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JENNYFIELDS TO GET BETTER LOCAL TRANSPORT FACILITIES

BUS users in Jennyfields are going to find it easier to use public transport following a funding allocation of nearly £70,000 to provide upgraded bus stops as well as special facilities to help people with disabilities.

Policies outlined in the North Yorkshire County Council's Local Transport Plan are specifically aimed at encouraging the use of public transport as an alternative to the motorcar and to improve transport opportunities for the disabled.

Harrogate Borough Council has been allocated £166,000 from the plan for bus corridor improvements. Some of this money is being used to make major improvements on the Leeds to Ripon corridor. Works have already included the provision of new shelters, Real Time Passenger Information and dropped kerb facilities to complement the new buses provided by Harrogate and District Travel.

Councillor Julian Sturdy, Cabinet Member for Public Works said: “At Jennyfields, we plan to upgrade stops including raising kerbs to improve access on to the buses for people with visual or physical disabilities.”

“The bus service has recently been extended and although new stops have been provided, problems have occurred for some residents who now have to cross Jennyfield Drive to reach a bus stop. We have agreed that a new stop will be placed to the east of Saltergate Drive.

Replacement shelters are also to be provided which will allow for the introduction of Real Time Passenger Information. However, funding is not yet available to provide this facility at the moment, but a further bid will be made in the next financial year to include this new measure.

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FURTHER INFORMATION: Councillor Julian Sturdy is available for comment on 07836 692010. Further technical information is available from Mr Chris McGonigle, Group Engineer on 01423 556607.