

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Town Infrastructure Committee
Meeting date	12 September 2024
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Agenda item	9

Cemetery & Outdoor Services Manager's report on proposed new bus shelter on Ock Street

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present members with officer recommendations for the siting of a shelter at the Ock Street, Victoria Road bus shelter.

2. Summary

- 2.1 It was agreed by the Town Infrastructure Committee (minute if37/23) that a bus shelter on Ock Street near to the junction with Victoria Road (OX14 5DL) in the Fitzharris Ock Ward for buses heading towards Oxford would be considered as part of future budget planning and used to inform discussions on other proposed shelters.

3. Action required and recommendations

- 3.1 Officers have obtained quotes and one is recommended to the committee. The committee is requested to advise officers how to proceed.

4. Link to strategic plan and objectives

- 4.1 The provision of a bus shelter in this location supports all of the town council's key objectives.

5. Background

- 5.1 The bus stop on Ock Street near to the junction with Victoria Road has been lacking a shelter since it was removed after damage some 20 years ago. This open location on a popular route would benefit from shelter for the many users of the stop, as resolved by the Town Infrastructure committee.

6. **Key information and options**

6.1 Officers have obtained three quotations for the procurement and installation of a bus shelter with sedum roof at this location and recommend members approve the attached competitive and favourable quotation and instruct officers to place the order. The quote is recommended because:

- a) it is the most competitive price wise;
- b) the company is Oxfordshire County Council's preferred contractor;
- c) the company is local and will be able to carry out any repairs very quickly.

The company also offers a contrasting mid rail colour as per the photo attached which aids the partially sighted and those with dementia. This can be any colour the Council likes. Green is recommended as per the photo as it's an ATC colour.

7. **Climate change/green implications**

7.1 Installing a shelter in this location will promote the use of public transport. A shelter with a sedum roof will increase the town's biodiversity and carbon capture. Sourcing from a local company will reduce the carbon footprint of this project.

8. **Financial/budget implications**

8.1 The new shelter would be funded using £7,197.76 from capital purchases budget 301/4791

9. **HR implications**

9.1 Some officer time will be necessary but within normal workloads.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

Image provided below of the style of bus shelter proposed:

