

63479 Bus Stops on North Bridge

Detailed rationale regarding the decision not to reinstate the previous (pre-refurbishment) bus stops on North Bridge, including the equality impact assessment underpinning this decision.

We do not currently propose to reinstate the bus stops on North Bridge. The North Bridge work has provided an opportunity to observe bus operations, with stops only on South Bridge for a significant period. This has worked relatively well for bus operators, and they support the proposal not to reinstate the North Bridge bus stops as they were previously.

Passenger demand on North Bridge predominately originated from destinations on the High Street and Princes Street and although South Bridge is close to much of this demand, we recognise the greater level of passenger demand that this places at the bus stops at this location. In recognition of this, we are developing proposals to make significant improvements to bus stop infrastructure and footway widths in this area, and this work will also consider the proposal for a future tram line. This work is being progressed by the Active Travel team, to be potentially funded by Transport Scotland's Active Travel Infrastructure Fund and will be subject to consultation in the coming months.