

WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW PROGRAMME 2021B - APPENDIX 2

Feedback to the Traffic Regulation Order for the 2021B programme - Norcot Road zebra crossing proposal

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Street	Summary of Original Request	Objections/support/comments received
Norcot Road	Reduction in the parking bay to allow relocation of the Bus Stop. This would provide good visibility for the agreed pedestrian crossing.	Summary of responses: Objections - 44, Support - 0, Comment - 0, Mixed Response - 0.
1. Objection	Parking issues already pushing this onto crowded side road [REDACTED] More road safety concern Noise rubbish from buses and there customers. House prices for residents this will have huge impact on us. Noise pollution more issues for turning right off our drives. Think pedestrian lights situation where 95 Norcot rd would be more beneficial for all concerned. Leaving existing bus where it is. Residents of Norcot rd [REDACTED] Think council really needs to rethink think these proposals	
2. Objection	I object to this proposal for the following reasons. We already have a perfectly functional bus stop a few hundred meters up the road. Putting the new bus stop where it is proposed will takeaway much needed parking on an already heavily restricted red route. The bays there are used by residents living on that row. There is a small side road at the end of the houses that gives residents access to rear of their properties if the new bus stop is placed there then it will reduce visibility for cars entering and leaving and also increase the amount of accidents. Not only that but there will be an increase in noise pollution for residents, lack of privacy and the pavements on that stretch of road are already narrow people standing around waiting for a bus will block residents from accessing their homes, not to mention the increased chance of littering in people's front gardens. There is no logical reason for choosing this point to put a bus stop when there are other more preferable options. First is it to remain where it is, second is for it to be moved further up in opposite direction where there is more room and finally it could be removed as there are already two other stops nearby (300 metres) Church End Lane/Victoria.	
3. Objection	I live at [REDACTED] Norcot Road - I object to this planned proposal as a reduction in parking to the already limited available spaces on this section of road would cause great inconvenience to both me and my neighbours. There are little-no other options for parking safely and securely in the area, with no access to do so on any of the properties as indicated for this proposal. I also have concern for [REDACTED] safety on the pavement outside the entrance to my property with buses coming in close proximity to the curb. I would greatly hope you take this into consideration as I wish for my voice to be heard as a resident on this road.	
4. Objection	"Placing the bus stop on a narrow pavement on a busy road raises significant Health and Safety issues. In addition, residents only have very small terraced gardens and front room bays meaning that their personal space is considerably reduced, especially when passengers will inevitably sit on the walls. The parking bays enable deliveries to be made and unloading of shopping etc to happen safely. The	

	<p>resulting extension of the Red Route negates all these advantages and will lead to daily hassles and frustration and potential mental health issues.</p> <p>The existing bus stops are effectively free from all these problems."</p>
5. Objection	<p>these are my objections</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 the parking bay is used by 25-30 residents and reduction will cause great inconvenience and increase illegal parking/traffic congestion 2 101-115 norcot road is an unsuitable site for a new bus stop as the houses are so close to the road and have bay windows there will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increased risk to security for residents with people gathering on the doorstep 24 hours a day waiting for buses loss of privacy for residents due to bay windows in bedrooms and living rooms and proximity to street bus passengers can see in
6. Objection	<p>The loss of parking bays will increase the incidences of illegal parking and parking on private property and reduce the available space for loading/unloading. This will contribute to traffic congestion.</p>
7. Objection	<p>"Putting the bus stop at this position does not appear to have taken into account the physical and mental well being of the residents on this stretch of highway on a narrow pavement, on a very busy road. This will certainly raise significant Health and Safety issues for both residents and pedestrians.. The residents only have very small terraced front gardens and front room bay windows which means the intrusion of frequent buses stopping right outside their living space increases noise pollution and reduces light meaning that their personal space will be considerably invaded especially when passengers queue right outside their windows. Privacy will be impaired as the further temptation to sit on their low walls right outside their living space will be considerable. The impact of the residents mental health should be considered paramount . This is a very narrow pavement on a very busy main road and positioning a busy bus stop here will mean that pedestrians will inevitably have to move onto the highway to circumvent any queuing passengers. The parking bays also enable deliveries to be made and unloading of shopping etc to happen safely.</p>

8. Objection	<p>I am [REDACTED] of the terrace houses with parking bays directly outside and would like to strongly object to reducing the parking bay on Norcot Road. The parking bays are greatly used for residents, visitors, deliveries and tradesman.</p> <p>The terrace houses do not have front drives and therefore tradesman need to use the parking for access to the front of the property. There is not sufficient parking elsewhere on the road to accommodate all the vehicles that currently use the parking bay. Reducing the parking bays will increase illegal parking and traffic congestion.</p> <p>The local residents and myself strongly object to moving the bus stop to outside the terrace housing for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The terrace houses are much closer to the road than the current bus stop site; - Increased noise levels of buses stopping, starting and waiting very close to the houses; - Increased noise of people waiting for buses directly outside the terrace houses up to 24 hours a day - very disturbing for residents at night; - Loss of privacy - the terrace houses are very close to the road have bay windows - people on the bus will be able to see in; - Light pollution to front bedrooms of the terrace properties from the buses - they are very bright and the terrace houses are close to the road; - Increased fumes from buses waiting and running while at the stop; - Increased litter and damage to front gardens; - Loss of feeling secure with people hanging around so close to the houses and seeing in - particularly worrying when out/away; - The pavement is not that wide and a bus stop with people waiting will cause congestion on the pavement especially for those with pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. - Reduced visibility for those using the side access road to the side of the terrace houses, increasing the risk to users and road users when entering or exiting the side access road. <p>Do we need this bus stop? Could the two existing bus stops on either side of this one be moved slightly closer to each other. The Victoria Arms bus stop is very close to the junction at the top of the road and often causes hold ups/congestion at the junction - it would be sensible to move this stop a little further down the road.</p>
9. Objection	<p>I would like to object to the referred proposal, for the following reasons :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I have a [REDACTED], and find it very difficult to find a space in front of my property. Several times I had to park 200 meters down the road, with [REDACTED], and all bags [REDACTED],, as most the Norcot Road is a red route. - The terrace houses from 101 to 113 are very close to the road, much more than any other houses on Norcot Road, and will result in a loss of privacy. Double-decker buses will be just a few meters from our bedroom and living room. - Norcot Road is busy road, and having a bus stop, as proposed between 101 and 113 will be horribly noisy. Waiting passengers will be very close to our front door and I do not feel comfortable having that many people close by. - [REDACTED], we bought [REDACTED], and none of these proposals were known about. We would not have bought this house otherwise. - From 101 to 113 Norcot Road is narrower than around the existing "Blundells Road" bus stop. And having a bus waiting at the proposed stop, will affect the traffic but also will reduce visibility for any overtaking road users, and will result in accidents. - We are already impacted by some residents of Norcot Road who have their own driveway, but still use the parking spaces in front of 101 to 113, with personal cars, professional vans or visitors. Residents from 101 to 113 Norcot Road don't have driveway. <p>After all my objections, in my opinion, the best is to leave the bus stop the way it is or to remove it.</p>
10. Objection	<p>I really think the council need to re-think the proposed relocation of bus stop Outside 101 the road is very narrow .Pushing all the off road parking on to already crowding streets. The other issue noise from buses people late at night waiting or coming home from clubs in town and rubbish. I think the council should have pedestrian lights outside 95 causing less impact on our house prices.and road traffic safety concerns. We brought the house here with this bus stop not anyway near our residence. Which I believe will have a big</p>

	<p>impact on our house prices .Once again Reading council are proposing things without looking out for residents concerns and road safety and environmental issues. We don't really need a zebra crossing. Another impact would be turning right off our drives we have difficulty now with vans park but imagine a huge bus We also know that the buses seem wait at stops for considerable time to regulate the the timetable of the service not a good idea out residents homes who have [REDACTED]. In fact it's very disturbing that the council are proposing pushing the bus stop out families home with young families re road safety. I really think the council need to rethink this proposed plan. I am thinking Pedestrian lights would be more beneficial for all concerned. Hope the council are going to take on board the residents who pay huge council tax bill to the council</p>
11. Objection	<p>[REDACTED] in Norcot road your proposed planning of new zebra crossing I really think the council would better having Pedestrian lights where new zebra is proposed to go .Keeping the existing stop where it is or moving the the new pedestrian lights to outside 95 The road is narrow outside 101 Norcot making a more dangerous situation I also believe there is traffic island nearby The parking is nothing short of appalling anyway this idea will make things worst Buses stopping at the new proposed site would cause danger and more accidents of drivers not being able to see because of the obstruction of buses at new proposed stop appalling idea . But the location for new bus stop is not far from [REDACTED] I do not want buses pulling near my door pollution noise and that just from buses Then there's the noise from people waiting especially on a Friday Saturday evening arriving back from a night out Rubbish is also another factor people who been late dump rubbish outside houses .Next problem is parking where do all the residents park there vehicles . I Also the obstruction of buses when people are trying to pull off their drives it's bad enough when van park along here making visibility impossible some day buses are only going to make this situation worse .Thought reading council were interested in road safety the proposed idea is not very road safety or environment friendly And what about our house prices when we purchase house there was no bus stop along this side of the road near our property .Really think the pedestrian lights is a better concept and much better for all concern</p>
12. Objection	<p>We are objecting to the proposal to relocate the current 17 bus stop to a position which will reduce the parking bay. We believe that this will have a significant impact on residents, reducing access to parking to no more than two or three spaces. This follows on from the considerable reduction of access to parking in recent years with the introduction of the parking bay as part of the Red Route scheme. We believe there are probable undesirable consequences that we have been able to observe as residents since the last reduction in parking, which may not have been obvious to planners when producing the proposal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ROAD SAFETY AND EMISSIONS: The current location of the bus stop is at a part of the road where all houses have access to off-road parking at the front of their houses, while the proposed position is to a part of the road where the houses on one side are terraced and have no access to off-road parking at the front of their house. In addition, the road is considerably wider here than at the proposed new position, which will create problems with waiting traffic and emissions, and possible dangers with overtaking. 2. LIKELY INCREASE IN PROBLEM PARKING: Limited available parking has already resulted in tradespeople, deliveries and visitors being unable to find parking close to residences in this stretch of Norcot Road. Apart from inconvenience to residents and visitors, this has also resulted in parking on pavements and in other illegal spaces, which causes inconvenience and in some cases danger to pedestrians 3. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS: As a result of previous limitations on access, some residents have had to create or extend parking in their gardens, which both involves them in considerable additional costs at their own expense, and is undesirable from an environmental point of view. We anticipate that this will become necessary in more cases if parking is further limited. <p>In addition, we are sceptical that the case for a pedestrian crossing has been proved, given that the current traffic island works well (and anyone running to catch a bus will not wait to use the crossing anyway).</p>

13. Objection	Currently, the only spaces available for parking (when providing daily support to [REDACTED] is via a designated parking area on the opposite side to her house. It is our understanding that there is a plan to remove these parking spaces and put down red lines i.e no parking availability along the whole stretch of that section of Norcot Road.This action will mean NO vehicles can fulfill on deliveries, will severely impact visits to residents or daily care support needed to elderly residents such as [REDACTED], will incur unnecessary parking fines PLUS add more strain to adjoining streets to Norcot Road as parking intensifies. We are also conscious about the potential impact on the School opposite Honey End Lane. Please can you seriously reconsider this proposal. It does not make sense, will create unnecessary stress and potential risk to safety, wellbeing and health
14. Objection	I object to the reduction of on-street parking on Norcot Road (page 40 of the proposal). Adequate parking is needed for residents without off-road parking, visitors, carers, tradesman and deliveries. The imposition of the red route has already made life difficult for residents and businesses. This would make the situation worse. I have no objection to moving the bus stop and adding a pedestrian crossing. If parking is removed to make space for the new bus stop then you need to add extra parking (as much or ideally more) nearby on the road. The bus is important but please remember other needs of residents/voters.
15. Objection	I find this proposed application an appalling idea .To move the existing bus to area which terraced houses which are few feet from the road is a damn disgrace these properties are right on the road most of these properties have [REDACTED] families Where are all these family who are already struggling at these uncertain time now are going to [REDACTED] which already over crowded Are the council in Reading going to make up the short in property prices for a bus stop position outside their homes definitely not a good selling point .Then theres the noise pollution These buses operate 24 hours Definitely not for families with young children buses pulling up waiting outside there homes.I really don't where these ideas for zebra crossing come from But positioning a bus stop on to families in terrace houses with young children is completely mad The Existing bus is outside property where there is a substantial drive or garden at least 100 yards from road I think pedestrian lights would be better serve Think the council would be better serve re tarmac the Norcot rd area near the withe restrictions barrier And to clear the mess on oxford road west Reading station which being going on since seems like I was a child The continually digging on Oxford is horrendous Not only have we had city fibre continually digging making a mess over whole borough Now the council come up with proposed rd layout changes and removing parking bays is nothing short of craziness
16. Objection	We just [REDACTED] Norcot Road Tilehurst This proposed bus move to allow for the zebra crossing is in my opinion is more dangerous for road safety issues creating more traffic and dangerous issues just shifting the problems further down a narrowing part of the road on people with young families The council would be better installing a set of pedestrian lights outside houses 95 norcot road. Moving the bus stop outside a narrow part the road near 101 to 103 Norcot road would created more dangers from residents turning towards the village it bad enough if a van parks on the bays or stops along here which creates a blind spot.Reducing the parking bays will create a nightmare situation for residents. The other alarming thing is parking for some residents is going to be a nightmare forcing all residents cars into side roads which are all ready overcrowded causing more problems for the local side residents when they return home in the evening from no parking . These buses serve our community well but Friday and Saturday nights could created big problems for us as residents with late night party goers returning home to Norcot rd noise rubbish also lots these houses have young families not very family friendly having large bus outside your home day and night with noise lights pollution ect and we know what happens your get 2 buses turn up at the same stop before know it a queue of buses blocking houses 101 to 115 Not what any of us imagine when purchasing a property here. I think a better solution is for pedestrian lights instead of a zebra crossing and leaving the bus in its original place .I really think Reading council needs to rethink idea for the residents along this stretch of road most have young families with very little parking nighttime but need there cars for work .Also the impact of a

	bus stop outside your house is not appealing to potential buyers. Losing families which are already struggling more potential monies for potential sales
17. Objection	"As a resident of [REDACTED] Norcot Road I am very concerned that parking is becoming increasingly difficult. The planned removal of the existing parking bay without additional spaces to be provided will impact on me greatly. At present the parking bay is used by trades people who carry out essential repair and maintenance to my property and by family and friends who visit. If the parking bay is removed the existing cars that need to park there will I assume have to park in the few remaining spaces further down the hill making necessary parking impossible. The planned crossing and subsequent relocation of the bus stop is unnecessary"
18. Objection	<p>The objections are made on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Parking Bay is used by 25-30 residences and reduction will cause great inconvenience and increase illegal parking/ traffic congestion •Putting the bus stop between 101-115 Norcot Road will block lines of sight for entry/ exit to the access road to the rear of the properties - increased road safety risk •101-115 Norcot Road is an unsuitable site for a new bus stop. As the houses are so close to the road and have bay windows to ground floor living rooms and first floor bedrooms there will be: Increased noise pollution to residents from buses Loss of privacy for residents (due to bay windows in bedrooms and living rooms and proximity to street, bus passengers can see in) Health problems for residents due to worse air quality in the homes due to waiting buses running engines directly outside Light pollution in sleeping areas from the double-deck bus vehicles at night as the bus service is 24 hours Increased risk to security for residents with people gathering on the doorstep 24 hours a day waiting (or pretending to wait) for buses. Increased littering and damage to private gardens Alternative options exist - the easiest is to move the current bus stop a few metres in the other direction.
19. Objection	<p>Please find below a list of 10 separate objection grounds to this proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reducing the parking bay in front of the terrace at 101-115 Norcot Road will remove parking amenity from approximately 25-30 residences who currently use the bay, including Cornerstones sheltered housing facility (a multi-occupancy retirement building at corner of Norcot Road/ Blundells Road which causes substantial staff and visitor traffic using the bay). The proposals will severely impact those householders, families and elderly residents on both sides of the road who use this parking by significantly reducing the availability of easily and safely accessed on-street parking. There will not be enough parking for residents, visitors and commercial trade/ delivery vehicles if the bay becomes restricted by the extension of the red route twinned with removal of the bay. 2. Objection is also made to the proposal to relocate the in-bound No. 17 bus stop to the same parking bay as this will further impact on road safety. Buses stopping there will block lines of sight and entrance/ exit to the access road located between 95 and 101 Norcot Road - a road which would also become simultaneously busier with people looking to park due to removal of the on-street parking. It will also encourage risky driving behaviour - overtaking etc - while reducing visibility of vehicles emerging from the side road. 3. The net effect of this proposal will be to severely impair the right to enjoy vehicle access to the rear of the terrace 101-115 Norcot Road - a right of way and access which has been in constant use since the terrace was built in 1911. 4. Objection is also made on the grounds that the proposed site for relocation of the bus stop is inherently unsuitable and the change of use will directly impair the quality of life and enjoyment of property of the residents. These are the only properties on Norcot Road without a driveway to buffer the impact of stopping vehicles and waiting passengers.

	<p>5. Compared to the existing location of the Blundells Road stop , the properties at 101-115 Norcot Road are significantly closer to the road and footpath - barely 2 meters from front window to boundary. The stopping/ starting of heavy bus vehicles, on-board announcements and the gathering of people queueing directly at the property boundaries will cause significantly increased noise and other disturbance to residents as this is a 24-hr bus route.</p> <p>Residents have previously had to complain to Reading Buses about noise levels from bus announcements when the new 17 fleet was introduced, which resulted in adjustments to timing and volume - acknowledging there is a noise issue. There should be a record of that complaint.</p> <p>6. There will also be a drastic loss of privacy and risk to security for residents in these properties if this proposal goes ahead. The properties at 101-115 Norcot Road are bay-fronted to both ground and first-floors - i.e. both living space and sleeping space will be directly overlooked by passengers on both decks of the bus and by waiting passengers on street.</p> <p>7. Additionally there will be increased light nuisance caused to residents sleeping at the front of the properties by interior and other lighting in waiting bus vehicles (principal bedroom is the front bay window in these houses, and they have attic bedrooms opening to street).</p> <p>8. There is also an associated risk to health due to deteriorating air quality within homes by moving the waiting/ idling buses so close and due to smoking by waiting passengers directly below windows. Fumes and noxious smells will directly enter the bedrooms and living rooms of these properties.</p> <p>9. As a further objection, an increase in littering in the private gardens to the front of the properties seems inevitable once bus queues form.</p> <p>10. The need for the proposed change is not well established, and less damaging alternative options exist. The reason for removal of parking and introduction of red route/ bus stop is based on the perceived need to move the bus stop a substantial distance from its current location. The intended effect of improving lines of sight to the new zebra crossing could be achieved by simply moving the existing bus stop only a few meters in the other direction, towards the north west, substantially maintaining the current arrangement with no further disruption to anyone.</p> <p>There is also an argument in favour of removing the in-bound Blundells Road stop completely. 2 other stops (Victoria and Church End Lane) are each within 300 metres of the Blundells Road stop. Both are located at non-residential sites with suitable access and amenities and none of the problems described above. Both stops are accessed from the Potteries estate by safe footpaths as easily as Blundells Road or the new site would be, and residents at Blundells Road/ Recreation Road also have easy access to the School Road in-bound stop. Complete removal of the bus stop could and should be considered, particularly with Reading Buses reporting a decrease in trips by two thirds in the last year evidencing falling demand.</p>
20. Objection	<p>"I object to the proposed new position of the bus stop on Norcot road as it is unsuitable. The houses in the terrace at 101-115 Norcot road are the only houses on the entire length of the road (on the odd side) who don't have a driveway or green space between the house and the road. The front of our house is only 2m from the boundary. There is nothing to buffer the negative effects described below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Loss of privacy; the main rooms in these houses are in the front, with the principle bedroom being on the first floor at the front. Bus passengers would be able to see directly in as the bus waits at the bus stop. -Increased noise pollution and light pollution from the buses stopping, idling, restarting . This could affect sleep patterns and quality of sleep for residents. The bus service is 24hours. -Health problems as fumes from waiting buses would cause worse air quality. Potential cigarette smoke from people waiting at the bus stop. Both problems would mean we could no longer have our front windows open without a significant risk to health. -Increased risk to security for residents with people gathering on the doorstep waiting (or pretending to wait) for a bus. -Increased littering potential or damage to private front gardens.

	<p>I object to the removal of the parking bay as it is used by 25-30 properties, and as we are on a red route, there are not many other options for parking. Residents, visitors, tradesmen and supermarket deliveries will not have a place to park. Residents on both sides of the road use the parking bay, as well as visitors and staff to Cornerstones Residential Care facility for the elderly.</p> <p>Putting the bus stop in the proposed new position would hinder lines of sight when turning out of the access road (between nos 97 and 101 Norcot road) which has been in constant use for vehicular access since the houses were built in 1911. Turning out of this would become more dangerous. Simultaneously, this access road would be getting busier due to the removal of the parking bay at the front of the properties.</p> <p>This stretch of road is already prone to dangerous/fast/antisocial driving and I fear that having buses stop here would encourage drivers to overtake on the wrong side of the road which is potentially dangerous.</p> <p>There are alternatives- the bus stop could be moved further up the road (northwest) from its current position by a few metres. The bus stop could be removed altogether- the other stops at the Victoria and at Pottery road are each only 300 m away. Safe pedestrian access on footpaths to these stops is available from the Potteries estate."</p>
21. Objection	<p>"The Parking Bay is used by 25-30 residences and reduction will cause great inconvenience and increase illegal parking/ traffic congestion</p> <p>Putting the bus stop between 101-115 Norcot Road will block lines of sight for entry/ exit to the access road to the rear of the properties - increased road safety risk As the houses are so close to the road there will be: Increased noise pollution ,Loss of privacy for residents (due to bay windows in bedrooms and living rooms and proximity to street, passengers can see in)Health problems due to worse air quality in the homes, Light pollution in sleeping areas from the double-deck vehicles at night as the bus service is 24 hours , Increased risk to security for residents with people gathering on the doorstep 24 hours a day. Parking in Norcot Road has already been considerably reduced since the red lines were painted leaving little on nowhere to park. If this parking bay was also lost that would be ridiculous."</p>
22. Objection	<p>I object to this proposal for the following reasons:The loss of any parking spaces on this red route will adversely affect residents of the houses near it.</p> <p>These houses do not have drives, and indeed the front of the properties are very close to the road there. Locating the bus stop there will have adverse impacts in terms of noise, privacy, vibration and light pollution from stopped buses. The pavement is not very wide, so there will be an increased difficulty for people to pass on mobility scooters.Visibility will be very poor for users of the junction with the access road which leads to Wealden Way which would be even closer to the bus stop than its originally proposed relocation site.Increased likelihood of people littering private gardens while waiting for buses and noise from conversations close to property windows.Having stopped buses so close to property windows will mean exhaust fumes inevitably entering via windows into living spaces.</p>
23. Objection	<p>Alternative options exist which do not impede on houses which are so close to the road and will suffer from disturbance, noise pollution</p>
24. Objection	<p>"In the proposed relocation of the blundells Rd bus stop to outside 101 Norcot Rd will mean the loss of a minimum of 3no parking bays and will further impact the number of available parking bays for the local residents. We strongly object to the proposed move.</p> <p>Is the bus stop needed ? given the distance to Victoria Pub bus stop and Church End Lane bus stops, why not omit the bus stop ?</p> <p>Alternatively relocate to further down the hill outside of House no's 127/129 where the road is wider aiding greater visibility whilst maneuvering around the stationary bus and would not mean the loss of 3 no parking bays ?</p> <p>Whilst the proposed zebra crossing is welcomed, we strongly object to moving the bus stop due to direct impact on vehicle parking bays within a built up area."</p>
25. Objection	<p>We have learned that you propose to move the Blundles Road Bus Stop to [REDACTED] in a lay-by that is used daily by residents and the delivery vehicles have to use as we have been made a Red Route so limited places to stop !!!! There has been a bus stop at</p>

	Blundles Road for decades and is ideal for the Cornerstones Care Home with an island for them to cross I STRONGLY OBJECT to this proposal it is NOT needed as perfectly positioned where it is .We already have to keep our windows closed at the front because of the constant traffic pollution and dust and dont want even more Also when traffic comes past they already have to stop when a car is parked there so a bus would makes it 10 times worse !!!
26. Objection	I have been informed that you intend to put a bus stop in the parking bay opposite my home .this is the most ridiculous idea the reading council have come up with since the red route people on both sides of the road park here parcel delivery co and grocery deliveries use this lay ye READING BUSES cause enough dust and fumes already in my home you can come and test if you like they will cause more traffic delays than usually maybe you should spend council tax more wisely on electric buses it will save us from dirty smelly vehicles ie the bus department
27. Objection	"Noise pollution Will block line of sight entry and exciting"
28. Objection	The parking bay is used by residents, there is nowhere else for them to park. Putting a bus stop there will be dangerous for pedestrians and road users. Loss of privacy for the residents due to proximity to street, bus passengers will be able to see in. Pavement not wide enough for queueing and for others to pass at same time.Increased Noise, light and air pollution
29. Objection	101 to 115 Norcot Road is unsuitable for a new bus stop. As the houses are so close to the road and have bay windows it will cause increased noise pollution from the buses. Loss of privacy to the residents and also light pollution as the buses will run 24 hours a day.
30. Objection	There will be increased road safety risk, in addition it will lead to increased illegal parking. There will be a loss of privacy for existing residents and an increase in congestion and traffic. Other options are available, for example, moving the bus stop a few metres in the other direction.
31. Objection	Noise pollution from buses where houses so close to the road
32. Objection	I am concerned about the impact of light and noise pollution for local residents, as well as the lack of parking spaces.
33. Objection	Object reduction in parking bay. There is already limited parking, removing more will end up encouraging people to park irresponsibility and dangerously in other places in the area
34. Objection	The parking bay is used by many residents and reduction will cause a great problem. Also will increase Ellis Al parking and cause congestion.
35. Objection	"-will lead to illegal / dangerous parking due to residences in proximity - air quality concerns next to residences, exhaust fumes from buses stopping / starting / waiting with engines running will increase pollution leading to increased health risks for young and elderly"
36. Objection	If you removed the parking places it would be devastating to our family. I live 6 miles away, in a rural setting with no public transport, from my son and grandson and I would not be able to visit and help with childcare!! I believe the cars parked in the road help to slow traffic down, making it safer for all road users.
37. Objection	There is not enough parking in the area for the residents with the red route. Removing the available parking for those without driveways is counterproductive and will force people to park in unsuitable locations.
38. Objection	"We object to the proposals for the following reasons: 1) The properties 101-113 Norcot Road do not have space for front garden parking and so we rely on these spaces to park near our property, especially as most of Norcot Road is a red route. Furthermore, because there is no residents permit scheme there is already much competition for space for tradesmen and visitors to other properties in Norcot Road. Most other houses on Norcot Road have room for a front garden parking space, so it is particularly unfair to remove spaces from here.

	<p>2) The front gardens are much smaller in the terrace 101-113 than the other houses in Norcot Road (including those near the present bus stop). The houses are also much narrower. Moving the bus stop here will therefore much more severely affect a greater number of residents in terms of: disturbance from noise and light from 24 hour bus route; litter and noise from waiting passengers; loss of privacy and pollution from waiting buses.</p> <p>3) The sight lines for turning right on to Norcot Road out of the access road for the terrace are already impaired if a large car or van is parked in front of the terrace. This junction will only become more dangerous and inconvenient when buses are frequently waiting there, along with the inevitable queueing traffic behind a bus.</p> <p>4) The road is narrower at the proposed bus stop than at the existing location. This will encourage more dangerous overtaking from frustrated drivers, who will have less visibility of oncoming traffic. The effect is further compounded by the lack of speed cameras or traffic calming measures, in contrast with other parts of Norcot Road, so drivers often use this section to "catch up".</p> <p>5) At the current bus stop location, motorcycles and bicycles can safely overtake a stationary bus while traffic is oncoming; this will not be possible at the new location."</p>
39. Objection	"This would be [REDACTED] leaving them feeling vulnerable. Also due to [REDACTED] in the layby opposite and this would restrict him being able to do this. It would also cause more noise and even more dust in their bedroom window which they suffer from breathing difficulties anyway. My [REDACTED] struggle to sleep at night and the extra noise from having the bus right outside will affect their sleep pattern. Also they are worried about the excess litter that could end up being thrown into their garden."
40. Objection	"Whilst I think the new crossing is needed and will hopefully slow down passing traffic, I don't think moving the bus stop in front of the terrace houses is a good idea. The pavement is narrower than in its current location and it will make taking the children to school in the morning harder than it currently is, if people are queuing for the bus. The increased air, noise, light and physical pollution the new stop will cause directly outside our house is very unwelcome. In its current location, the brick wall that's on the nearby property boundary has been damaged numerous times in the years we have been living here. [REDACTED] gardens are very small and as a result, [REDACTED] living room and bedroom will be very close to passengers on the bus. The outside parking spaces are part of the market value of our family home, anything that reduces the value is obviously bad news for us. Perhaps no need to replace as the two alternative bus stops are about approximately five minutes walk away.
41. Objection	<p>"I am a resident [REDACTED] with parking bays directly outside and would like to strongly object to reducing the parking bay on Norcot Road. The parking bays are greatly used for residents, visitors, deliveries and tradesman. The terrace houses do not have front drives and therefore tradesman need to use the parking for access to the front of the property. There is not sufficient parking elsewhere on the road to accommodate all the vehicles that currently use the parking bay. Reducing the parking bays will increase illegal parking and traffic congestion. The local [REDACTED] strongly object to moving the bus stop to outside the terrace housing for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The terrace houses are much closer to the road than the current bus stop site; - Increased noise levels of buses stopping, starting and waiting very close to the houses; - Increased noise of people waiting for buses directly outside the terrace houses up to 24 hours a day - very disturbing for residents at night; - Loss of privacy - the terrace houses are very close to the road have bay windows - people on the bus will be able to see in; - Light pollution to front bedrooms of the terrace properties from the buses - they are very bright and the terrace houses are close to the road; - Increased fumes from buses waiting and running while at the stop; - Increased litter and damage to front gardens; - Loss of feeling secure with people hanging around so close to the houses and seeing in - particularly worrying when out/away;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The pavement is not that wide and a bus stop with people waiting will cause congestion on the pavement especially for those with pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. - Reduced visibility for those using the side access road to the side of the terrace houses, increasing the risk to users and road users when entering or exiting the side access road. <p>Do we need this bus stop? Could the two existing bus stops on either side of this one be moved slightly closer to each other. The Victoria Arms bus stop is very close to the junction at the top of the road and often causes hold ups/congestion at the junction - it would be sensible to move this stop a little further down the road. I use the bus to travel to work and would happily walk a couple more minutes to the next stop.</p>
42. Objection	The existing could be moved much closer to where it is already. Moving the bus stop to the proposed location will reduce the available parking, significantly impacting residents who rely on that parking and will result in unsafe parking to allow loading or parking impacts on adjoining roads. The proposed new location will also impact access to the road to the rear of the houses which could result in an accident.
43. Objection	25-30 residences use the parking bay, so reduction will cause inconvenience and increase congestion and the likelihood of illegal parking. I am concerned that, given the houses [REDACTED] Norcot Road are so close to the road, residents will suffer from increased noise and light pollution from 24 hour a day buses, poorer air quality with waiting buses running their engines directly outside, and increased littering in private gardens. Additionally, the proposed new bus stop position will block sight lines for entry / exit to the access road which runs behind the properties 101-115 Norcot Road - thus increasing the road safety risk.
44. Objection	Following are the reasons why I am against the proposal. There will be Increased noise pollution to residents from buses. There will be no privacy for residents due to the bay windows and people passing in busses and looking in. The residents could potentially suffer from ill health due to bad air quality because of the busses. There would also be an Increased risk to security due to public gathering around. Increased littering and damage to gardens would also be stressful for the residents.

KEY

Existing restrictions:

 Red Route no stopping at any time

Proposed restrictions:

As labelled



Existing bus stop location

Proposed new bus stop location

NORCOT ROAD

BLUNDELLS ROAD

New zebra crossing with tactile paving

Existing: Red Route no stopping except parking at any time.

Proposed: Red Route no stopping at any time



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