Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting

Date: 11September 2013

Subject: Various Roads in Dunstable and Houghton Regis-

Consider Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Report of: Jane Moakes, Assistant Director Environmental Services

Summary: This report seeks the approval of the Executive Member for Sustainable

Communities - Services for the introduction of waiting restrictions in Various Roads in Dunstable and Houghton Regis following the

publication of proposals.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Dunstable Central, Dunstable Icknield, Dunstable Manshead,

Dunstable Northfields, Dunstable Watling, Houghton Hall,

Parkside and Tithe Farm

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The proposal will improve road safety and improve parking facilities.

Financial:

The cost of assessing, processing and implementing the parking restrictions included in this scheme will be approximately £19,000 in total. This can be funded from within the current LATP budget for parking management in Dunstable and Houghton Regis for which £30,000 has been allocated in the 2013/14 financial year.

Legal:

None from this report

Risk Management:

None from this report

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None from this report

Equalities/Human Rights:

None from this report

Community Safety:

None from this report

Sustainability:

None from this report.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the proposals to introduce waiting restrictions in Dunstable and Houghton Regis be implemented as published, with the following exceptions:-

- a) The proposed removal of the loading bay in Edward Street, Dunstable be withdrawn.
- b) The proposed no waiting in Hillborough Crescent, Houghton Regis be withdrawn.

Background and Information

- 1. This is a proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in various roads in Dunstable and Houghton Regis. Most of the proposals are relatively minor in scope and are aimed at addressing local concerns. The restrictions have mainly been requested by members of the public and elected Members.
- Some time ago the Council adopted a principle of consulting upon and implementing ad-hoc waiting restrictions on a 'batch' basis. This generally comprises the collection of numbers of requests for waiting restrictions in a geographical area and following consideration of the individual requests advertising those that are considered justifiable in one Traffic Regulation Order. this makes it possible to implement more restrictions than hitherto as previously each location would have been advertised separately at additional cost.
- This particular order is the result of a considerable number of requests collected from within the Dunstable and Houghton Regis area. It can be seen below that the bulk of the proposals, 16 in number, received no representations and may be implemented. The remaining 8 did receive objections and these are set out and considered below.
- 4. The proposals were formally advertised by public notice duringJuly 2013. Consultations were carried out with the emergency services and other statutory bodies, relevant Town and Parish Councils and Elected Members.Local residents and businesses likely to be directly affected by the proposals were individually consulted by letter.

- 5. No objections have been received in response to published proposals in:-
 - French's Avenue, Dunstable
 - French's Avenue/Peppercorn Way, Dunstable
 - Humphry's Road, Dunstable
 - Kingscroft Avenue, Dunstable
 - Lancot Drive, Dunstable
 - French's Avenue, Dunstable
 - French's Avenue/Peppercorn Way, Dunstable
 - Humphry's Road, Dunstable
 - Kingscroft Avenue, Dunstable
 - Lancot Drive, Dunstable
 - Linden Close, Dunstable
 - Oakwood Avenue, Dunstable
 - Park Road, Dunstable
 - Princes Street, Dunstable
 - Southfields Road/Watling Gardens, Dunstable
 - Winfield Street, Dunstable
 - Douglas Crescent, Houghton Regis
 - Hillborough Crescent/Sundon Road, Houghton Regis
 - King Street and Queen Street, Houghton Regis
 - Parkside Drive/Brentwood Close, Houghton Regis
 - Trident Drive, Houghton Regis

Consequently, it is recommended that these be implemented as published.

- In respect of the other locations, the following representations have been received:-
 - Borough Road/Howard Place, Dunstable 2 objections.
 - Brewers Hill Road/Drovers Way, Dunstable 2 objections.
 - Edward Street, Dunstable 1 objection.
 - Staines Square, Dunstable 1 objection.
 - Totternhoe Road/Coombe Drive, Dunstable 1 objection.
 - Hillborough Crescent, Houghton Regis 7 objections.
 - Tithe Farm Road, Houghton Regis 5 objections and a petition against the proposal signed by 234 people. A letter from Houghton Regis Town Council has also been received.
 - Tithe Farm Road/Camp Drive, Houghton Regis 1 objection.

Copies of all representations are included in Appendices D to K and are summarised below.

- 7. Bedfordshire Police has no objection to any of the proposals.
- 8. The main points raised by those objecting to the proposed waiting restrictions are as follows:-

9. <u>Borough Road/Howard Place, Dunstable</u>

There are no obvious parking problems at this junction. The proposed double yellow lines will cause inconvenience, particularly for those with small children.

10. <u>Brewers Hill Road/Drovers Way, Dunstable</u>

There have been no accidents or other safety-related issues to justify the restrictions. Although there is enough parking to satisfy the needs of immediate residents, the road is used for parking by others, such as residents who live slightly further away, school teachers, etc. and the restrictions will make that worse. The Council should fund dropped kerbs and/or residents' permit parking.

11. Edward Street, Dunstable

The owners of the adjacent business object to the removal of the loading bay as they need it when receiving goods. If the loading bay was not there it would cause significant inconvenience for themselves and for other road users as delivery vehicles would have no alternative than to stop in the middle of the street.

12. <u>Staines Square, Dunstable</u>

Most of the parking problems on that length of Staines Square near to the A5 junction are due to non-compliance with the existing double yellow lines and lack of enforcement. If those issues were addressed, additional restrictions would not be needed. The proposed restrictions would force more drivers to park in The Cedars, which is already heavily parked up, including cars owned by shop workers and shoppers.

13. Totternhoe Road/Coombe Drive, Dunstable

The resident does not want parking restrictions outside their home and feels that if the restrictions are required to tackle a school parking problem then they could cover a shorter period of time rather than prohibiting parking at all times.

14. Hillborough Crescent, Houghton Regis

Parking is heavy in the area and the restrictions will mean that residents will be forced to park further away from their homes. If they park in areas near to other residents this will cause conflict and local disputes. A solution would be to convert the adjacent grassed area to a car park and then people would support the yellow lines.

15. <u>Tithe Farm Road, Houghton Regis</u>

Some residents have no off-road parking and the restrictions would mean that they have to park some distance from their homes. If they park in adjacent streets this will antagonise other residents. The suggestion is that the grass island near the Churchfield Road junction be converted into a parking area and this is supported by Houghton Regis Town Council. Additionally there are concerns that the proposals will force parents of children that attend the nursery school to park further away and they are concerned about the safety of children walking a greater distance. It is also felt that the imposition of yellow lines may increase vehicle speeds.

16. <u>Tithe Farm Road/Camp Drive, Houghton Regis</u>

Residents have no off-road parking and would be forced to park further away from their homes, which is an inconvenience. They are concerned about where they will be able to stop to load/unload items from their car. It is suggested that either the grass area or path could be converted to allow them to have access to their property. As most of the parking issues occur at school times, the restrictions could apply during those times only and not at all times.

Responses and Conclusion

17. Bedfordshire Highways' response to the points above are as follows:-

18. Borough Road/Howard Place, Dunstable

The Council has received complaints about parking at this junction. The proposed restrictions will only cover the immediate junction area where vehicles should not be parked. Neither of the objectors would have double yellow lines along the immediate frontage of their property and there is ample unrestricted parking on adjacent lengths of road. It is recommended that this restriction be implemented on road safety grounds.

19. Brewers Hill Road/Drovers Way, Dunstable

It is true that there is not a record of collisions at this location that could be attributed to on-street parking. The restrictions were requested by the headteacher of Weatherfield School due to access to the school being obstructed by parked vehicles. The proposals have been designed to prohibit parking on those lengths of road that need to be kept clear, but on-streetparking will remain where it can be safely accommodated. Other measures to enhance parking facilities could not be considered as part of the current scheme. It is recommended that this restriction be implemented on road safety grounds.

20. Edward Street, Dunstable

There appears to be some misunderstanding surrounding the original request. There would seem to be no good reason for removing the loading bay as it would clearly inconvenience the nearby business and lead to the road being obstructed by delivery vehicles. It is therefore recommended that this proposal be withdrawn.

21. Staines Square, Dunstable

Parking on the length of Staines Square near the A5 does create conflict between turning vehicles. The proposals would result in the removal of only two parking spaces which should not have a significant impact elsewhere. It is accepted that Staines Square and The Cedars are used for parking by non-residents. If there was local support for parking measures, such as permit parking, then this could be considered as a separate exercise. The proposals further into Staines Square have attracted no adverse comments. It is recommended that this restriction be implemented on road safety grounds.

22. Totternhoe Road/Coombe Drive, Dunstable

The proposed restrictions are to address a school parking issue, but essentially cover just the junction, in which case no waiting at any time is the preferred restriction because cars should not be parked near to a junction at any time. The resident lives at one end of the proposed restricted length, so should not be unduly inconvenienced should they wish to park on-street. It is recommended that this restriction be implemented on road safety grounds.

23. <u>Hillborough Crescent, Houghton Regis</u>

Parking on the inside of the bend does restrict forward visibility and this can create some conflict between opposing traffic. However, this is a relatively lightly trafficked estate road, used mainly by locals and regulars who will be aware of the situation and drive accordingly. **Consequently, it is felt that the proposed restrictions are not essential and could be withdrawn.**

24. Tithe Farm Road, Houghton Regis

It is accepted that some residents would be forced to park further away from their homes, but un-restricted kerbside parking is available within a relatively short walking distance. The proposed yellow line restriction adjacent to most of the residential properties is no waiting Monday to Friday 8am-5pm, so parking would be freely available overnight and at the weekend. Therefore it is likely that any displaced parking would have a negligible impact in adjacent streets.

The restrictions near to the nursery school are intended to keep that area clear of parked cars to improve the safety of those attending. There are no obvious safety issues with parents having to walk their children a reasonable distance to school. Extensive parking restrictions can increase vehicle speeds, but there are already physical traffic calming measures in place on this length of road, which help to constrain vehicle speeds.

In terms of relative importance of each element of the parking restriction proposals; it is considered that the no stopping on the school keep clear markings immediately outside the school is essential. The Council is gradually introducing Orders at all schools to make the markings are enforceable. The proposed double yellow lines near Churchfield Road will keep the minor junctions clear and the relatively short length of road between Churchfield Road and the priority narrowing, so very few cars can sensibly park in that area. The single yellow line restriction is less critical, but would lead to better parking management at the start and end of the school day, whilst not unduly inconveniencing residents. Consequently, some elements of the proposals could be implemented, but the less important one(s) deferred or withdrawn. It is recommended that these restrictions be implemented, either in whole or part, on road safety grounds.

25. Tithe Farm Road/Camp Drive, Houghton Regis

The proposed restrictions are only around the junction, so will not remove a significant number of legitimate parking spaces. There are significant lengths of road in the area that are unrestricted. It is permissible to stop on yellow lines for a short period of time for the purposes of loading/unloading. Works to provide or improve access to private premises are not a priority for the Council and are outside the scope of this project. As the restrictions are designed to keep the junction clear, they should be operational at all times. It is recommended that this restriction be implemented on road safety grounds.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Overview map

Appendix B – Drawings of Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Appendix C – Public Notice for Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Appendix D – Objections – Borough Road/Howard Place, Dunstable

Appendix E – Objections – Brewers Hill Road/Drovers Way, Dunstable

Appendix F – Objection – Edward Street, Dunstable

Appendix G – Objection – Staines Square, Dunstable

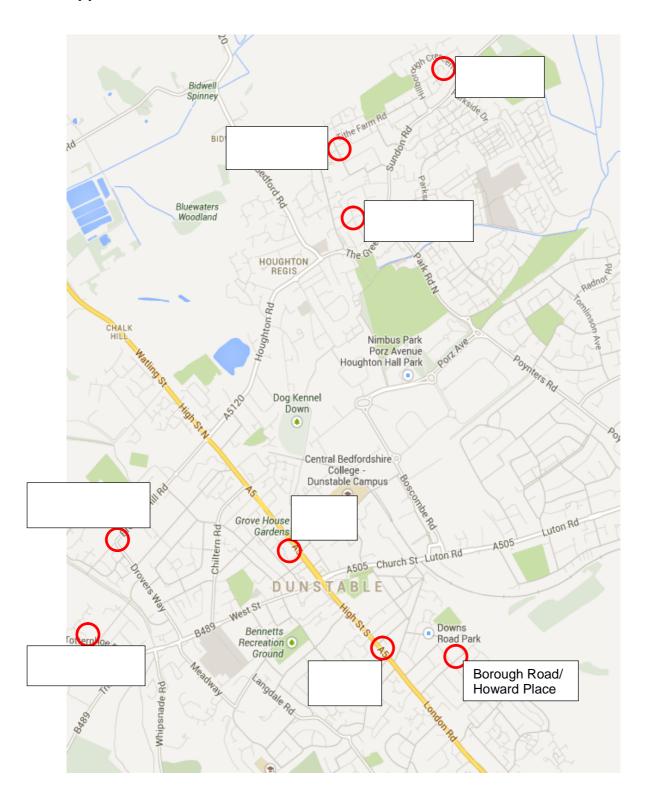
Appendix H – Objection – Totternhoe Road/Coombe Drive, Dunstable

Appendix I – Objections – Hillborough Crescent, Houghton Regis

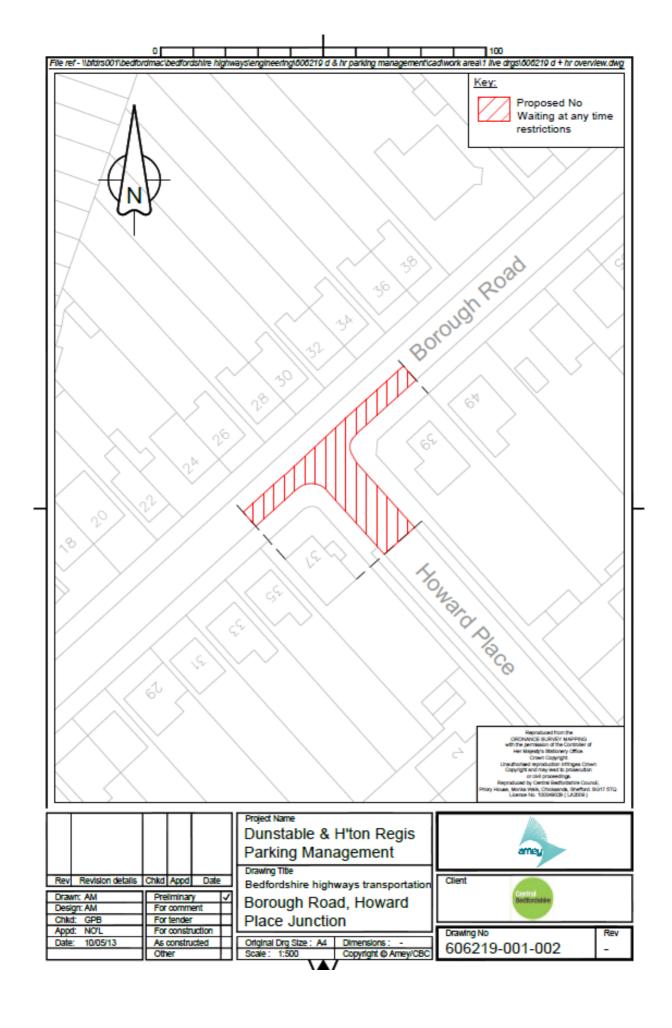
Appendix J – Objections and petition – Tithe Farm Road, Houghton Regis

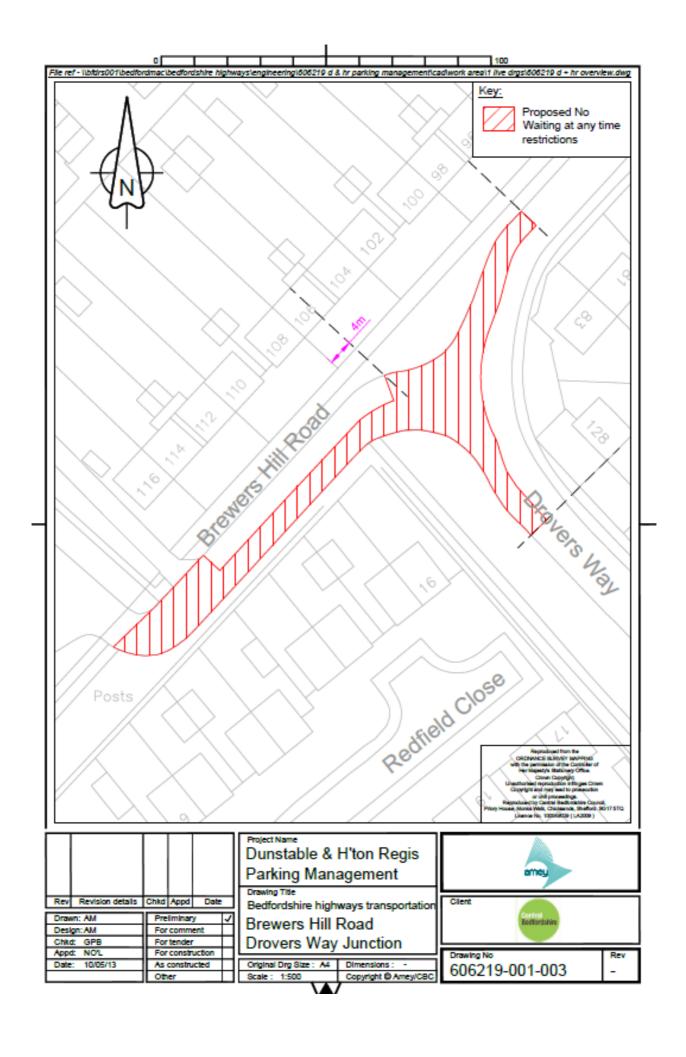
Appendix K – Objection – Tithe Farm Road/Camp Drive, Houghton Regis

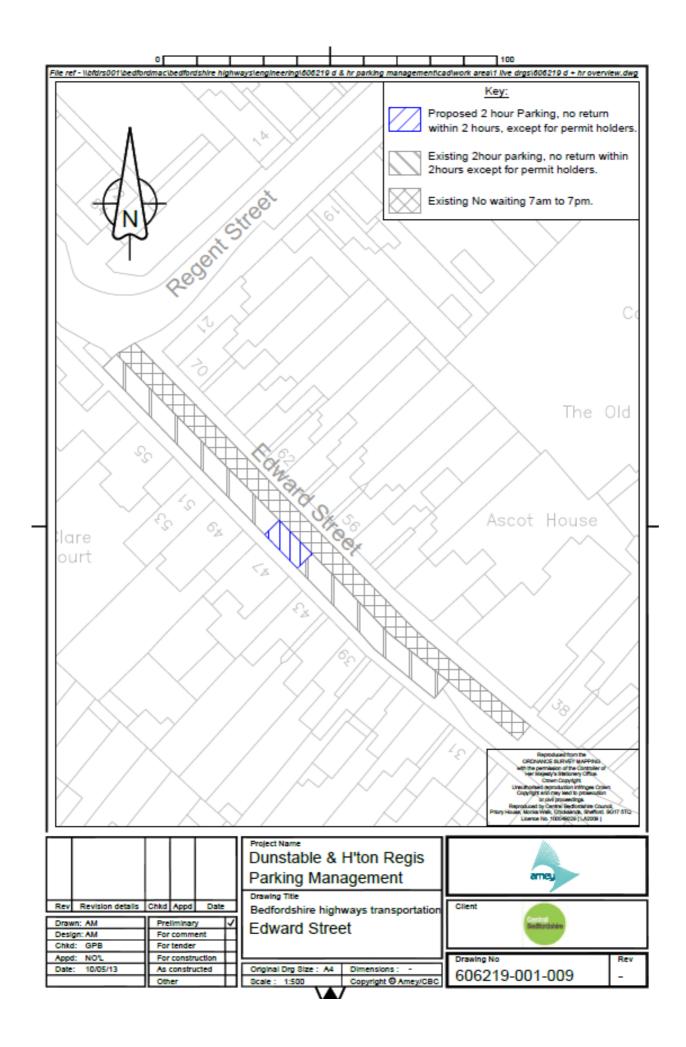
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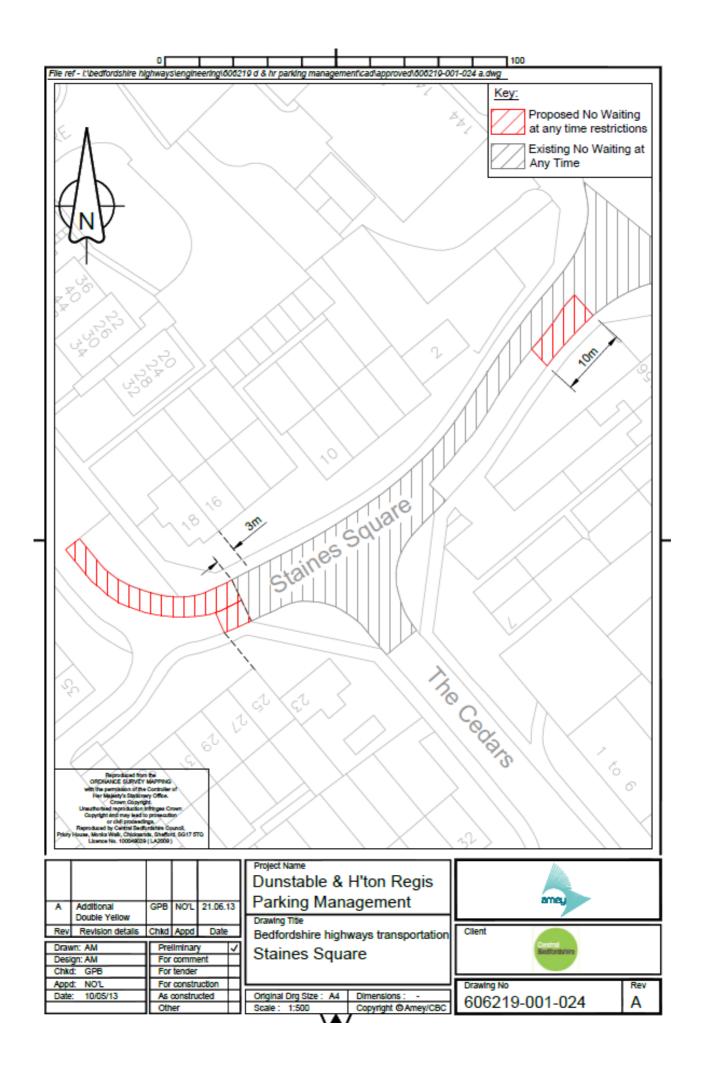


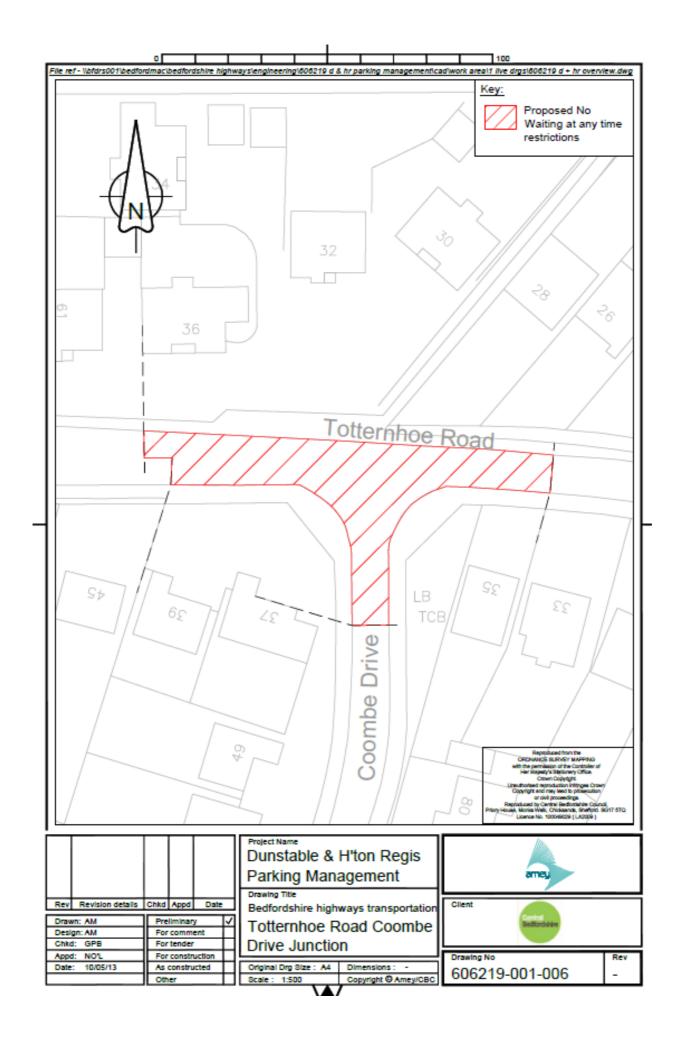
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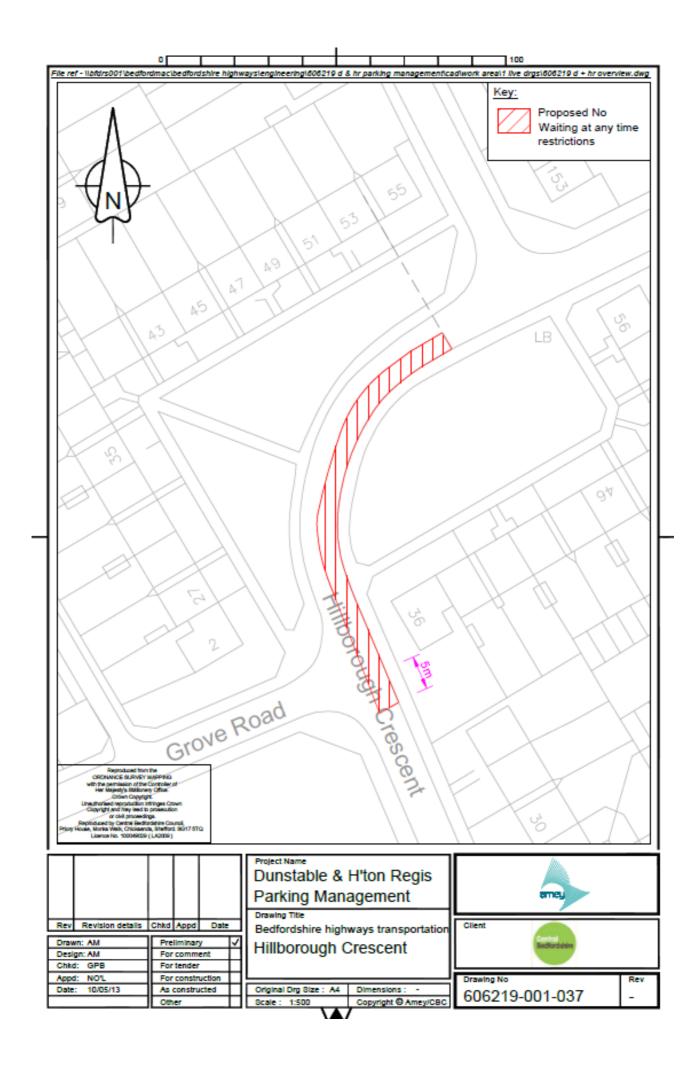


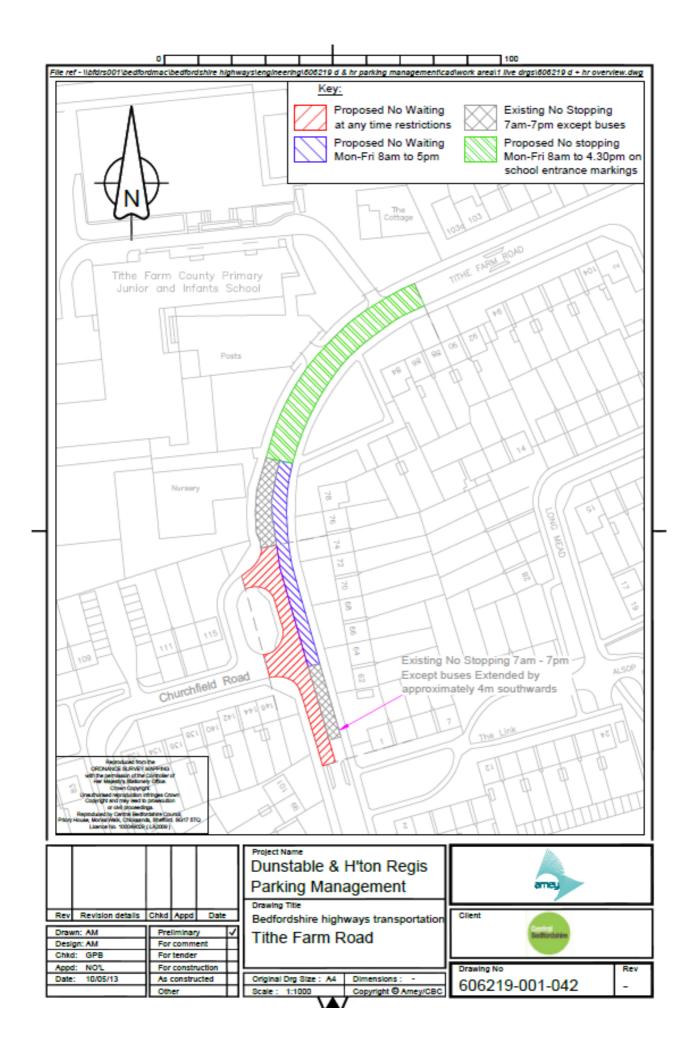


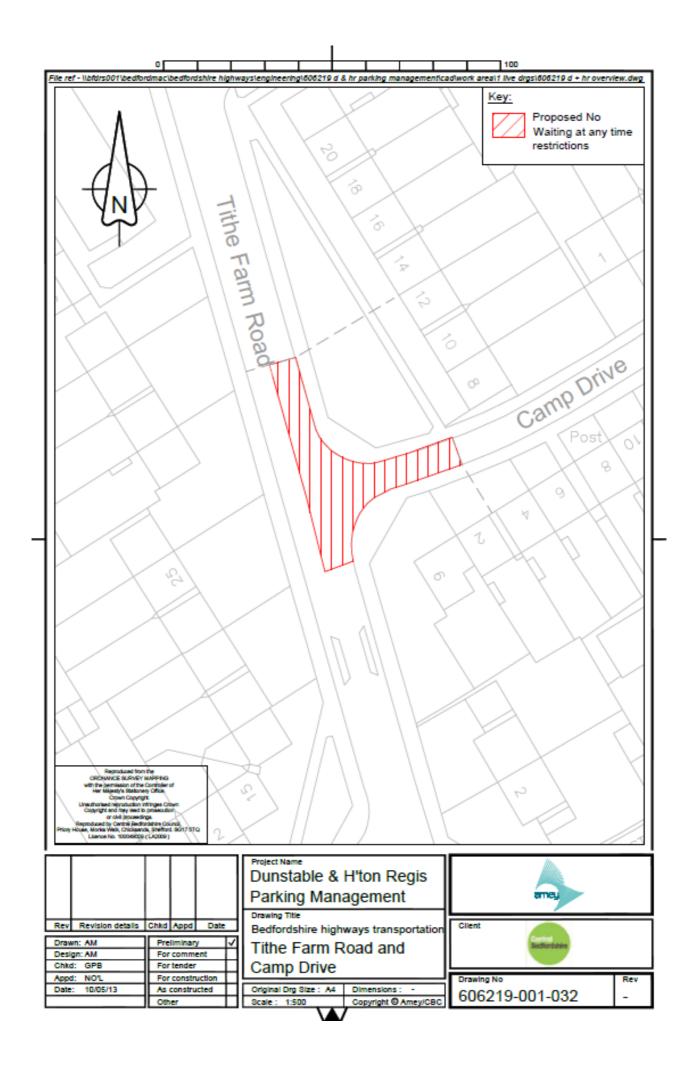












PUBLIC NOTICE



CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN VARIOUS ROADS IN DUNSTABLE AND HOUGHTON REGIS

Reason for proposal: The proposed Order is considered necessary for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and for facilitating the passage of traffic.

Effect of the Order:

<u>To introduce No Waiting at any time on the following lengths of road in Dunstable and</u> Houghton Regis:-

Borough Road and Howard Place junction (Dunstable)

Borough Road, south-eastside, from a point in line with the boundary of nos.39 and 49 Borough Road in a south-westerly direction to a point in line with the south-west flank wall of no.37 Borough Road.

Howard Place, both sides, from a point in line with the rear wall of no.37 Borough Road in a north-westerly direction to its junction with Borough Road.

Brewers Hill Road and Drovers Way (Dunstable)

Brewers Hill Road, north-west side, from a point in line with the boundary of nos.96 and 98 Brewers Hill Road in a south-westerly direction to a point approximately 4 metres north-east of the boundary of nos.106 and 108 Brewers Hill Road.

Brewers Hill Road, north-west side, from a point approximately 1 metre north-east of the south-west flank wall of property nos.116 in a south-westerly direction to the end of the road.

Brewers Hill Road, south-east side from its junction with Drovers Way in a south-westerly direction to the end of the road.

Drovers Way, south-west side, from its junction with Brewers Hill Road in a south-easterly direction to the boundary of nos.126 and 128 Drovers Way.

Totternhoe Road and Coombe Drive junction (Dunstable)

Totternhoe Road, southside, from a point in line with the boundary of nos.33 and 35 Totternhoe Road in a westerly direction to a point in line with the boundary of nos.39 and 45 Totternhoe Road.

Totternhoe Road, northside, from a point in line with the boundary of nos.33 and 35 Totternhoe Road in a westerly direction to a point in line with the west flank wall of no.36 Totternhoe Road.

Coombe drive, both sides, from a point in line with the front wall of no.37 Totternhoe Road, in a northerly direction to its junction with Totternhoe Road.

French's Avenue and Peppercorn Way junction (Dunstable)

French's Avenue, south-eastside, from a pointapproximately 15 metres south-west of north-east flank wall of no.54 French's Avenue in a south-westerly direction to a point in line with the south-west flank wall of nos.15 to 25 French's Avenue.

Peppercorn Way, both sides, from a point approximately 5 metres south-east of the front wall of nos.15 to 25 French's Avenue in a north-westerly direction to its junction with French's Avenue.

Kingscroft Avenue (Dunstable)

Kingscroft Avenue, northside, from a pointin line with the north-east flank wall of No.2 Kingscroft Avenue in a south-west then north-west direction to a point approximately 3 metres south-east of the boundary of nos.2 and 4 Kingscroft Avenue.

Lancot Drive (Dunstable)

Lancot Drive, north-east side, from a pointapproximately 5 metres north-west of the north-west flank wall of no.26 Lancot Drive in a north-westerly direction for approximately 66 metres.

Lancot Drive south-west side from a point approximately 5 metres north-west of the north-west flank wall of no.26 Lancot Drive in a north-westerly direction for approximately 23 metres.

Lancot Drive south-west side from a point approximately 53 metres north-west of the north-west flank wall of no.26 Lancot Drive in a north-westerly direction for approximately 18 metres.

<u>Linden Close (Dunstable)</u>

Linden Close, north-west corner,from a pointapproximately 6 metres west of the west flank wall of no.5 Linden Close in a westerly then southerly direction to a point 3 metres north of the north flank wall of property 32/33/34 Linden Close.

Linden Close, south-east corner, from a pointapproximately 3 metres south of the rear wall of no.5 Linden Close, in a southerly then westerly direction for approximately 11 metres.

Staines Square (Dunstable)

Staines Square, north side, from a pointapproximately 3 metres south-west of the boundary of nos.16 and 18 Staines Square in generally westerly direction to a point approximately 1 metre north of the rear wall of no.18 Staines Square.

Staines Square, south-east side, from a point approximately 4 metres south-west of the front wall of no.156 High Street South in a south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 10 metres.

Staines Square, south-east side, from a pointapproximately 3 metres south-west of the boundary of nos.16 and 18 Staines Square in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 4 metres.

Princes Street (Dunstable)

Princes Street, south-west side, from a pointapproximately 2 metres north-west of the front wall of no.89 Union street, in a north-westerly direction for approximately 3 metres.

Southfields Road and Watling Gardens junction (Dunstable)

Southfields Road, south-east side, from a pointin line with the property boundary of nos.13 and 15 Southfields Road in a south-westerly direction for approximately 45 metres.

Watling Gardens, both sides, from the south-east kerb line of Southfields Road in a south-easterly direction for approximately 20 metres.

Winfield Street (Dunstable)

Winfield Street, south-east side, from a pointin line with the south-west flank wall of no.36 Winfield Street, in a south-easterly direction, to a point in line with the north-east flank wall of nos.38/40 Winfield Street.

Tithe Farm Road and Camp Drive junction (Dunstable)

Tithe Farm Road, east side, from a pointin line with the property boundary of nos.12 and 14 Tithe Farm Road in a southerly direction for approximately 31 metres.

Camp Drive, both sides, from its junction with Tithe Farm Road in an easterly direction to a point in line with the boundary of nos.2 and 4 Camp Drive.

Mayfield Road/Oakwood Avenue (Dunstable)

Mayfield Road/Oakwood Avenue, north side, from a point approximately 1 metre south-east of the boundary between Downs View and nos.2/18a/26a Mayfield Road in a south-easterly then north-easterly direction to a point approximately 2 metres south-west of the north-east flank wall of property nos.18/20 Oakwood Avenue.

Park Road (Dunstable)

Park Road, both sides, from a point approximately 4 metres south-east of the boundary of nos.13 and 14 Park Road in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 30 metres.

Douglas Crescent (Houghton Regis)

Douglas Crescent, both sides, from the south-east kerb line of Houghton Road in a south-easterly direction to a point in line with the front wall of no.98 Houghton Road.

Hillborough Crescent (Houghton Regis)

Hillborough Crescent, east side, from a point approximately 5 metres south of the south flank wall of no.36 Hillborough Crescent, in a generally northerly direction to a point in line with boundary of no.53 and 55 Hillborough Crescent.

Trident Drive (Houghton Regis)

Trident Drive (link to Parkside Drive), both sides, from the south-west kerb line of Parkside Drive in a westerly direction to Trident Drive (eastern section).

Trident Drive (eastern section) both sides, from a point approximately 4 metres south-east of the north-west flank wall of no.58 Trident Drive in a north-westerly direction to a point approximately 3 metres north-west of the boundary of nos.119 and 120 Trident Drive.

Trident Drive (central cul-de-sac) both sides, from its junction with Trident Drive (eastern section) in a south-westerly direction to a point in line with the rear wall of no.63 Trident Drive.

Parkside Drive and Brentwood Close junction (Houghton Regis)

Parkside Drive, south-west side, from a point in line with the boundary to no.62 and 63 Parkside Drive, in a south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 33 metres.

Brentwood Close, both sides, from the south-west kerb line of Parkside Drive in a south-westerly direction for approximately 14 metres.

Hillborough Crescent and Sundon Road (Houghton Regis)

Hillborough Crescent, both sides, from a point in line with its north-west boundary of nos.124 and 126 Hillborough Crescent in a south-easterly direction to its junction with Sundon Road.

Sundon Road, from a point in line with the north-east flank wall of no.108 Hillborough Crescent in a south-westerly direction to its junction with Hillborough Crescent.

<u>Tithe Farm Road (Houghton Regis)</u>

Tithe Farm Road, west side, from a point in line with the front wall of no.1 Long Mead in a northerly direction to a point in line with the boundary of no.74 and 76 Tithe Farm Road, including both sides of both ends of the service road adjacent to no.115 Churchfield Road from Tithe Farm Road in a westerly direction to a point in line with the east flank wall of no.146 Churchfield Road.

King Street and Queen Street (Houghton Regis)

King Street, north-west side, from a point approximately 15 metres south-east of the south-east kerbline of High Street in a south-easterly direction to a point in line with the north-west flank wall of no.1 Walkley Road.

King Street, south-west side, from a point approximately 6 metres north-west of the south-east flank wall of no.5B King Street in a south-easterly direction to its junction with Queen Street.

Queen Street, north-west side, from its junction with King Street in a south-westerly direction to a point in line with the north-east property boundary of Fernlea.

Queen Street, south-east side, form a point approximately 7 metres south-west of the north-east property boundary of Fernlea in a north-easterly direction to a point in line with the north-west flank wall of no.1 Walkley Road.

<u>To introduce No Waiting between 7pm and 6am on the following lengths of road in Dunstable:</u>

French's Avenue

French's Avenue, north-westside, from a point approximately 9 metres north-east of the south-west flank wall of no.37 French's Avenue in a south-westerly direction to a point approximately 9 metres south-west of the north-east flank wall of nos.55 to 67 French's Avenue.

Humphrys Road

Humphrys Road, both sides, from a point approximately 17 metres south-west of the north-east flank wall of no.16 Humphrys Road in a south-westerly direction to a point approximately 20 metres north-east of the north-east kerb line of Lovett Way.

Humphrys Road, north-east side, from a point approximately 19 metres south-east of the south-east flank wall of no.14 Humphrys Road in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 30 metres south-east of the north-west flank wall of no.7 Humphrys Road.

Humphrys Road, south-west side, from a point approximately 8 metres north-west of the south-east flank wall of no.14 Humphrys Road in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 30 metres south-east of the north-west flank wall of no.7 Humphrys Road.

Humphrys Road, north-west side, from a point approximately 18 metres south-west of the rear wall of no.11 Humphrys Road in a north-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 302 metres.

Humphreys Road, south-east side, from a point approximately 31 metres south-west of the rear wall of no.11 Humphrys Road in a north-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 307 metres.

Humphrys Road, south-west side, from the eastern end of the access road to the rear of nos.1 to 3 Humphrys Road in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 29 metres.

To introduce No Waiting Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm on the following lengths of road in Houghton Regis:-

Tithe Farm Road

Tithe Farm Road, east side, from a point approximately 24 metres north of the boundary of nos.74 and 76 Tithe Farm Road in a southerly direction to a point approximately 3metres south of the boundary to property no.66 and 64, Tithe Farm Road.

<u>To introduce No Stopping Monday to Friday between 8.00am and 4.30pm on the following lengths of road in Dunstable and Houghton Regis:</u>

Lancot Drive (Dunstable)

Lancot Drive south-west side from a point approximately 28 metres north-west of the north-west flank wall of no.26 Lancot Drive in a north-westerly direction for approximately 25 metres.

Tithe Farm Road, (Houghton Regis)

Tithe Farm Road, both sides, from a point in line with the boundary of no.88 and no.90 Tithe Farm Road in a generally southerly direction for a distance of approximately 69 metres.

<u>To introduce 2 hour Limited Waiting, No Return within 2 hours, except for permit holders,</u> on the following lengths of road in Dunstable:-

Edward Street

Edward Street, south-westside, from a point in line with the south-east flank wall of no.47 Edward Street, in a north-westerly direction to a point in line with the north-east flank wall of no. 47 Edward Street.

Winfield Street

Winfield Street, south-east side, from a pointin line with the north-east flank wall of nos.38/40 Winfield Street, in a south-easterly direction to a point in line with the boundary of nos.42/44 Winfield Street and no.46 Winfield Street.

<u>Further Details</u>of the proposal and plans may be examined during normal opening hours at Dunstable Library, Vernon Place, Dunstable LU5 4HA and Houghton Regis Library, Bedford Square, Houghton Regis LU5 5ES or online at

<u>www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices</u>. These details will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal.

Objections: should be sent in writing to the Transportation Manager, Bedfordshire Highways, Woodlands Annex, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NU or e-mail centralbedsconsultation@amey.co.uk stating the grounds on which they are made by 26 July 2013.

Order Title: If made will be "Central Bedfordshire Council (Bedfordshire County Council (District of Mid Bedfordshire) (Civil Enforcement Area and Special Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2008) (Variation No.*) Order 201*"

Central Bedfordshire Council Priory House Services Chicksands Shefford SG1917 5TQ Marcel Coiffait Director of Community

3 July 2013

Appendix D – Objections – Borough Road/Howard Place, Dunstable

I am writing in regards to the letter I received, I object to the proposal as this will cause problems with parking on the street.

This is a quiet street and there are no issues with the current no waiting at any time restrictions. I am currently the resident of xx Borough rd and use the current area which you have highlighted. I have a young child and this will cause parking problems on the street.

I would like to make my objections to these proposals of waiting restrictions at this junction!!! Firstly what are the waiting restrictions going to mean exactly?? Why has this area been highlighted to change as it has never been a problem for cars parked or otherwise??? I live at xx Borough Road and as this is directly where the restrictions are planned this would have a massive effect on my life. I have a very young baby and if unable to park outside my own property where there has previously been no problem over the 9 years we have lived here I would find this very inconvenient to say the least. There is always a space to park and never many cars other than those who belong to the residents nearby. I simply have no understanding of why these changes are necessary!!!!

Appendix E – Objections – Brewers Hill Road/Drovers Way, Dunstable

I wish to object to the proposal to impose 'No waiting at any time' restrictions in Brewers Hill Road and Drovers Way, Dunstable LU6 1AF. I have viewed the proposal online and I object to it for a number of reasons.

I have lived at xxx Brewers Hill Road since January 2007 and in the six and a half years since then there has never been an incident or accident involving either a pedestrian or another vehicle. As you are aware there is a special school at the end of our stretch of Brewers Hill Road and despite this there has not been an incident which would justify this action. Whilst I agree that there is always an element of risk involved in cars parking along any stretch of road I cannot agree that the proposed area is at a higher risk than any other residential street that has not been proposed.

There are six houses (no.s 106 - 116) in front of which, under the proposal, vehicles will still be permitted to park. Currently the owners of all six of these houses own at least one vehicle per household. Whilst there is ample room for us to park in front of our homes we are affected by vehicles from homes further up and down Brewers Hill Road and Drovers Way (including no.s 81, 83 and 128 on your plan) parking in front of our houses. I accept that any taxed vehicle is permitted to park wherever it is legally acceptable to do so but if the proposed changes are enforced then myself and my neighbours will struggle to park at all. We are also impacted by people leaving their vehicles in our road and going off to Luton airport on holiday, and by people parking and walking their dogs in the green lanes beyond Spinney Crescent. The staff at Weatherfield School regularly park in the street instead of in their own car park in an attempt to 'beat the buses' at the end of the school day. I have a six year old daughter, other neighbours have small children and there are two elderly residents in our stretch of road that rely on friends and relatives visiting to give them assistance. If the parking is severely reduced in our road as you propose this is going to severely affect us all in many ways, not least because of the additional vehicles that choose to park in our stretch of the road.

Whilst I object entirely to the proposal I feel that if some help could be offered to the residents to assure us some parking spaces it would not have such an impact on us. Perhaps Central Bedfordshire Council could consider funding 'dropped kerbs' outside our houses to ensure that we can park on our own premises, or installing residents only parking to allow us the freedom to park near our homes.

I would appreciate a response to my objection and would ask to be kept updated as to the progress of this proposal.

I write regarding the proposed waiting restrictions on the bend where Drovers Way and Brewers Hill Road meet, in Dunstable.

I <u>fully agree</u> with part of the proposal, namely that a 'no waiting' restriction should be imposed on the main highway section. It is a busy bend, used by many to avoid passing through the centre of Dunstable. On the rare occasions that a vehicle stops on this section, there is always a clear danger of a collision from other vehicles travelling around the corner at speed. By speed, I mean 30 mph only. However, it is a blind bend and there is little time for a driver to react.

However, I wish to record my <u>disagreement</u> with the intention to impose a waiting restriction on the <u>whole</u> section from 108 to 116 Brewers Hill Road. This is effectively a cul-de-sac in which visitors and residents can park safely and without causing an obstruction. However, occasionally a vehicle that parks on the south eastern side of the road does make it difficult for a car to get through easily. Therefore, I suggest a no waiting restriction on that particular side of the cul-de-sac. In my opinion, the north western side of the road should remain as an unrestricted parking area.

Appendix F - Objection - Edward Street, Dunstable

Amey unstabi Central Bedfordshire Council Highways & Transport Woodlands Annex Manton Lane Bedford MK41 7NU LU6 1HE 4th July 2013 For the attention of: - Nick Chapman. CRCCOURCH Our Reference: - Proposed Parking Restriction, Outside 47 Edward Street, Dunstable. 0 8 JUL 2013 Your Reference: - AM/xxxxx/606219. Dear Sir. I am surprised and disappointed to read that you have reason to change a loading bay in Edward Street, Dunstable into a 2 hour restricted parking bay. Dunstable Laminates applied for this particular loading bay several years ago. Permission was granted by Mrs Carol Hedgley of what was South Bedfordshire Council. We did this for a very good reason. It became apparent that loading and unloading lorries in the Street was not only unsafe to members of our staff but held up the traffic on a one way Street. This loading bay is used on a regular basis. Dunstable Laminates have on average 4 deliveries and many collections by customers daily. Some deliveries may take up to 30 minutes to either

Dunstable Laminates have been trading at there Edward Street address for many years and are a well established, reputable company in the town.

load or unload. Removing this loading bay permanently will result in Dunstable Laminates having to unload heavy goods lorries in the Street. As Edward Street is restricted to one way traffic loading and unloading in the highway will inconvenience traffic, aggravate drivers and

irritate local residents greatly. '

In summery we object highly to the plans of changing the loading bay outside 47 Edward Street, Dunstable into a 2 hour parking restriction based on the reasons I've detailed above.

Should you wish to visit our premises, I'd be pleased to show you our day to day operation and the detrimental effect this action will result in.

Appendix G – Objection – Staines Square, Dunstable

What is the process for raising objections to this? Usually when there is a planning application locally in the past, I have received written communication directly from the Council to my home in good time so that I can respond but this time it was only through a neighbour passing the notice displayed on a lamp-post that I was made aware of the proposal over the weekend. I don't consider this is adequate consultation.

Although I live around the corner in The Cedars and acknowledge the intersection of Staines Square with High Street South can be made hazardous with congestion, it is more from vehicles being parked on the existing yellow lines that cause a problem than the cars parked legally on the opposite side of the road (please see attached photo taken approximately 6.15pm on Tuesday, 23rd July, 2013).

When vehicles are parked on both sides of the road it is especially dangerous, so increasing the extent of the yellow lines will not be productive in improving safety as the existing yellow lines are not sufficient deterrent due to inadequate enforcement. It is especially problematic at starting & finishing times for Priory School and I suggest that some communication with parents of that school backed up by enforcement, would be far more effective in improving safety at the intersection than reducing the legal parking spaces further.

Reducing the legal parking spaces on Staines Square will only push more vehicles around into The Cedars which is already too congested with parked vehicles in the evening, including overflow from Staines Square by local residents. With the road often obstructed to service vehicles such as the rubbish collection trucks, heaven help us should there be a fire requiring access for emergency vehicles.

As a resident of the Cedars flats, I find I am frequently denied a parking space outside my property which causes considerable inconvenience loading & unloading my vehicle. Workers & shoppers use our street to avoid town parking charges during the day and customers of the High St restaurants & pubs use it in the evening.

Please don't reduce the legal parking facilities any further but enforce the existing no parking zones more effectively.

I know the official deadline has passed for submissions but in view of the poor communication with local residents, would you please take into consideration my objections to the current proposals.

Appendix H – Objection – Totternhoe Road/Coombe Drive, Dunstable

I would like to object to the implementation of no waiting at any time at the junction of Coombe Drive and Totternhoe Road. I live at xx Totternhoe Road and would not like no waiting at any time outside my house.

I'm guessing that this has been instigated due to school drop off and pickup time parking and although this does not bother me at all, if you feel it must be implemented, please could I suggest it is only restricted at certain times during the day and not 24 hours.

Appendix I – Objections – Hillborough Crescent, Houghton Regis

Being a resident on Hillborough Crescent, number xx, I felt i must write to you regarding my concerns about the proposed parking restrictions.

By placing this restriction with no waiting at any time, how am i able to get my children to the car safely, unload my shopping, deliveries or luggage from my property. This by all accounts is restricting my access to my property, not just restricting parking.

I purchased this property nearly 6 years ago, and when I moved in, informed the local council of the lack of parking facilities on the road. The councils reply to this was to erect a wooden fence around the corner green forcing residents to park on the road.

There are parking facilities for all other properties on the road apart from numbers 36 - 56. These facilities are always full in the evenings. By imposing this restriction, you are forcing these houses to park in facilities available for other properties and so possible arguments may arise between neighbors when parking near their properties.

If the green area in front of the properties (36 - 56) was turned into a parking facility for those residents, then the proposed restrictions on the road would be greatly received

I have tried to contact you by phone and have also tried talking to the switchboard to find someone to discus this with, but with no luck.

I am a concerned property owner who will have nowhere to park my vehicle, no security for my vehicle, no access to my property from a vehicle, and would appreciate some understanding as to the content of this email.

Myself & a few of the residence in hillbrough crescent are against the idea of the restrictions as there isnt enough parking as 90% of the residents have a least 1 car. It would be near impossible to share the available spaces & would like to suggest the grass area to be made in to another car park with numbered spaces 1 per household. No need for yellow lines just another car park.

I strongly object to the proposal of waiting restrictions to Hillborough Crescent Houghton Regis, reference AM/606219. There is only off road parking spaces for 17 vehicles at the moment & that will now have to serve 31 prpoerties. If you want to solve the problem of vehicles parked on the bend you will need to put another car park on the green opposite to the one you have now.

I am writing with regards to the recent proposal posted through our door: <u>Proposed Waiting</u> Restrictions - Various Roads, Dunstable and Houghton Regis

I cannot see how making a no waiting area just along this stretch of the road is going to help make anything safer? What is you reasoning for this suggestion? I work from my home office overlooking this section of road and very rarely see any pedestrians crossing in this area. If I am completely honest, cars do come speeding around this corner at speeds I would assume over 30mph, surely putting in speed controls would be a safer decision?

On another note, we have a shared parking area outside our house, surely by restricting those on the opposing side of the street from parking near to their homes is going to cause mayhem with our parking? We have lived in our property since 2006 and have never had trouble parking

in our designated area but fear that the decision to change the street parking to No Waiting will lead to residents not being able to park locally to their homes (one of the deciding factors in choosing our home), and surely this will see a depreciation in our house value too.

May I suggest that you maybe look at opening up the green space outside the homes numbered 56-36 Hillborough Crescent in order to provide parking, as this has very very rarely been used as an outside space in all the years I have lived here! Plus, the park in approximately 1 minutes walk!



I very much look forward to hearing your comments and reasoning for the proposal, maybe even statistics to support your proposal?

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I am a resident of xx Hillborough crescent, Houghton-Regis and I'm writing to express my concern regarding the proposal to introduce a no waiting zone along the street. This according to your letter will reduce dangers caused by street parking along this street. While I appreciatite this effort, it should be noted that this will create a parking havoc to us residents as there will be no place for us to park our cars.

So I implore the council to construct parking bays in the park in front of my house eqivalent to what is available on the other side of the street. This is very important if the council needs to go ahead with this project.

Please accept this email as formal notice that I object to the proposed waiting restrictions on Hillborough Crescent.

This is due to the fact that there are already far too many cars in this area and very little car parking available. Should this waiting restriction be enforced there will nowhere for these cars to park and the car parks on the opposite side of the road will be overflowing with vehicles.

There are only 2 car parks available around this stretch of road, a small 4 space and a large 14 space car park, which are already full and cannot sustain another possible 10 cars.

It is unfair to take away these peoples only place to park, as I have seen that many of these people have children and prams etc. so where are they supposed to park? Unless the council convert the grass area outside the houses to car parks, just as on the opposite side, then not waiting restriction should be put in place. This will cause nothing but problems for ALL residents of this part of Hillborough Crescent.

I look forward to hearing from you, regarding my above comments.

Appendix J – Objections and petition – Tithe Farm Road, Houghton Regis

I would like to register my objection to the proposals for the following reasons:

There is no parking available for residents. Unless other provisions are made for residents being able to park during the day, these proposals are unacceptable in that no everyone has a nine to five Monday through Friday job.

Without available parking, this could affect the value of my home.

as a resident of tithe farm road 17 years, i am opposing the restrictions you want to inforce as i live oppisite tithe farm lower school on the bend and havent got a drive. i have parked in the little service road now for 10yrs, as there isnt anywhere else to park, as your aware only one half of tithe farm road has parking bays, how ever the end where i am hasnt got parking bays for residents and many of us havent got driveways. maybe you should think seriously about putting in parking for residents in this predicament and issue parking permits

To whom it may concern (Garry Baldwin), the restrictions that we discuss yesterday, I wondered if u have thought about the knock on effects that this will have on the side streets off Tithefarm road, as everybody will be parking in them, then the residents will complain and you have this whole situation all over again, with the residents that don't have drives will not be able to park, so they will also be in my situation, no where to park, I really think you should put in parking for the residents that need it to solve the situation.

With the restrictions you intend to place on tithefarm road, the residents are not happy as it decreases the value of our houses, this is why we need additional parking put into place. Also when we brought our house 17 years ago none of these plans were about.

A few of the residents have spoken to the local councillor,

And have been told that they will be asking for parking to be put into place for some of the local residents that don't have driveways or anywhere to park with the new restrictions that you want to put into place, the councillor suggested the service road that are in your plans as the trees are diseased and have to be taken out, he said probably 9 bays will fit into that area, if this goes ahead we are asking that it's up and running by September before school starts to stop any more chaos, as at this moment in time there will be no crossing patrol outside the school. The people that need parking start from 82 tithefarm road to 64 tithe farm and number 115 church field road as well.

I have just been informed that you will be putting double yellow lines outside my sons nursery.

I would like to object against this as there is limited parking on the road as it is, which causes problems when trying to drop my son off at the school, we do not live within walking distance and trying to get a 5 year old to walk over a mile in the morning to school would be ridiculous!

Please do not put double yellow lines outside Cleverkidz nursery/Tithe Farm Primary School.

Please confirm receipt of this email, and advise accordingly.

I need to express my concern at the proposed double yellow lines that may be put onto the area outside Cleaverkidz Nursery on Tithe Farm Road, Houghton Regis. I need to park my car outside the nursery every day to drop off and pick up my child, I feel its not safe to ask us to have to walk from a further

distance whilst trying to keep the children safe.

I know this proposal would affect many of the parents at the nursery, let alone the school itself and the childrens centre.

Please re-consider this proposal as it will be a massive inconvenience and unsafe for the children affected.

My son goes to Cleverkidz on Tithe Farm Road and was told there is a proposal to double yellow line every part of the road outside the nursery. This will make my mornings and afternoons very inconvenient, having to park much further to drop him off and making my journey to work even longer.

Please take the above into consideration before making the final decision, as I'm sure the double yellow lines would cause a lot of hassle for most of the parents from there.

I look forward to hear from you.

Good evening, we email you, to appeal against the proposed yellow lines on tithe farm road outside of the Nursery (cleverkidz) I have been taking our children there since 2006 and have ever seen any reason to have yellow line put down, the bus stops are suitable for the buses, and there is no obstruction, surly it would be better to widen the little parking area that there is where the road bends around just before the nursery and school, and ask that the lady from across the road who deliberately parks her 2 cars to block the entrance exit of the small pull in, stops doing so, remove the 3 trees on the very small green area and make it permit parking for nursery Staff and parents, in not having a area to park on near the nursery school will end in tears, ive seen this before as I travel around the country, yellow lines and lack of parking near to schools leads to more parents having to commute and then walk with very young children, it only takes a second and an accident can happen, and as we all know nothing will get done until a person, child dies its on your heads, look at the issues, the country is in a recession, the parents need to work every minute of everyday, so having to park further away means leaving earlier and loosing money, the nursery staff that also commute will have nowhere to park, parents will get frustrated, look to other nurseries, reducing the revenue to cleverkidz and possibly causing redundancies, but as long as you keep finding more small adjustments to do on all roads, I suppose it keeps you all busy at amey's and assists in you keeping your contract, as a competent company who, spends fortunes on clothing, health and safety, team awareness , you really have no consistency when it comes to others outside of your company, after wasting all the money that you do on putting up bus stops shelters, etc around Houghton Regis, made from Glass that are broken within 24 hours of being fitted, you may of wanted to think about putting in Perspex thus elevating the repair costs and the real safety issue should an elderly person or child fall and hurt themselves, but again I suppose it keeps the funds coming in to you, HOW DO YOU ALL SLEEP AT NIGHT !!!!! its obvious that no one in your organisation has a child that goes to the school or Nursery, why don't you put yellow lines up along all your depot roads stopping your staff from parking, oh no you can do hat can you as they would not be able to get to work on time or park up in bad weather and get the gritters out, please leave Houghton Regis alone, you've been working on it for over a year and its no better, or there more to it, the council has some money left and the budgets have to be justified, take the money and put up a speed camera, or a street security CCTV and stop all the toe rags from vandalising the school and nursery at night, I suppose ive had my moan now, its just gone crazy, yellow line are okay in certain places, THE COUNCIL SPENT A FORUNE ON BURY PARK HIGH STREET, but everyone parks on the yellow line . paths and double parks but ah!!!!!! no one does or says anything, go and put some yellow lines down outside the shops to stop the overflow of goods coming out from the shops causing a H&s issue that no one does anything about, but my local shop cant even put out an A frame board as it an issue. im really sorry to go on but, we really have got it all wrong, EVEN RULES EVEN POLICY, nationwide,

please tell me where is everyone to park, I dont mind if its permitted and it cost me, I just want my wife and kids to be safe, having the cars parked where they do makes the cars slo down buy the school removing it will allow the boy racers to go back to there normal bad driving habits and fear for the pedestrians

To whom it may concern PRENO.

The petition that has

been sent to you to oppose extra restrictions on tithe form Road, Houghton Regis, because there hasht been additional parking bays Put into place for Local residents and parents that use the three buildings neighbourhood Centre

PETITION AGAINST PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION ON TITHE FARM ROAD HOUGHTON REGIS

WE THE UNDERSIGNED WISH TO PETITION AGAINST THE PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON TITHE FARM ROAD, HOUGHTON REGIS, AS THIS WILL CAUSE MORE PARKING PROBLEMS NOT ONLY ON TITHE FARM ROAD BUT ALSO ON CHURCHFIELD ROAD, AS MOST OF THE RESIDENTS DO NOT HAVE DRIVEWAYS, THEREFORE THESE RESIDENTS WOULD HAVE TO PARK OUTSIDE SOMEONE ELSES PROPERTY. THIS WOULD THEN CAUSE A KNOCK ON EFFECT FOR THOSE RESIDENTS. WE HAVE ALL LIVED HERE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND NOT HAD PROBLEMS PARKING BEFORE.



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23rd July 2013

Dear Mr Chapman



Re: Proposed Waiting Restrictions in Houghton Regis

The Town Council's "Planning & Licensing Committee" discussed the proposed waiting restrictions within Houghton Regis and it has no objections to any of them. However, Members are concerned about the problems the waiting restrictions will present to residents in Tithe Farm Road opposite Tithe Farm Lower School. It is strongly felt that serious consideration should be given to where these people can park instead, without causing an inconvenience to residents in neighbouring roads, where space for parking is already a problem.

One suggestion put forward is to remove the island and trees at the entrance to Churchfield Road and create as many parking bays as possible, specifically for the residents affected by the restrictions. This may not totally resolve the problem, but at least it would be a help.

It is hoped that these concerns, and suggestion, will be given serious consideration.

Yours sincerely

Deputy Town Clerk

Town Mayor: Cllr P Williams Town Clerk: Mrs Clare Evans



Appendix K – Objection – Tithe Farm Road/Camp Drive, Houghton Regis

According to the website, the reason for the proposal is as follows:

The proposed order is considered necessary for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and for facilitating the passage of traffic.

If this is the case, why haven't you included the area where the road narrows? Cars currently park here, but under your proposals you are not going to make this area a No waiting Restriction. Therefore, there's no sense in making the proposed are a No waiting restriction.

We live at number xx Tithe Farm Rod and we currently park on the road adjacent to number 12 Tithe Farm Road. Under the proposed restriction, we would no longer be able to do so. The row of houses from numbers 8 and 22 all have at least one car per household, which means that the length of this part of Tithe Farm Road is always taken by the cars.

By reducing the length of parking would mean that we would find it more difficult to park here. As this is a public highway, anyone can park here. People who shop on Bedford Square park along this stretch instead of using the car parks, therefore, preventing the residents from park here.

We don't have access to our front garden for the purpose of parking, so have nowhere else to park. We are aware there is parking further along Tithe Farm Road, but you must appreciate that we prefer to park as close to our properties for convenience. It will be very difficult to unload a car full of shopping from the parking area then carry everything to the house. If we can't park along this row, we have nowhere to load and unload a car.

Where would you suggest we load a car full of camping equipment or furniture if we haven't got access to a loading area??????

It is already difficult at times to load and unload our car, so by reducing the length of parking, would make this even worse. There is a green area outside the row of houses, which, we currently have to walk cross this to get to our property.

If we could have access to this green area, we could make use of our front garden and use the front of our house as parking. Would you consider this proposal, which would get this stretch of road clear of cars. I would be happy to pay a percentage of the cost involved in getting part of the green area transformed into an appropriate area so that we can get access to our front garden.

As a suggestion, the path that is currently along the boundary of the properties could be widened. There is currently a drop kerb outside number 22, so if another drop kerb could be installed the other end adjacent to number 2 Camp Drive, this would give us an entry and exit route.

We appreciate that you want areas clear of parked cars for safety reasons, so to allow residents to make use of their gardens for parking purposes would get more cars off the road and have larger areas of clear roadways.

There have been road improvements further down Tithe Farm Road, which involved installing speed bumps and parking areas, but this only went as far as Tithe Farm Primary School. The top end of Tithe Farm Road didn't get any of these improvements.

As soon as motorists pass the final speed bump, they accelerate and speed down the remaining stretch of Tithe Farm Road.

Could I also ask why this is going to be a no waiting restrictions at any time. The proposed area only gets congested during school start and end times. Would it be better to have this area as no waiting during school opening hours only?