

THE HIGH STREET HEADACHE.

Where Shall the Trolleys Stop?

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Once again the question of the stopping place in the High Street for incoming trolley buses was considered by the Council last week.

Ever since the erection of the surface shelter in the middle of the road, the bus stopping place has given someone a headache. Every time it has been moved the Council has received complaints. This time the complaint came from Hunts, the fruiterers, who wanted the stopping place shifted to outside Lane's in Church Street.

Varying their usual procedure, which on earlier occasions had been to make a change and see who complained next, the Council has this time referred the question to the Highways Committee.

Councillor McArdle agreed that the present location caused traffic jams because it was outside the only shop in the High Street with a trade van. When the van was there the bus overhung the pedestrian crossing. Councillor McArdle said he had several times "moved the bus on."

Councillor Watson suggested the parking of vehicles for such long periods in the High Street whenever trade vans or otherwise should be prohibited. Councillor Northover also thought something ought to be said about a van parking in the High Street.

His Worship the Mayor was of the opinion that the bus stop would be dangerous wherever it was.

At this point Alderman Oakley reminded the meeting of the suggestion which Councillor Burt had made at the last meeting that trolley buses should stop in Bargates.

Councillor Slinn wanted all buses to be diverted left at the Stour Road crossing and to enter the town through Bargates. Councillor Northover wanted the diversion further back still—along Avenue Road and down Fairmile. "All the fuss and bother," said Alderman Tucker, "is due to the little Burley bus which is a great nuisance to everyone." That should be parked in the entrance to Bargates and the trolleys brought back to their original stopping place (outside Staggs or Vaughans).

After Councillor Watson had made the comment that there was no suitable place in the High Street at which to stop public transport vehicles coming into the town, it was decided to refer the problem back to the Highways Committee.