

Planning Request by the Parish Council to replace one bus shelter and install a new shelter at 2 bus stops at Station Road, near Nelson Park road, St Margaret's at Cliffe. (near CT14 6HL)

Current Situation

There are 2 bus stops, both in bus laybys, almost opposite each other on Station road, near Nelson park road within St Margaret's at Cliffe. The North side has no shelter, the South side has an old wooden dilapidated structure.

Bus stop 1 North – direction
Deal (kntdjmta)

Bus stop 2 South side – direction
St Margaret's (kntdjmtg)



Photo looking South East showing both bus stops

Background

It had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that passengers, particularly school children and elderly people queuing up at the bus stop on North side of Station road direction Deal were getting very wet and cold in the bad weather. This stop is totally exposed to the elements. The bus stop on the south side direction St Margaret's does have an old dilapidated shelter. Reports of children running across this very fast stretch of road only as the bus pulls up, is considered to be very dangerous.

A concerned resident privately obtained a significant grant towards building a new shelter here and has given it to the parish council. The parish council have researched, consulted and decided to progress this and use this opportunity and own funds to replace the current shelter, which they own, at the same time.

Nelson Park Stop ID: kntdjmta - direction Deal NORTH

The bus stop is in a layby. There is currently a stretch of exposed tarmac approx. 1.2m-1.25m wide and 3.5m long with some hedging behind. This hedging/uncultivated land to the rear of the bus stop is about 3-4m thick and bounds a farmer's agricultural field.

One end of the tarmac path stops at the bus stop sign where there is no further access along this side of Station road, the other end stops at the tractor access to this field.

We have had confirmation from Growth, Environment and Transport, KCC that all that brambled area is part of the public highway and they have no problem with us using part of this for a new shelter (subject to submitting a section 50 licence)



Photo looking West



Photo looking North West

The parish council have been in touch with various agencies and recognize that their choice of shelter is dictated by the following two demands:

- That the current width of access/tarmacked hard standing remains the same to enable full pedestrian, including disabled.
- That any part of the structure is at least 45cms back from the kerb to ensure buses can swing into the layby without difficulty.

The Parish Council propose to install a structure of 2.00m length and with a panel width of 1.28m to the East and a panel width of 0.73m to the West. The roof, including overhang to be 2.1m x 1.38m. The supports to be excavated to the rear of the current hard standing.

- The design of the new shelter is such:
 - that the current hard standing will not be encroached. The current 1.20m width for pedestrian access will be maintained.
 - that the East leg of the shelter is positioned 0.65m back from the kerb which means the roof overhang is 0.6m back. Well within tolerance!

To achieve this, we propose to excavate into the hedging by approx. 0.7m to erect the rear of the shelter. The shelter uprights will be submerged within a concrete pocket below the surface and top finished with Ercol Instarmac 3mm road grade tarmac along the whole of the excavated area to ensure one wider hard standing area.

The roof will be constructed from high grade 100.0mm x 50.0mm rounded extruded aluminum section and glazed in 4.0mm THK UV Stable Bronze.

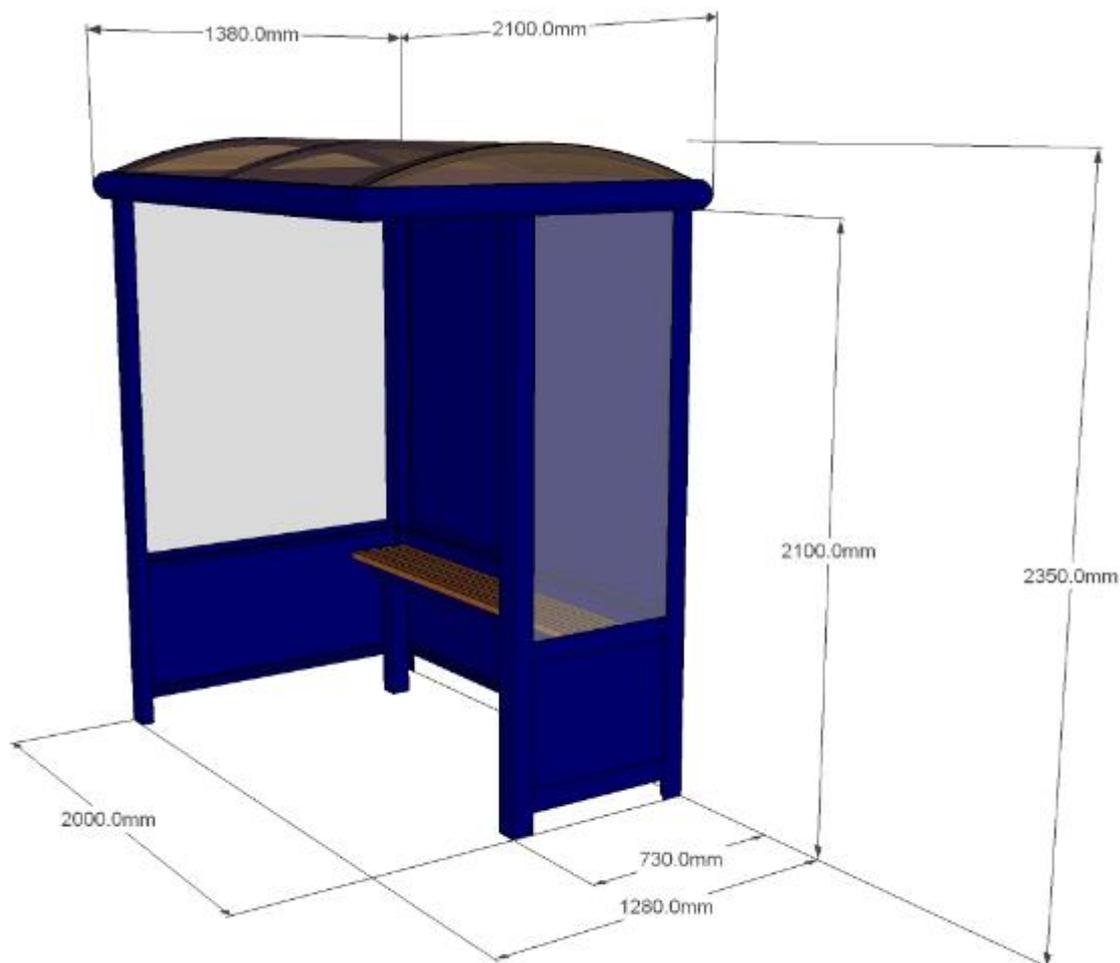
The main frame of the structure will be constructed from high grade 80.0mm x 80.0mm extruded aluminium section with a polyester powder coated finish to Ral 5017 Blue

The roof will be constructed from high grade 100.0mm x 50.0mm rounded extruded aluminum section and glazed in 4.0mm THK UV Stable Bronze tinted Polycarbonate affixed with rubber gasket aluminum capping.

The rear upper and all lower panels will be of solid aluminum panels powder coated to the same colour and the side upper glazing panels of 8mm THK toughened safety glass

There will be a full side panel to the closed East Side, butting up to the bus stop sign, where the current hard standing/path finishes. This will provide good shelter and visibility. The West side allows a half side panel which will provide protection without encroaching on the width of the current pedestrian access.

After consultation we have decided upon a full-length bench seat in Sapele Hardwood timber.



Nelson Park South side Shelter Stop ID: kntdjmtg - direction St Margaret's

There is currently an old wooden shelter 140cm wide by 240cm length sited on a concrete base. This opens to a long tarmac path with a width of about 190cm. Shelter entrance is therefore 190cm distant from the kerb

This shelter is owned and maintained by the Parish Council. It is still being used but is dilapidated and needing major repairs. The rear of the shelter has collapsed as well as the front side panels. Consultation with users has revealed that having the solid side panels makes it difficult to see oncoming buses. There is no seat. The Parish council therefore decided to use this opportunity and replace this shelter at the same time and therefore obtain economies of scale whilst improving the amenity of the residents.



Photo looking North East



Photo looking North

The Parish Council propose to replace with a similar sized structure (2.54m x 1.28m outside of legs – 2.64m x 1.38m including roof overhang) and in a style in keeping with the new shelter which will be located opposite as discussed above.

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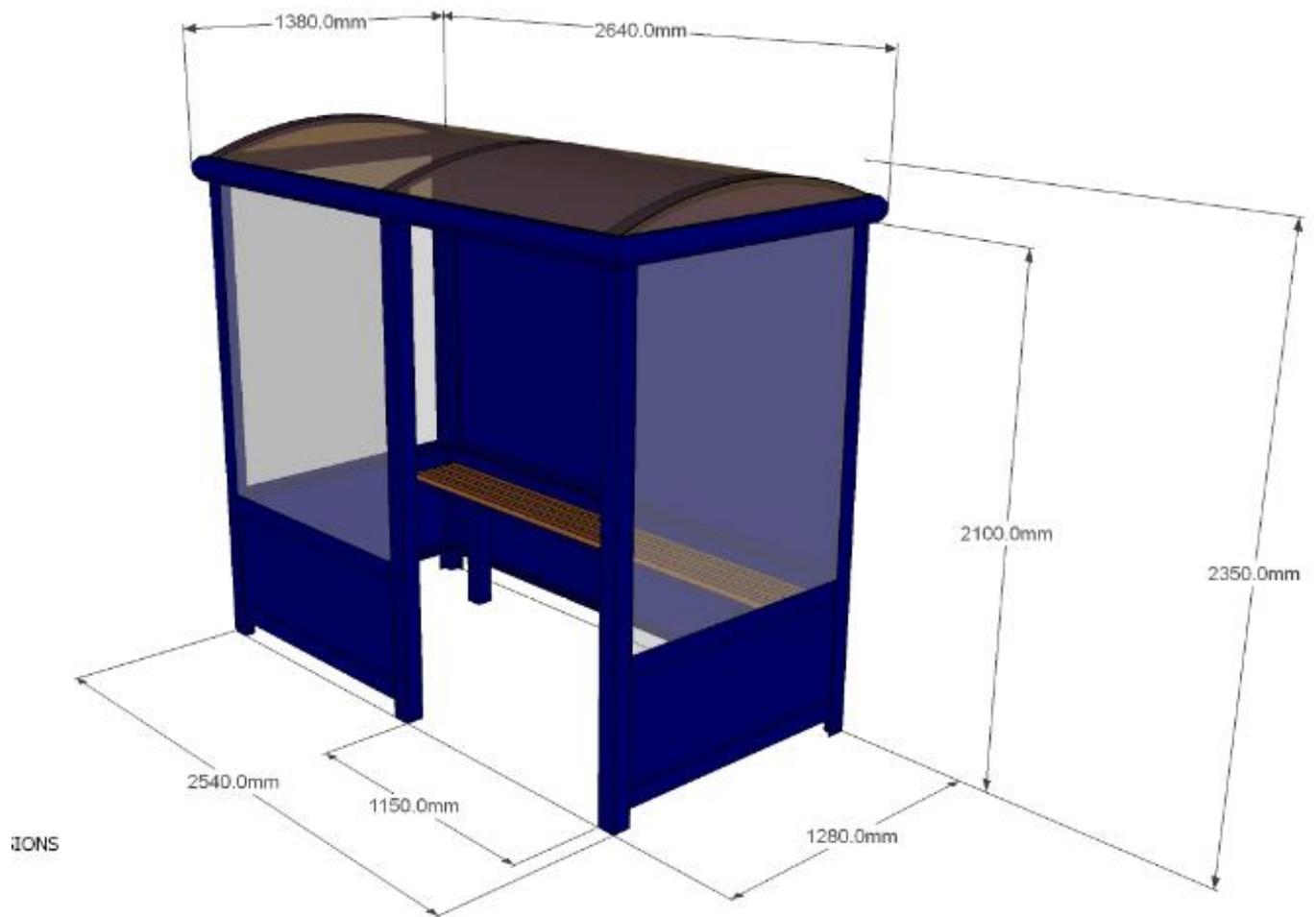
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A full-length bench seat in Sapele Hardwood timber has been specified.

The position will be almost on the same spot but slightly further back from the road so the rear shelter uprights are submerged within a concrete pocket below the surface while the

front upright base are plate fixed to the existing concrete base. The fencing behind will remain accessible for maintenance.



Request

We request that this planning application for one new shelter and one replacement shelter is granted.