

Committee	Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
Date	23 March 2009
Report By	Director of Transport and Environment
Title of Report	Provision of bus stop clearway: Tower Street, Rye
Purpose of Report	To consider objections raised to the provision of a bus stop clearway.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to:

- 1. Note the concerns raised by the objectors: and**
 - 2. Approve the provision of a bus stop clearway in line with adopted policy**
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1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The cost of the provision of a bus stop clearway is approximately £400 and will be met from existing revenue budgets.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 Bus stop clearways are provided in accordance with Council Policy PS 4/33 which was approved by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment on 6 November 2006. A copy is attached at Appendix A.

2.2 The need for the bus stop clearway was identified by site assessment and consultations were carried out with local residents, the County Councillor and the Town Council. In total, one objection was received (copy available in the Members Room) as detailed at Appendix B.

3. Comments / Appraisal

3.1 Due to the nature and location of Tower Street, a bus stop clearway is required to allow the scheduled bus service to pull in to load and off load passengers safely and to ensure the free flow of traffic whilst the bus is doing so.

4. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

4.1 The requirements of Policy PS 4/33 have been met in this case and the recommendation is that the bus stop clearway is provided in accordance with the policy.

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Director of Transport and Environment

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Local Member: Councillor Glazier

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Council Policy PS 4/33 (Appendix A)

Letter of objection

APPENDIX A

(policy to be inserted)

APPENDIX B

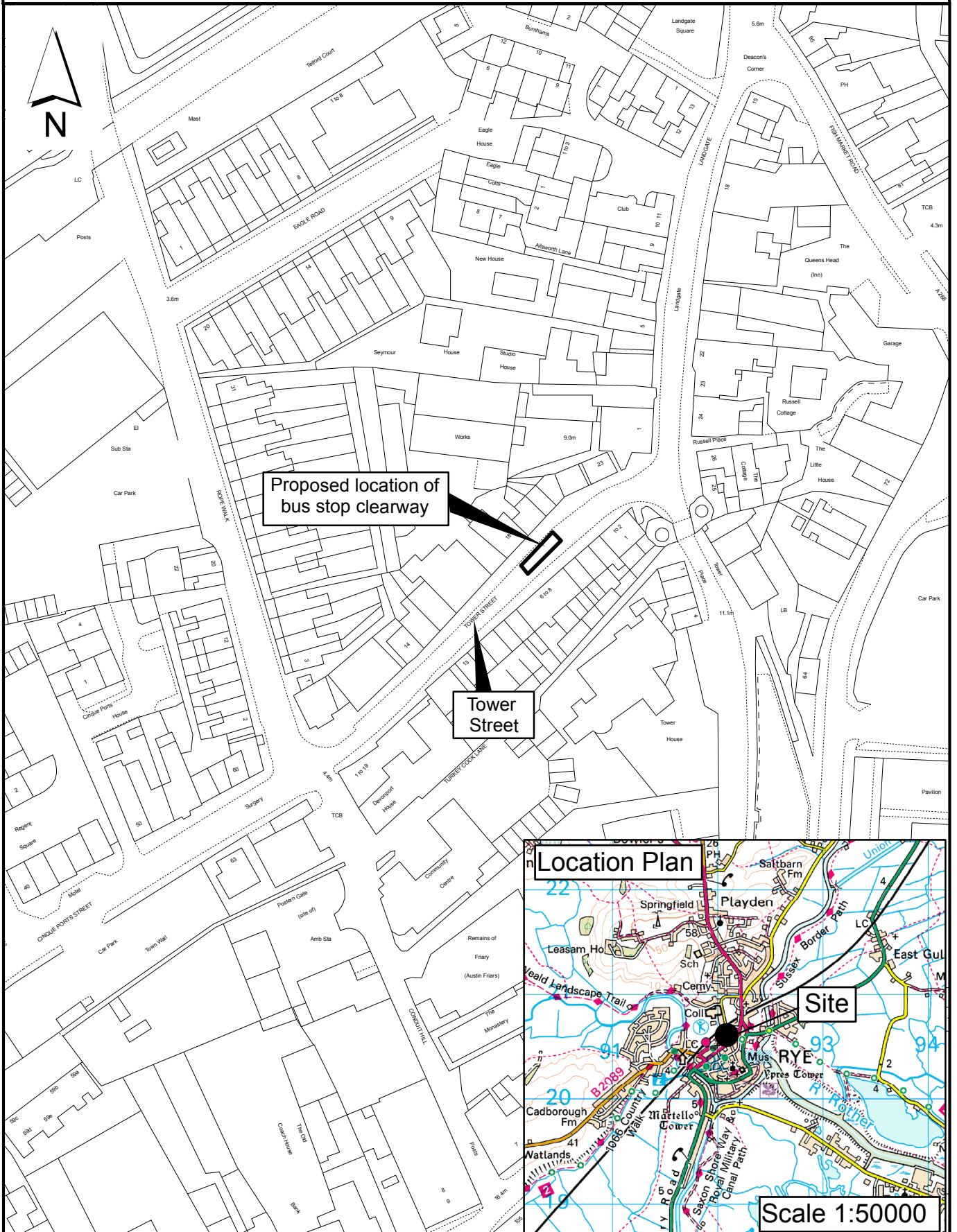
	Objector	Reason for objection	Comment
1	Owner of property in Tower Street	<p>The installation of a clearway would prevent loading and unloading of vehicles during the hours of operation.</p> <p>Two cottages in Tower Street are let out as holiday cottages. If “no stopping between 6am and 9pm” is enforced and the three parking spaces are occupied, the visitors will have to park elsewhere and carry their cases for some distance which does not give a welcome impression to visitors of the town.</p> <p>No objection to the bus stop itself, but believes that people should be granted loading and unloading time, which they are not if a clearway is installed.</p>	<p>The clearway is designed to keep that area of highway clear so that the bus can pull in and not cause an obstruction to other highway users. Vehicles which are stopped at the bus stop would prevent this from happening.</p> <p>A bus stop clearway is a formal restriction which is legally enforceable by Sussex Police. It is the responsibility of the Police Officer / Traffic Warden to use their own discretion when it comes to enforcement of markings. There are currently double yellow lines in place. The clearway would allow parking outside of the hours of operation.</p> <p>Regulations state that bus stops should have formal clearway markings or no markings at all.</p>

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

LEAD MEMBER – TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY SUMMARY

PROVISION OF BUS STOP CLEARWAYS	PS 4/33
<u>Purpose of Policy</u> To establish the principles for the provision of Bus Stop Clearways	
<u>Specific Policies</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bus Stop Clearways are provided on scheduled bus routes where on street parking results in a stationary bus causing a danger to other road users or an obstruction to through traffic or where passengers are unable to board or alight safely.2. The location of any Bus Stop Clearway will be determined by the Highway Authority and may require the relocation of any existing bus stop.3. There is no legal requirement to consult on the provision of a Bus Stop Clearway. However, such a provision can have a significant impact on nearby properties and, therefore, the County Council will consult:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Residents or businesses whose properties are either immediately fronted by or directly opposite the proposed markingb) The elected County Councillor/sc) The Parish or Town Council as appropriated) Such other organisations as might be appropriate for a specific scheme (e.g. emergency services, bus operator)4. In addition a notice will be placed on street advising of the proposed Clearway at least 28 days before any marking is introduced to ensure that any person affected by the proposal has an opportunity to comment.	
<u>Supporting Statement</u> The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 removed the requirement for Bus Stop Clearways to be implemented using the Traffic Regulation Order process. This policy sets out the County Council's policy on consultation and implementation now that this is not covered by legislation.	
<u>References – Further Information</u> Lead Member for Transport and Environment – Agenda Item 10	<u>Date of Approval</u> 06.11.2006

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