

Introduction of Bus Stop Clearway Markings

STATEMENT OF REASONS

This proposal is to support the implementation of accessibility improvements at bus stops within the East Lancashire area. These improvements form part of a wider initiative to provide safe and suitable boarding and alighting facilities for all passengers, including wheelchair users, pushchair users, and individuals with restricted mobility who rely on public transport services.

The introduction and alteration of Bus Stop Clearway markings are necessary to ensure that stopping areas remain free of parked vehicles. Vehicles parking within or adjacent to bus stops can obstruct bus manoeuvring space and limit forward visibility, creating additional difficulties for drivers and for visually impaired passengers. The proposed clearways will therefore provide unobstructed access for buses and support safe and efficient passenger movement.

Where required, additional infrastructure such as bus shelters and raised boarding platforms will be installed to enhance safety, comfort, and accessibility at the stops.

Bus Stop Clearways

**ALTHAM, Syke Side Bridge (by) Stop ID 2500IMG2566; And
ALTHAM, Syke Side Bridge (opp) (Stop ID TBC)**

This proposal will:

- a) Upgrade the existing bus stop to a Quality Bus Stop Clearway, ensuring buses can pull in and out safely and consistently; and
- b) Introduce a new Bus Stop Clearway on the eastern side of the road to improve facilities for all bus users travelling to and from this location.

The implementation of the Bus Stop Clearways will ensure that appropriate enforcement measures can be undertaken, thereby improving compliance and delivering benefits for all road users, including pedestrians.