

The Friends of Lewes has continued to engage with the ideas arising from the ESCC local Sustainable Transport Fund Programme, and sent the letter below to the ESCC following a Stakeholder Group meeting in November 2012 regarding locations of the Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) bus stop displays:

31st December, 2012

Dear Mr Saunders

Sustainability Transport Fund – RTPI introduction.

Further to your presentation at County Hall on December 11th, I have now had an opportunity to discuss the Society's views with other members. At the meeting, you were not able to respond to my specific questions about locations; I understand that many factors will affect these decisions, so thought it worth sharing our ideas now.

The Friends of Lewes welcomes the introduction of RTPI on bus routes 28 & 29, with the prospect of more to come, in time. We think it will be a real boon to passengers. Our primary concern is that it should not have an adverse impact on an already cluttered street-scape. Although visual prominence for this information is clearly crucial, we hope that the sites selected can be chosen in such a way as to involve no new posts in the pavements. Impact will depend on the size of the displays, as well as their location, which is why I asked whether the displays will be the same in size as those used in Brighton at present.

The Society suggests that the following bus stops may well be most suitable:

Westbound & Eastbound: Tesco roundabout;

Westbound: Bus Station; top of School Hill; outside British Heart Foundation shop & Lewes Prison.

Eastbound: County Court; outside Waitrose; Tesco roundabout

Once details become clearer, we very much hope that we will be consulted again before implementation.

Yours sincerely

Marcus Taylor

Honorary Secretary, Friends of Lewes