

St Nicholas Bus Stop Proposals

Proposal summary: Both bus stops at St Nicholas to be improved.

Westbound for land to be purchased to provide an area for a new shelter, seating, planting and a litter bin.

Eastbound, for a retaining wall to provide a planting area and prevent slippage of the embankment, provide space for the litter bin on to the footway and to provide space for seating and a new shelter. The bus layby will be shortened to provide additional space for the shelter. The shelters will be timber framed, either generic or bespoke, to fit the available area.

The Community Council will be the owner of the land for the shelter of the westbound bus shelter and take responsibility for cleansing and maintenance of both shelters and all planting areas.

Community Council involvement

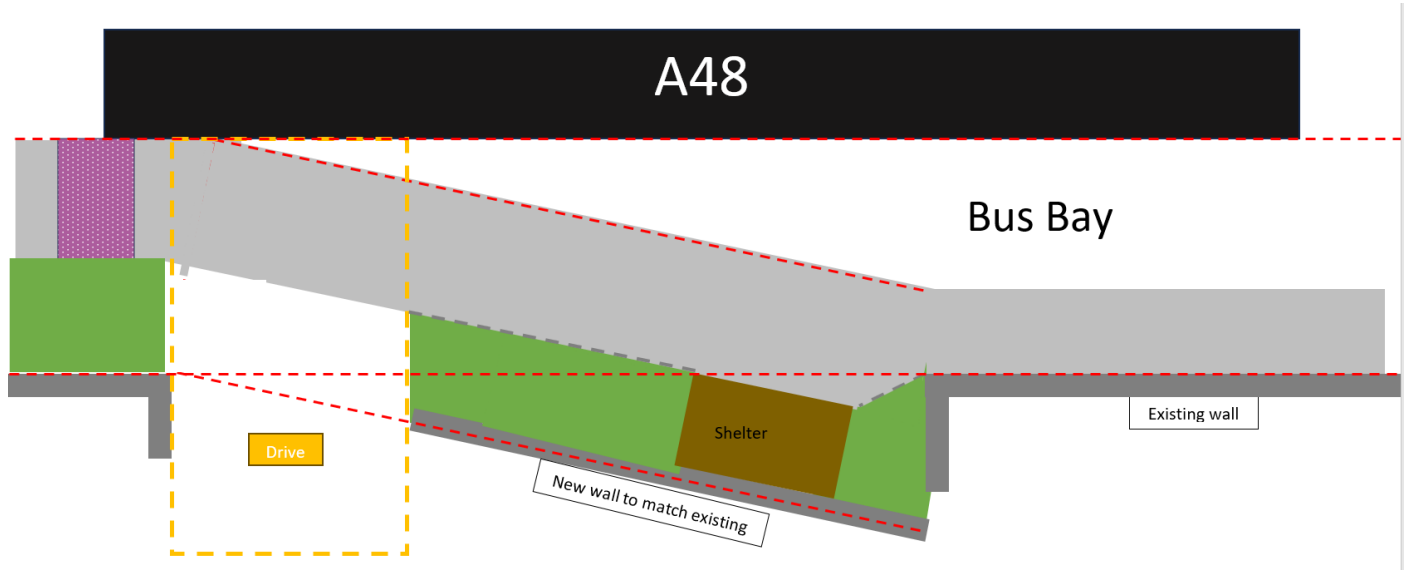
The Community Council resolved at its meeting on 10th of January 2024, 19th of April 2024 and to undertake the work. It is now required to obtain four quotes to submit for a grant for the proposed works.

The Vale Council has tested the design of the proposed shortened bus layby and all land rights/ownership has been confirmed to enable work to proceed.

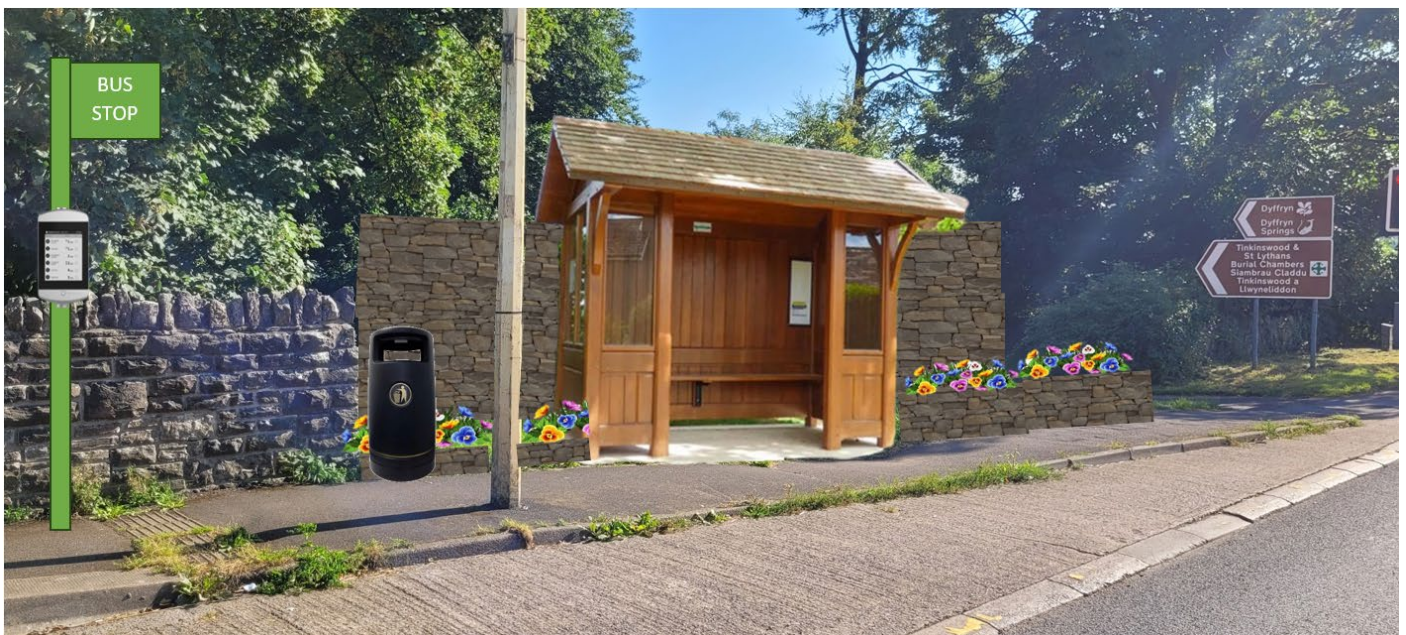
All stakeholders are in agreement for this to progress. The landowner now wishes to sell the additional land that is required, rather than lease, which is an additional upfront cost, but reduces ongoing costs and eliminates uncertainty. What is required is a resolution of the Community Council to purchase the land and pay the costs. Four quotes for the work will then be required and payment of the grant will be forthcoming. The matter is very urgent as the grant money is expired and the proposed work is subject to seasonal conditions. Therefore, having ownership of the land and quotes in place before the autumn is essential.

Westbound bus stop

Proposed layout on purchasing land from Broadway



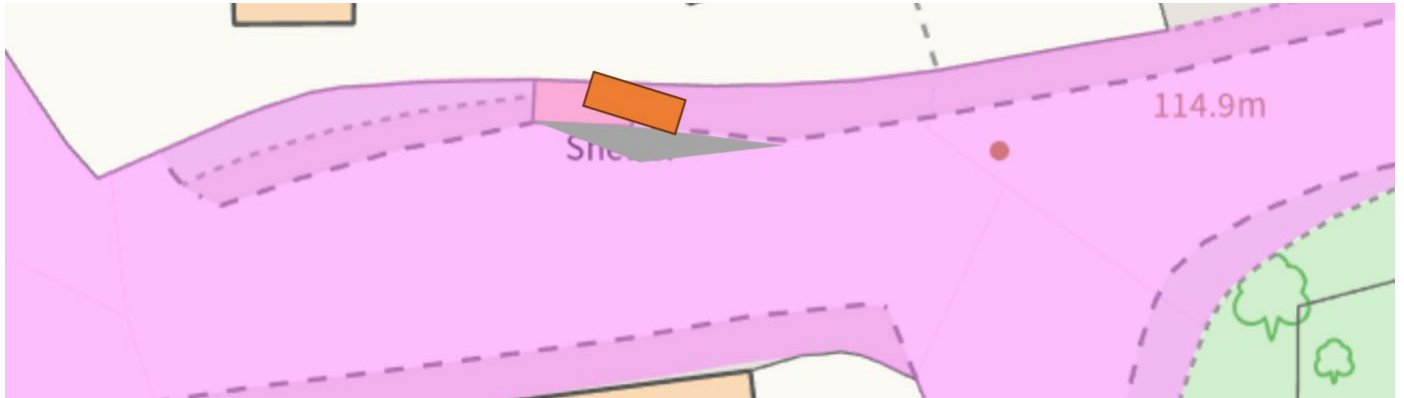
The footway in front of the shelter is to be widened to 2m for accessibility.



The sketch above is indicative only. The shelter will be set back from the existing footway which will be slightly widened along its length. This additional width can provide space for a litter bin and bench off the footway (or seating provided on top of the low wall) and ease passing for mobility scooters. A low wall can retain soil to the planted areas. A high wall to the rear is provided for privacy of the adjoining private garden area. The shelter will provide a bench seat facing oncoming buses.

Eastbound bus stop

Proposed layout showing location of shelter and shortened bus layby



Indicative layout





The new shelter will be turned around and built into space created by cutting into the embankment. Space in front of the shelter is created by shortening the bus layby – the buses already stop short of the existing shelter. The grassed embankment will be behind a 1m high wall that's then filled to create a planted area, and the problem of slippage of soil from the embankment on to the footway will be resolved.

The litter bin will be set back off the most trafficked part of the footway.

A seat within the shelter will face oncoming buses. There will be space for an additional bench outside the shelter.

Funding

On completion of the purchase of land at Broadway, St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council will seek four quotes for the work to be undertaken by qualified contractors. Street works licences will be required for work to the eastbound bus stop. A grant will then be made to the Community Council – excluding VAT.

The Community Council will be responsible for the funding of the ongoing cleansing and maintenance of the bus shelters and planted areas.

Existing

