

Council Meeting - 8 April 2013

Notice of Motion – Bus Stops in Field Lane, Pelsall

1 Introduction

The following notice has been submitted from Councillors Bennett, Perry and Longhi:

This Council has heard with regret that Centro are pursuing further bus stops in Field Lane, Pelsall and/or hail and ride which is considered by the three elected members, after consultation with the highways department, that this constitutes a highways danger.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to Centro expressing our concerns in the strongest manner and requests them to cease any further proposals to increase buses stopping within Field Lane.

2 Background information

The issues relating to provision and operation of bus services on the road network in this area have been a long standing matter. Several public meetings have been held with residents, members, Centro and Council officers, to discuss and consider concerns and options. I have attached a plan to help with the discussion.

Centro is responsible for the assessment and provision of bus stops and services and coordination with transport operators. As part of this process Centro consult with the Council as Highway Authority on appropriate and safe locations for these stops and any implications on the operation of the road traffic network.

Prior to November 2009 buses using Field Lane were stopped by passengers on a hail and ride basis. On 4 November 2009 this changed when Centro installed two poles outside no.102/104 and opposite the junction of West Way. Following residents' concerns and complaints these were subsequently removed in or around December 2009. Following this period National Express West Midlands altered their bus operations in this area and reintroduced buses along Field Lane.

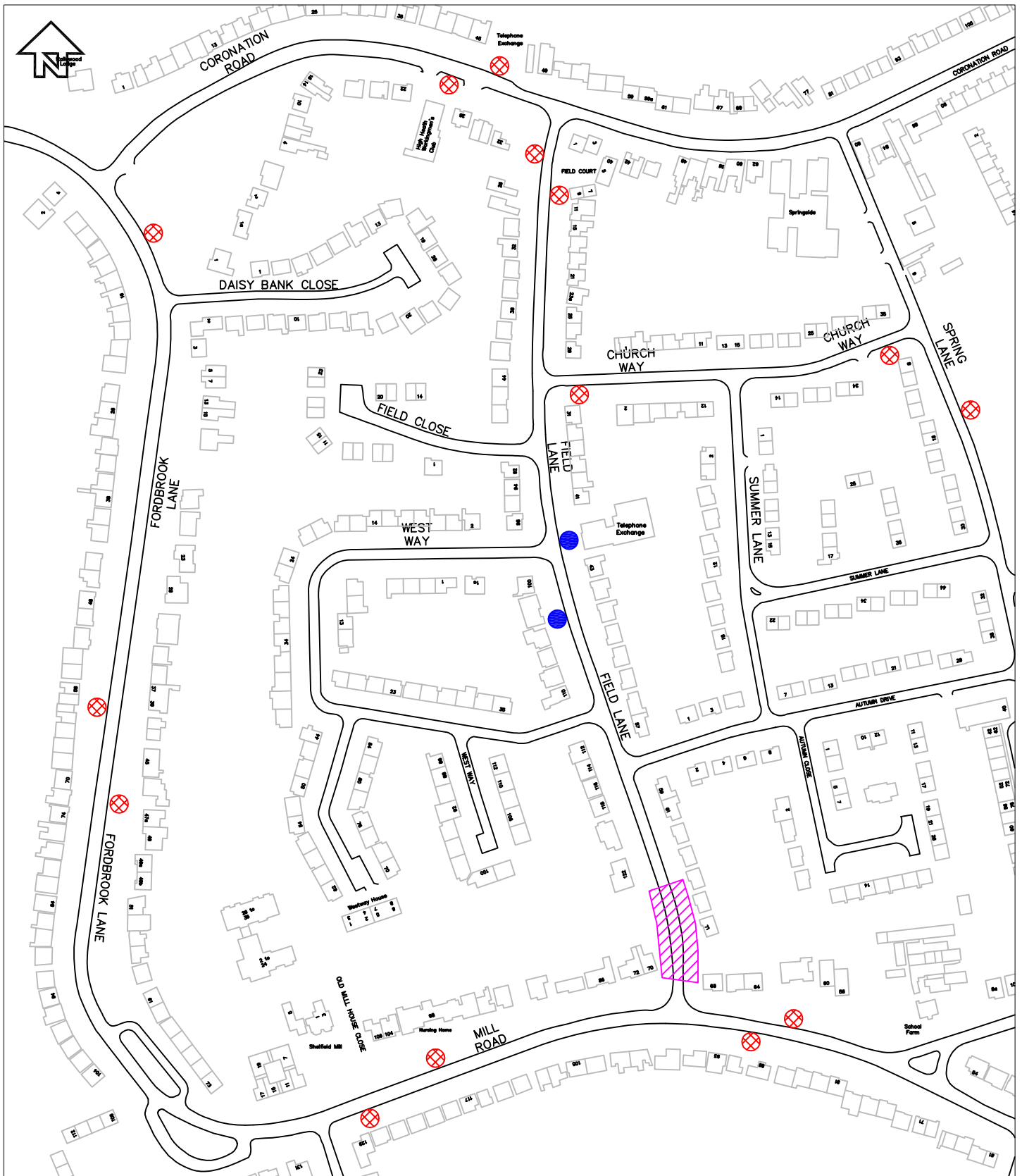
However, concerns have been raised over the safety of these operations in Field Lane where, on occasions, passing buses have mounted the footways. Centro and operators have been requested to look at driver behaviour and timings of bus operations.

Centro has advised that it is investigating the possibility of installing an additional stop in Field Lane following requests from local residents who use the service 89 and Walsall Community Transport service 25.

The highway authority recommends that provision of bus stops is preferable to hail and ride on safety grounds and that the only two appropriate locations would be at either end of Field Lane or in the vicinity of West Way.

Jamie Morris
Executive Director, Neighbourhood Services

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Approximate location of existing bus stops



Approximate location of bus stops that have previously been removed



Area in which the addition of extra stops could potentially be considered