Suggested alterations to Bus station proposal

I still have not seen any notification about publishing the expert transport reports that GBC had promised would be available. The Planning meeting is due soon, so when will the reports be made public?

Assuming that GBC and SCC do not want the bus station relocated to Bedford Road surface car park site for reasons not really clear to me, the proposal to retain it in its current location has many issues as I have already mentioned.

I believe the best solution is to relocate it and create the transport hub, but to make the current proposal work would require some alterations to traffic movements. These are

- 1. Keeping Leapale Road one-way but widened with bays as already proposed to service the development.
- 2. Make Chertsey Street one-way from High Street to York Road.
- 3. Keep North Street two-way from High Street to Leapale Road with a turn around facility opposite Market Street.
- 4. Create a bus lane in contraflow in southbound Onslow Street from Bedford Road junction to York Road roundabout.
- 5. Alter the junction of Woodbridge Road and Onslow Street southbound to take the bus lane turning right into Woodbridge Road.
- 6. Declassify the southbound bus lane and maintain two traffic lanes by re-marking the lane widths as necessary.
- 7. Pedestrianise North Street from Onslow Street to Leapale Road between 10am and 4pm just like High Street.
- 8. Retain the middle bus bays but build a new canopy west of the existing bus shelters and locate additional bus bays along the vacated area thus making 20 bus bays in total.
- 9. Create layover bus bays on the east side of the access.
- 10. Locate Park and Ride bays on the nearside lane of Leapale Road.
- 11. Modify the turning around area at the bottom of the bus station and accommodate facilities for the bus users by reducing the size of the pocket park.

Following sketches show the above suggestions

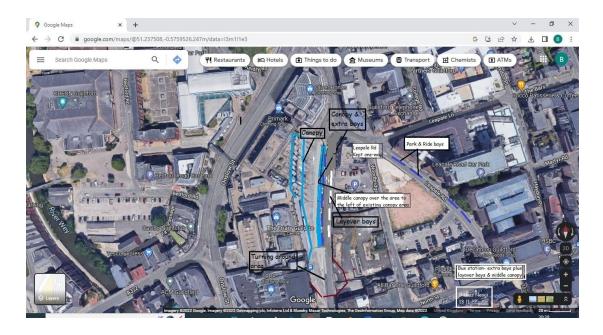


Figure 1 Altered bus station



Figure 2 Entry and Exit of bus station

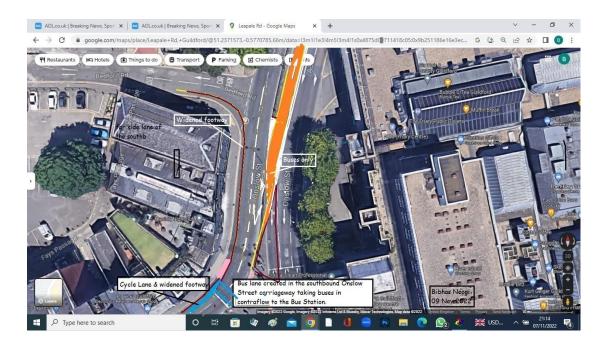


Figure 3 Bus lane in contraflow in Onslow Street

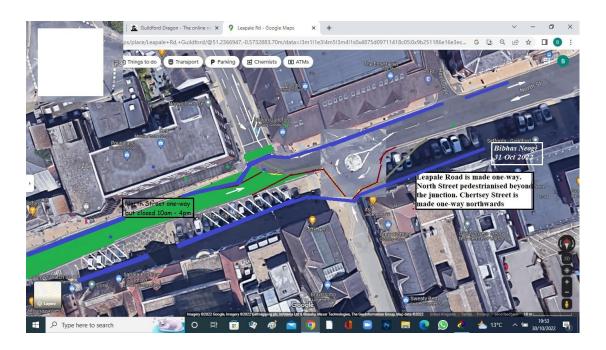


Figure 4 One-way North Street and turn-around near Leapale Road

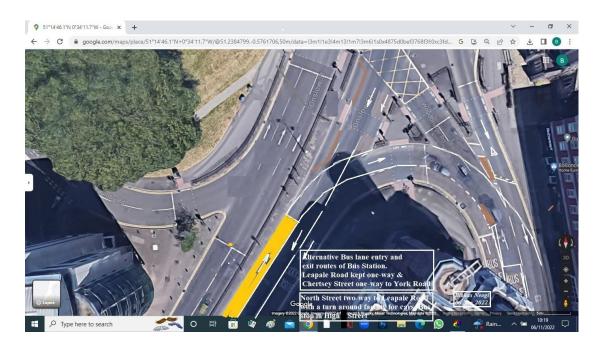


Figure 5 Bus lane turning right into Woodbridge Road