

**Request for resting place at Bus Shelters
Cottier Grange and Waterworld**

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The council has received two separate requests from users of the bus service for somewhere to rest whilst waiting for the bus at the bus shelter at Cottier Grange (opposite Prudhoe Golf Club) and at Waterworld, both travelling west.

One of the requests is from a gentleman who has mobility issues and finds standing for any length of time a problem.

The council has a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to consider the impact of policy decisions on those with protected characteristics, in this case a disability.

The council has to consider the need for seating against the impact of anti-social behaviour that can increase as a result of seats being installed; this is an issue for most town/parish councils and is a widely versed topic.

Some councils have favoured a perch seat as opposed to a formal seat, to mitigate the impact of anti-social behaviour.

Seating for stone, enclosed shelters (without windows or glazing) needs to be at the front of the shelter and to be freestanding so that users can still look out for the bus.

Examples of perch seats are given below, prices would be sourced on approval.

