

STRANOCUM BUS SHELTER	1st November 2016
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR DECISION	

Linkage to Corporate Plan	
Strategic Priority	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Objective	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Estates
Cost: (If applicable)	£3,000

1.1 Background

A request (Ballymoney legacy) was made by residents of Stranocum to have a bus shelter erected in the village to protect bus stop users from the weather, particularly a significant number of school children, as they waited for the bus. Following consultations with TransportNI, PSNI and Translink, a site adjacent to the Council play area was identified as being the most suitable. (See Appendix A & B). Council officers were subsequently advised by the Community Association that residents adjacent to the proposed shelter location had been consulted and offered no objections. On this basis work commenced late last year to erect the shelter. However, a letter was then received from a resident objecting to the shelter at the proposed location. A meeting took place with the complainant and other neighbours to discuss the proposal. There have been further discussions with officers. The complainants allege that they and their neighbours had not been consulted and had they been they would have objected to the proposed location due to, in particular, concerns about possible anti-social behaviour. It should be noted that PSNI had no reservations about the proposed site and issues of anti-social behaviour.

1.2 Detail

Following the initial request a number of meetings with statutory bodies and interested parties were held in the village to identify a suitable site for the shelter. A number of locations were considered but for various reasons were discounted as not being suitable (eg. obstruction of sight lines, proximity to road junctions heavy goods traffic movements etc). The proposed location is on land owned by TransportNI and satisfied the various concerns of the statutory agencies in that it did not obstruct sight lines (TransportNI), was centrally located (Translink) and was deemed not to promote a gathering point for anti-

social behaviour (PSNI). Planning permission is not required as it falls under Permitted Development criteria.

Although this is a 'legacy' request, the criteria for a shelter, as set out by Council in its new policy, is also being met. The proposed shelter would not have seating and be of minimal visual impact due to its 'clear' polycarbonate construction.

1.3 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the erection of the bus shelter at the location proposed in Appendix A.

Appendix A - Stranocum Bus Shelter



Appendix B - Stranocum Bus Shelter

