



Southside Community Council

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Dear Sir / Madam

Bus shelters in Edinburgh

I'm not sure which part of your organisation I should be writing to, so I hope you will be able to forward this letter to the appropriate person.

The residents of the Southside of Edinburgh are concerned about the placement of new bus shelters. You may be aware that one shelter, on Buccleuch Street, has been removed because local residents complained that there was insufficient space behind the shelter for people to pass by comfortably. As a result of this we felt that it would be useful to have prior warning of what further bus shelters are planned so we can advise, with our local knowledge, if there are likely to be similar problems with any of them.

I understand from the City of Edinburgh Council that the guidelines you have been given to work with specify a minimum pavement width of 1 metre is acceptable for the length of a bus shelter. However, the City of Edinburgh has a set of guidelines for street design, which came out in January 2015, which specifies a minimum width of 1.5 metres. I do not understand why you have been given the older guidance to work from, and would anticipate this giving rise to problems similar to the Buccleuch Street situation, which I am sure you would be keen to avoid if at all possible.

I am writing, therefore, to see if it is possible to set up some sort of informal consultation where we are given sight of any plans for bus shelters in our area, which we can then advise if we think they are likely to cause problems for people using the streets.

Yours faithfully

Philip McDowell

Member, Southside Community Council.