

Northam Town Council



Town Projects & Asset Management Committee

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Bus Shelters: replacement and installation of timetable cases, Northam Parish

Introduction

Shelter replacement

1. As part of a previous investigation (in autumn 2022) into the possibility of Fernbank Advertising replacing a damaged shelter on Golf Links Road. Fernbank stated that they had planned a project to upgrade many shelters across the Northam Parish.
2. The officer advised Fernbank that some of the shelters they sought to replace were the property of another authority (most probably Torridge District Council). Fernbank advise that they had approached TDC but were unable to take the project further ad the officer there had not received the required permissions from the award members.
3. The list of shelters that Fernbank would replace is below and overleaf. The highlighted shelter is the one of NTC's that would be replaced. All shelters would be replaced with Fernbank's new Living roof shelters (see picture overleaf). The current agreement between the Council and Fernbank would then be extended by 12 years to 2045.

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- Golf Links Road, adjacent to Greenway Drive opposite House called Sunray. Replace the existing damaged shelter with a cantilever shelter with half end panels, it will then conform to DDA requirements.
- Outside Spar/Post Office, replace shelter with a 3 bay advertising shelter, Golf Links Road.

Appledore

- The Quay, Opposite Seagate hotel replace the 2 shelters with new living roof ones back-to-back, the one closest to the road to be an advertising shelter.
- Marine Parade, Opposite No.6 replace with a 3 bay advertising shelter.
- Outside football club, replace with a 2 bay non ad shelter.

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- A386 Heywood Road adj. Limers Lane, replace the existing shelter with a new 3 bay advertising shelter.



Timetable Cases

4. The officer has recently been contacted by Devon County Council and Stagecoach to ask if it will install timetable cases at three shelter locations (two at Knapp, on either side of the road, and one on Richmond Rd in Appledore – opposite the upper entrance to anchor Park). The shelter and Richmond Road and one at Knapp (Appledore-bound side) have DCC lighting columns close to them. DCC have offered to supply the timetable cases. NTC would then attach them to suitable locations.
 - The officer has asked DCC if it is possible to mount a timetable case to the DCC lighting columns for two of the cases.
 - The third location (Bideford-bound side, Knapp) would need to be attached to the shelter itself. The officer has sought advice from *Line Search Before You Dig*¹, which indicates a low-pressure gas main is running under the pavement where the shelter is sited. Excavation cannot be within 1m of this type of main, so a pole cannot be inserted into the ground. Investigating the site and the officer notes that there is not sufficient space to fix a flange-based post to the concrete base beside the shelter.

¹ "THE FREE TO USE SAFE DIGGING SERVICE PROVIDING UTILITY ASSET MAPS FOR OVER 3 MILLION SEARCHES EVERY YEAR"

The alternative is to fix the timetable case to a shelter upright with self-tapping screws.

Recommendation

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5. The Officer recommends that the Committee approve the project. The officer will then make contact with Fernbank to have it restated.
 - a. There will be one shelter (a 3-bay, with no glass) that could be re-purposed, for example at a park as a youth shelter. The metal may of course be recycled. The committee may wish to make a decision as to the future use or disposal of this unit.

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6. The Officer recommends the committee agrees to go ahead with the cases on the basis that should DCC give approval for the use of their lighting columns, and provide the three timetable cases, NTC will instal them as appropriate.

Financial Implications

7. There is no cost to NTC for any of these works, apart from the removal and transport of the 3-bay shelter if it is to be kept and the installation of the timetable cases. All this work would be carried out by the Council's maintenance team.

Guy Langton, 26/07/2023