of the change is excellent. Brixham Does Care will open its new café on the ground floor of the Town Hall on 15 July. They operate Monday to Friday 10am-1.00pm and we operate a café on Saturday mornings 10.30am-12.30pm. We would be very pleased indeed to be able to sell refreshments to drivers and passengers, who will no doubt be using the toilets in the Town Hall, in any case.

Yours sincerely

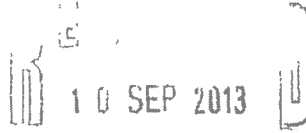
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5th September 2013

NATIONAL EXPRESS USE OF BOLTON CROSS BUS BAY

Dear Miss Dransfield

Thank you for your letter regarding re-siting of the National Express bus stop on Bank Lane to the shared loading bay/coach stop on New Road/Bolton Cross.

This bay is directly outside the club entrance and is used daily at its upper end (not the coach end) by our suppliers' delivery vehicles (brewery, gases, catering and waste disposal).

We have "shared" this area without difficulty with visiting coaches that stop to drop off passengers and return to collect them, since there is space for a coach at the lower (Town Hall) end and a lorry at the upper (Conservative Club) end.

We discussed this change at committee on 4th September, and are happy that this shared arrangement will continue with the addition of National Express and a bus stop/shelter, but will object if this change involves the removal of the loading arrangement. There is no mention in your letter of removing the loading arrangement.

Yours sincerely

