

# HDCA

## Higher Denham Community Association



## Bus Shelter Proposal

Keeping you informed....

Dear Residents,

As mentioned in last month's CA Newsletter plans were being drawn for the proposed bus shelter in Higher Denham. The CA are pleased to say these are now complete and we have produced this specific communication to keep you informed of the progress to date and to share with you the design, the proposed location, construction materials and the rationale behind the project ahead of submitting the application to South Bucks District Council. We hope you find this information helpful.

The CA consulted residents about the Shelter via the Newsletter in 2011. A large number were in support with only 2 responses received expressing their objection to the proposal. Through this update we are responding to the few concerns raised. The CA presented the proposal to Denham Parish Council who have given their support and offered financial assistance to help provide the shelter for Higher Denham.

The CA believe by providing every resident with the full and accurate details behind this proposal it will help address any concerns you may have, while at the same time we hope to diminish the possibility of incorrect hearsay taking place which can be so counterproductive. As ever, if you have any questions or comments, please do get in touch with any of the Committee members so that we can discuss these with you personally. Our contact details are shown on page 2.

With kind regards,

The HDCA Committee

### ***"Why do we need a bus shelter in Higher Denham - we've not had one for years so why now?"***

A shelter in Higher Denham has been a topic of discussion for many years. In fact there are letters from residents in the CA files dating back more than 20 years requesting a shelter be built, with the main reason being for the children to have protection from the wet weather while waiting for their school transport. We should also not forget the older residents who rely on the local bus service to take them into Uxbridge and beyond and would benefit from using the shelter too.



The CA is mindful that a handful of residents may think a shelter is not needed, however the need was established many years ago and it continues to be so. Some residents may not have to wait for school transport and the limited local bus service to go about their daily routine - however others do and they should not be inconvenienced by bad weather as a result.

### ***"The children don't need a bus shelter - the buses are always waiting for them in the morning."***

Parents who have children catching a school bus from the Community car park on a daily basis know that sometimes the buses are late and on occasions they haven't turned up at all. When it rains parents take their children by car down to the pick up point and wait for the buses to arrive. This can result in chaos as the cars try to get in and out of the car park and is dangerous for both pedestrians and car users. The situation is made worse as the buses arrive. If a shelter were available parents would be able to drop their children off and leave them to wait for their school transport.



### ***"A bus shelter will encourage loitering and inappropriate behaviour."***

Our local PCSOs have provided information supporting this to be completely unfounded. Incidents of this nature are practically non-existent in Higher Denham and also in areas that already have shelters including Gerrards Cross, Chalfont St Peter, Beaconsfield, Iver and Tatling End.

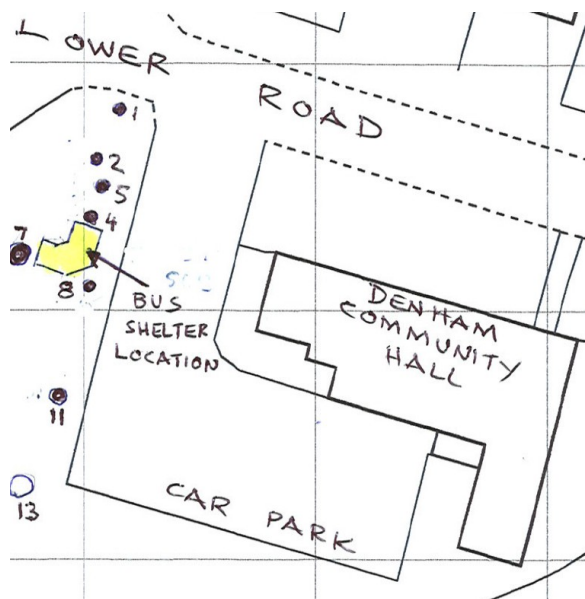
### ***"Where will the shelter be sited - I don't want it outside my property?"***

It had been agreed a couple of years ago by the Committee members at the time that the shelter should be located on the grass verge at the corner of Lower Road, facing onto the houses in Side Road. This subsequently changed to being outside the Hall, in the area in front of the wooden shed, where the Notice Board stands. The current Committee have discussed at length the proposed position and completely understand and respect that residents may not want the shelter overlooking their property.

We came to the conclusion it would be unfair and inconsiderate to site it opposite the houses in Lower Road. It was therefore felt a more favourable solution for everyone is for the shelter to be positioned on Community land - as it will, after all, be an asset for all the community to use.

## Proposed Site & Design

As mentioned previously the shelter will be located within the Community Garden, set back from the road as shown on the drawing below. This will allow the children to get onto their school buses as they arrive in the Car Park and for users of the local bus service to be able to see their bus approaching from Side Road.



The intention is to provide a shelter for all the inhabitants of Higher Denham in a discrete and effective way that will harmonise with the existing Community gardens. A lot of discussion has taken place over the years about the proposed design and it was felt the standard Council brick built structure would not be suitable for the semi rural area that we live in.

Therefore, the proposal is for a rustic design made from Sweet Chestnut supporting posts, Green Oak rafters and fascias, and a "green" live plant roof. The proposed design is very similar to the one located in Denham Country Park, built on a smaller scale with enclosed toughened glass sides to prevent the driving rain reaching those sheltering within it.

The CA has committed to undertake further planting in the gardens once the shelter is in place to enhance the area further.



The proposed design is based on this shelter located in Denham Country Park on a smaller scale



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