

QLDC Council
28 August 2014

Report for Agenda Item: 9

Department:

Infrastructure and Assets

9. Proposed Bus Shelter at 41 Hallenstein Street – Decision

Purpose

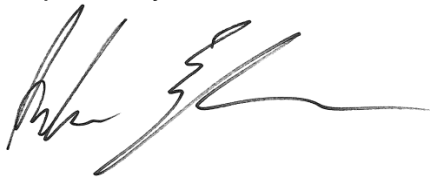
- 1 To decide whether the opposition to a proposed bus shelter outside 41 Hallenstein Street is valid and the issues raised are substantive enough for the shelter not to go ahead.

Recommendation

2 That Council:

- a. **Agree** that the opposition to the proposed bus shelter at 41 Hallenstein Street is valid and the installation of the shelter must not go ahead.

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Background

- 3 In 2013, Council supported an annual plan proposal from St Joseph's School to install a bus shelter outside 41 Hallenstein St.
- 4 This support was subject to consultation. Through consultation, one objection was received. The full background is set out in the Bus Shelter Opposition hearing report (Attachment A).
- 5 The Local Government Act 1974 requires an objection to a "transport shelter" to be heard.

- 6 On 27 April 2014, the Council agreed to the formation of a hearings panel. This panel was to hear objections regarding the placement of a bus shelter in Hallenstein Street, Queenstown, and make a recommendation back to Council.
- 7 The hearing was held on 23 May 2014. The panel comprised Councillors Gazzard (chair), Aoake and Ferguson.
- 8 The panel considered:
 - a. The Bus Shelter Opposition hearing report.
 - b. A submission by Mrs Barbree Gummer. This had been emailed to Council as Mrs Gummer could not attend the hearing in person (Attachment B).
 - c. A written submission by Mrs Kathy Smith (Attachment C).
 - d. Verbal submissions from Ms Trisch Inder (Principal, St Joseph's School) and Lucy Ward (Year 8 student leader, St Joseph's School).
- 9 Minutes of the hearing are attached. (Attachment D)
- 10 Since the hearing, the Ministry of Education has decided to remove a number of school bus services from the District. This will reduce the number of school buses using Hallenstein Street.

Comment

- 11 The deliberations by the hearings panel were centred around:
 - a. Alternative routes around the school, such as using Beetham Street.
 - b. The current location where buses stop on Hallenstein Street is illegal as no stopping lines (broken yellow lines) are painted along the edge of the road.
 - c. The rearranging of the current route so students from St Joseph's are picked up first rather than the students from Queenstown Primary School. This means the buses would stop on the other side of Hallenstein Street where bus stops already exist.
- 12 The hearings panel decided that the opposition to the proposed bus shelter at 41 Hallenstein Street is valid in terms of traffic and safety issues and considered that school buses are currently parking illegally to pick up St Joseph's students.
- 13 The hearings panel recommended the status quo remain, noting that members of QLDC Infrastructure department would be meeting with the Ministry of Education on 12 June 2014.
- 14 The meeting on 12 June 2014 was attended by the Ministry of Education's consultant regarding school bus routes, Graham Bond of School Support. Also attending the meeting were representatives from GoBus, which operates the school buses, and representatives from the schools within the Wakatipu basin.

- 15 Council officer at the meeting, Andrew Edgar, noted that the current pick-up location was illegal and an alternative needed to be found. Go Bus agreed, with support from Graham, to consider changing the route so the relevant buses would pick up from the other side of the road within the existing bus bays or another location away from Hallenstein Street.
- 16 It was also agreed at the meeting that any changes to bus routes should occur no earlier than the second week of Term 3 (28 July 2014) although any decision to change routes will need to be made earlier than this date so parents can be notified.
- 17 The Ministry of Education also decided to reduce the number of school bus services in the District where commercial bus services can be used instead. It is unclear at this stage how this will affect bus movements along Hallenstein Street. However, as commercial bus services use marked bus stops, the bus stop in question is not available to be utilised.
- 18 The options available are:
- a. To agree that the opposition to the proposed bus shelter at 41 Hallenstein Street is not valid and the installation of the shelter should go ahead. This is at odds with the recommendation of the hearings panel.
 - b. To agree that the opposition to the proposed bus shelter at 41 Hallenstein Street is valid and the installation of the shelter should not go ahead. This is consistent with the recommendation of the hearings panel.
- 19 Based on the recommendation of the hearings panel, the agreement by Go Bus to change the bus routes and the Ministry of Education's decision to reduce school bus services, option (b) is recommended.

Financial Implications

- 20 There will be no financial implication for Council if it is agreed that the bus shelter is not to be installed. For reference, the installation of a bus shelter would cost up to \$15,000.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions

- 21 Provision of school bus shelters at appropriate locations contributes towards the core local authority service of providing good quality infrastructure.

Council Policies

- 22 The Bus Stop Policy and Standards is relevant to this report. The critical issues when considering a bus shelter are discussed in the Bus Shelter Opposition hearing report.
- 23 The Policy on Significance is not relevant as there will be no significant changes to assets, the levels of service or a way an activity is carried out.

Consultation

24 The consultation that has been carried out is detailed in the Bus Shelter Opposition hearings report.

Attachments

- A Bus Shelter Opposition hearing report
- B Submission by Mrs Barbree Gummer
- C Submission by Mrs Kathy Smith
- D Minutes of the Bus Shelter Opposition hearing