

Proposed Replacement Bus Shelters - 2023-2024

Background

This report outlines the proposed replacement of four bus shelters and the installation of four further bus shelters at bus stops which currently do not have shelter provision, from April 2023.

The proposed work will use the services of the Town Council's agreed preferred bus shelter supplier GW Shelter Services Ltd and is subject to approval from Northumberland County Council's Technical Team.

A location map of the proposed shelters is shown at the end.

Agenda 15 a) Woodhorn Road

To install one shelter at no. 97 Woodhorn Road (outside of Abbey Tandoori).

Recent consultation, at the request of Ward Councillors on this proposed shelter, has proved inconclusive. Further to advice from NCC, on consultation, a letter was hand delivered to 20 of the nearest properties to the bus stop. The Town Council has received 5 replies – 4 by email / letter and 1 telephone call. Please see summary, as follows, from each response:

- supportive of the proposed shelter – well used bus stop, which older people use and often have to stand in inclement weather
- supportive but only if the bus shelter is moved 200m along the road
- no concerns but raises general parking issues in the area (not a Town Council issue)
- against the shelter – believe it will be an eyesore and become a target of anti-social behaviour
- against because of anti-social behaviour concerns, particularly on an evening but can see merit as a number of children catch the bus in a morning for school

A cantilever shelter is the only shelter permitted by NCC, following a site visit in regards the width of the pavement. A similar shelter, to the proposed shelter, has recently been installed outside of Sports Direct.

Agenda 15 b) Bus Interchange Centre x2

To install two new shelters at the two well-used bus stops in the town centre bus interchange area which currently have no shelter provision. The shelters will be subject to NCC technical approval, but it is envisaged that the design will be of similar to the existing eight shelters in this area – an Arun design with barrel roof.

A commitment to fund these two shelters has been made by Cllr. Caroline Ball through her County Council Members scheme.

Agenda 15 c) Station Road West (4)

Subject to public consultation, install one new shelter at the well-used bus stop directly outside of St. Aidan's Roman Catholic Church. This bus stop currently has no shelter provision. A technical appraisal by NCC officers will determine the design of the shelter.

A commitment to fund this shelter has been made by Cllr. Lynne Grimshaw through her County Council Members scheme.

Agenda 15 d) Station Road West (1)

The existing town centre bus shelter is directly opposite the Veterinary Practice/Glentions on Station Road (west) and has been identified as part of the lifespan analysis as a shelter in need of replacing. The proposed shelter would be of 'Arun' design – photograph shown.

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Agenda 15 d) Station Road (2)

The existing town centre bus shelter is directly outside of the Station Court Care Home on Station Road (west) and as above has been identified as a shelter in need of replacing. As others the chosen design is the Arun.

Agenda 15 d) Station Road (3)

The existing town centre bus shelter is opposite St. Aidan's RC Church on Station Road and as above has been identified as a shelter in need of replacing. As others the chosen design is the Arun.

Agenda 15 d) Milburn Road (Garden City Villas area)

The existing bus shelter is adjacent to Garden City Villas on Milburn Road and has been identified as part of a life-span analysis as a shelter in need of replacing. The proposed shelter would be of 'Arun' design – photograph below.

Proposed Design and Costs

The designs will be of the 'Arun' suite of shelters by GW Shelter Services, dependent on technical advice from NCC staff. A cantilever design will be considered where appropriate.

The Arun Shelter is photographed below (recently installed shelter on the A197 Pegswood entrance).



The cost, given consideration to road traffic management, groundworks, and the removal of existing shelters where necessary is approximately £8,000 per shelter. The smaller cantilever design shelter is approximately £6,000.

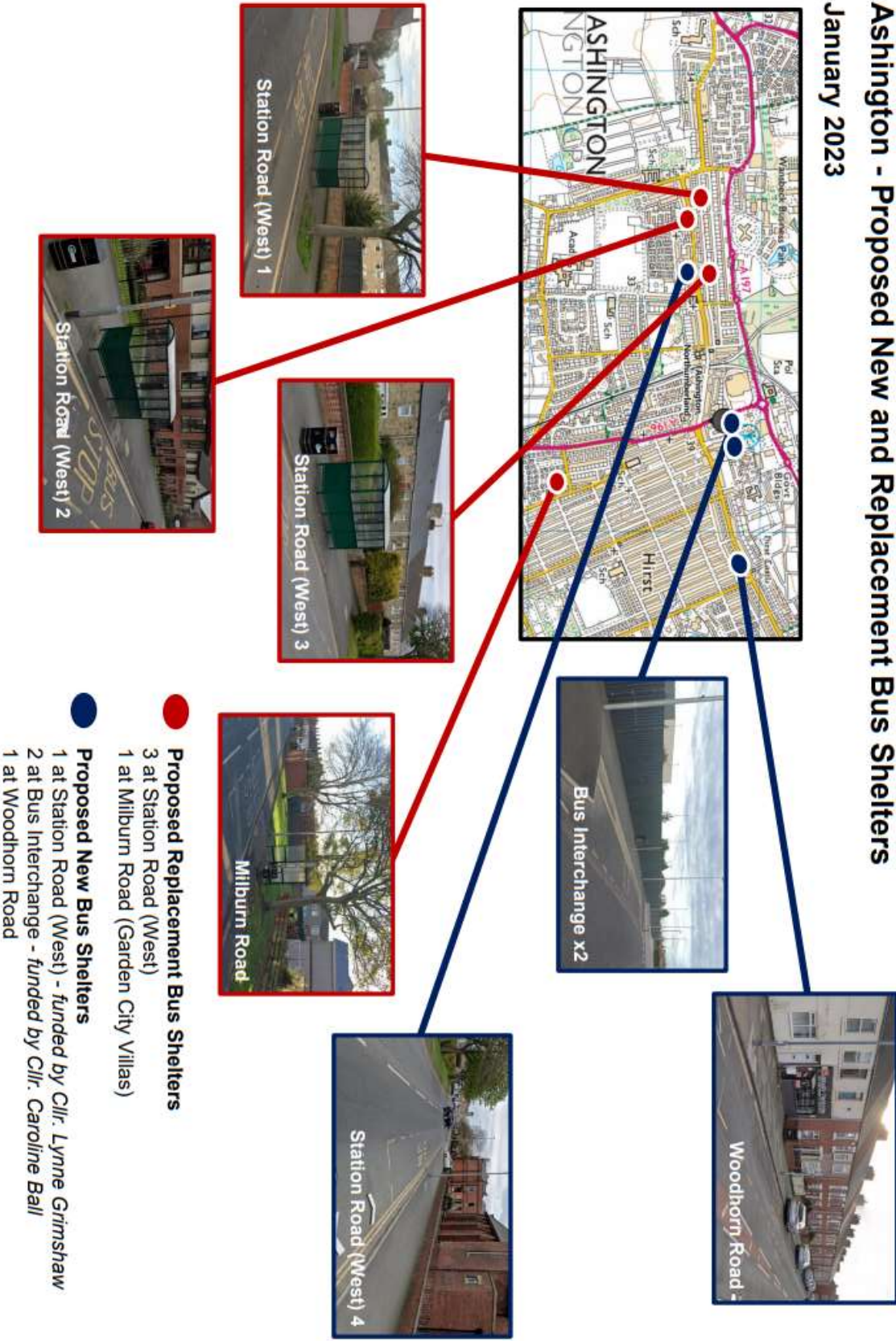
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Ashington - Proposed New and Replacement Bus Shelters
January 2023



- **Proposed Replacement Bus Shelters**
 - 3 at Station Road (West)
 - 1 at Milburn Road (Garden City Villas)
- **Proposed New Bus Shelters**
 - 1 at Station Road (West) - funded by Cllr. Lynne Grimshaw
 - 2 at Bus Interchange - funded by Cllr. Caroline Ball
 - 1 at Woodhorn Road