
PROPOSED BUS STAND - BEACH STREET, DEAL

To: **Dover Joint Transportation Board – 16 March 2017**

By: **Tim Read, Head of Transportation, Kent County Council**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **North Deal Ward, Dover District**

Summary: **This report gives details of a proposed Bus Stand to be located in Beach Street, Deal**

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 There have recently been some substantial changes to the streetscape in South Street with the aim of improving facilities for bus passengers. Footways were widened, bus shelters introduced and bus boarder kerbs installed. In addition the bus stop clearways were extended to provide space for three buses to stop at any one time.
- 1.2 As part of these works it was also proposed to introduce a Bus Stand in Beach Street. A decision of the implementation of this Bus Stand was deferred until after the South Street works were completed.

2.0 The Proposal

- 2.1 The proposal is to introduce a bus stand in Beach Street outside the old Regent cinema.
- 2.2 The purpose of the bus stand is to enable buses to stop for a short period of time to help them run on schedule. Stagecoach have explained that the buses would drop off their last passengers in South Street then run as 'out of service' up Sondes Road and to the Bus Stand. They would then wait their time there before starting as a new service and run down to South Street to pick up their first passengers.
- 2.3 Only buses that need to take a layover in Deal will use the stop. Most buses have enough limited waiting time at the stops in South Street.
- 2.4 Based on current schedules, Stagecoach had advised that the stand would be used 5-6 times a day Monday to Saturday between 08:30 and 09:30 in the morning and between 15:00 and 17:30 in the evening. It would not be used on Sundays. It would only be used by one bus at a time. The length of time buses would be stationary would be between 14 and 24 minutes assuming the bus is running on time.
- 2.5 The Stand would be for local buses only, to prevent coaches from parking in the stand.

3.0 Consultation

- 3.1 A consultation document and plan of the proposal was sent to statutory consultees, Stagecoach Buses and local stakeholders. A copy of the consultation document, plan and consultees can be seen in Appendix A, Appendix B and Appendix C.
- 3.2 Two responses were received, one of which was from Deal Town Council. A summary of the comments and the response from KCC is summarised below

Comment	KCC response
Standing buses will create bottleneck and cause a backlog of traffic on to neighbouring roads	The carriageway width along this part of Beach Street has been measured at 8.2m. Assuming the width of a standard rigid bus is 2.6m, this will leave 5.6m which is sufficient for two vehicles to pass both the bus and each other.
Standing buses will block the view of the Timeball Tower which is one of the main tourist attractions in the area.	The length of the bay is to allow buses to run in to stop. Once stopped at the front of the stand, the view of the Timeball Tower would be unobstructed.
Buses will discourage visitors from crossing the road to visit.	There will be a clear area for people to cross the road when a bus is not at the stand. Otherwise pedestrians will need to walk a short distance down the road to find a place to cross where their sightlines are not obstructed.
Suggest coach stand adjacent to the Royal Hotel as an alternative, with buses performing a u-turn at the junction with King Street	In the interests of safety, we would not be able to agree to such a practice taking place on a regular basis
Will create more congestion	The carriageway width along this part of Beach Street has been measured at 8.2m. Assuming the width of a standard rigid bus is 2.6m, this will leave 5.6m which is sufficient for two vehicles to pass both the bus and each other.
Three bus stops in South Street, no need for another bus stop	The bus stops in South Street are sufficient for day-to day running of normal services, but an extra facility is required to make sure these stops are not blocked by standing buses. The stand is required to help enable buses run to schedule.
Parked buses will block the view of The old Regent cinema	The Regent cinema is currently disused and it is uncertain what plans there are for its future use.
Will affect sightlines	The bus stand will be positioned so that any sightlines are minimally affected. As buses will be stopping near South Street which is one way in, there will be little effect for vehicles exiting Sondes Road.
No alternative options have been offered	Given the routing arrangements, there are no suitable alternative locations which would not result in the loss of considerable amounts of resident parking.

- 3.3 It can be seen that although there are concerns about the flow of traffic and visual intrusion, the width of the road and location where the bus will actually be stopping will mean the actual impact is likely to be relatively low.

4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 Financial and VAT

4.1.1 None for Dover District Council.

4.2 Legal

4.2.1 None for Dover District Council.

4.3 Corporate

4.3.1 None for Dover District Council.

5.0 Recommendation(s)

5.1 That members agree to the implementation of the proposed bus stand in Beach Street.

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
Whole file	Highway Services, Kent County Council

Appendix A – Consultation Document



Kent County Council
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Our ref: DO-21-LTP-0177
Date: 9 November 2016

Dear Sir / Madam,

Proposed Bus Stand in Beach Street, Deal

Where will the work take place?

Beach Street, Deal between Sondes Road and South Street (outside the old Regent Cinema).

Why do we want to carry out this work?

You will be aware that Kent County Council has recently carried out works in South Street, part of which was to improve facilities for buses and their passengers. There is now sufficient space in South Street for three buses to stop to pick up passengers. However an additional location where buses can pull up and wait is also required. Passengers would not board and alight from here.

As a result, it is proposed to introduce a "bus stand" in Beach Street, located between Sondes Road and South Street. This was shown in the original South Street consultation plans.

What does this scheme involve?

This scheme (as shown on the attached plan) involves:

- The installation of a bus stand marking on the carriageway between Sondes Road and South Street.
- The bus stand will mean that it is prohibited for vehicles to wait in the designated area at all times.
- There are currently 'no waiting at any time' restrictions (double yellow lines) in place at this location.

Scheme Implementation

The works would involve a lane closure to enable markings to be undertaken and would be undertaken outside of peak hours to minimise the impact on traffic.

A new black post would also be put in and a restriction sign placed on it.

How to Contact us?

We would be interested if you have any related transport concerns or other points that you feel are appropriate to be considered as part of the progression of this scheme, please contact us using the details at the top of this letter, quoting "Beach Street, Deal".

Yours faithfully,



Richard Heaps
Schemes Project Engineer (Dover)

Appendix B – Plan of proposal



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Appendix C – List of Consultees

Freight Transport Association	
Road Haulage Association	
Road Policing Section	
KCC Transport Integration	
Dover District Council Parking Services	
Dover District Council Transportation Manager	
Dover District Council Planning Services	
Kent Ambulance	
Kent Fire and Rescue	
Cllr Mike Eddy	County Member
Cllr Eileen Rowbotham	County Member
Cllr Adrian Friend	Ward Cllr
Cllr Bob Frost	Ward Cllr
Cllr Bill Gardiner	Ward Cllr
Deal Town Council	
The Deal Society	
North Deal Community Company	
Deal and Walmer Chamber of Trade	
Stagecoach Buses	