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Subject: Swanage Travel Interchange bus stops - raised kerbs needed

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Dear Swanage Town Council,

We have had a couple of reports recently about how low (or non-existent) the kerb is at the Swanage Railway Station bus stops. They reported that there is no height to the kerb so buses are unable to lower their platform sufficiently to enable disabled passengers to alight the bus. As regular passengers they have seen disabled and elderly passengers regularly having to be helped on to the bus. As you can see from the Googlemap links below, this is something that needs to be improved at each of the 2 bus shelters:

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Another member of the public has also reported that she is unable to get on and off the buses at any of the Swanage bus stops at present on her motorised scooter and has requested that she is able to get on and off at least one bus stop in Swanage centre.

This is not Highways land so Dorset County Council has no jurisdiction over the footway or carriageway. I have carried out a land search that confirms that the land is owned by Swanage Town Council.

I have spoken with DCC's Planning Obligations Manager (Richard Dodson – r.c.dodson@dorsetcc.gov.uk) and he suggests Swanage Town Council could contact him to request funding to carry out the raised kerb works, giving the reasons why this is required eg. disability access for passengers, central travel interchange point for rail and bus, improving transport infrastructure, etc. Richard will then be able to consider your request.

We look forward to hearing from you on how you wish to progress.

Kind regards,

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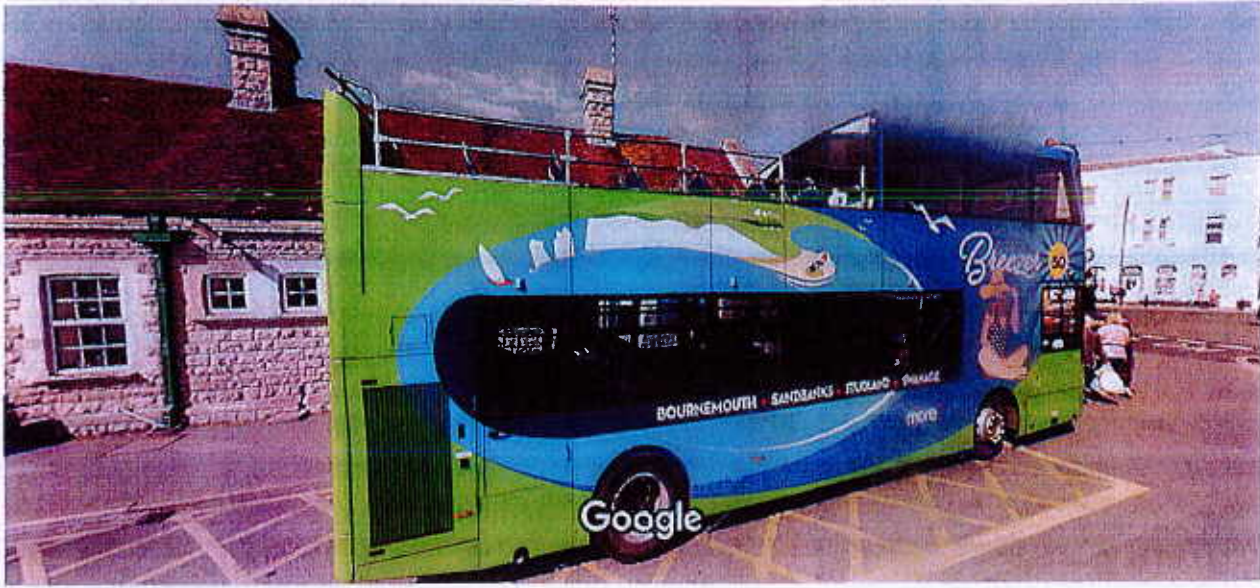


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