

## Central Bedfordshire Council

### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETING

18 DECEMBER 2018

### Waiting Restrictions - Biggleswade: Lawrence & Auckland Road

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### Purpose of this report

To report on the recent statutory consultation to install waiting restrictions in Lawrence Road and Auckland Road, Biggleswade.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Traffic Management Meeting is asked to:

1. **Approve the implementation of the No Waiting At Any Time proposals in Lawrence Road and Auckland Road, Biggleswade as advertised.**

### Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

1. This is not to be presented at Overview and Scrutiny.

## **Issues**

### **Background Information**

2. This scheme was brought about from concerns raised about parking on the crossroad junction of Lawnside, Auckland & Lawrence Road, Biggleswade particularly at school times.

Lawnside Lower School sits on Lawnside Road which is a narrow road and many children walk to access the lower school accompanied by parents. Parking on these junctions causes visibility issues when crossing to access the school.

### **Scheme Proposal**

3. To install double yellow lines around the radius of the junctions of Auckland, Lawnside & Lawrence Road, Biggleswade to assist with pedestrian access and address visibility issues.
4. A small number of H bars will also be installed over a number of accesses to protect residents who may also suffer parking problems. However, this is not subject to statutory consultation.

### **Statutory Consultation**

5. This took place in November 2018, all residents affected by the proposals were informed by letter drop and the notices were displayed on site.

Statutory consultees were also informed. The Police raised no concerns or objections.

As a result of the consultation one representation was received and the concern raised are given below.

### **Options for consideration**

6. Comments raised in the representation were that:
  - a. No deliveries would be permitted.
  - b. The only problem is at school pick up and drop off time.
  - c. It would be difficult to Police.

### **Reason/s for decision**

7. Officer comments in response to the concerns/objection are as follows:
  - a. If you can do so safely you would be permitted to stop to load or unload goods.
  - b. There is an issue at pick up and drop off times, however the proposals are also for simple junction protection at all times.
  - c. Enforcement of the restrictions lies with CBC Parking Enforcement.

### **Reason for urgency**

8. To keep vulnerable road users safe.

## **Council Priorities**

9. This scheme will meet LTP Objective J; Reduce the risk of people being killed or seriously injured and C; Increase the numbers of children travelling to school by sustainable modes of transport.

## **Corporate Implications**

10. None

## **Legal Implications**

11. The Traffic Regulation Order will need to be sealed before implementation.

## **Financial and Risk Implications**

12. The scheme is funded from the Integrated Transport Plan Capital Works budget and the costs are predicted to be £1000.

## **Equalities Implications**

13. Those living in the immediate vicinity of the proposals were notified by letter of the scheme and had an opportunity to comment should they be directly inconvenienced.

## **Conclusion and next Steps**

14. Should the scheme be approved we will proceed to mark out on site.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A: Public Notice**
- Appendix B: Scheme Drawings**
- Appendix C: Police Response**
- Appendix D: Representations**

## **Background Papers**

None

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# PUBLIC NOTICE



## CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE NO WAITING AT ANY TIME IN LAWRENCE ROAD, AUCKLAND ROAD AND LAWNESIDE, BIGGLESWADE

Reason for proposal: For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic and/or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising; For facilitating the passage of traffic on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).

The waiting restrictions are intended to address indiscriminate parking and to ensure that junctions are not obstructed by parked vehicles.

### Effect of the Order:

To introduce No Waiting at any time (24 hours) on the following length of road in Biggleswade:-

1. Lawrence Road, south side, from a point approximately 1 metres south-west of a point in line with the boundary of nos.77 and 79 Lawrence Road extending in a north-easterly direction to a point in line with the west flank wall of no.87 Lawrence Road.
2. Lawrence Road, south side, from a point approximately 1 metre south-west of a point in line with the boundary of nos.77 and 79 Lawrence Road extending in a north-easterly direction to its junction with Auckland Road.
3. Lawrence Road, north side, from its junction with Auckland Road extending in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 2 metres south-west of a point in line with the boundary of nos.82 and 84 Lawrence Road.
4. Lawrence Road, south side, from a point approximately 3 metres north-west of a point in line with the boundary of nos.80 and 82 Lawrence Road extending in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 2 metres south-east of a point in line with nos.82 and 84 Lawrence Road.
5. Auckland Road, both sides, from its junction with Lawrence Road extending in a northerly direction for approximately 18 metres to a point in line with the boundary of nos.2 and 4 Auckland Road.
6. Auckland Road (east spur access road), both sides, from its junction with Auckland Road extending in a north-easterly direction for approximately 5 metres.
7. Lawnside, east side, from its junction with Lawrence Road extending in southerly direction to a point approximately 2 metres north of the north flank wall of no.80 Lawrence Road.

Further Details may be viewed online at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices).

Comments should be sent in writing to the Traffic Management team at the address below or e-mail [traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) by 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. Any objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

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 2018"

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2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

**VIEWPORT 2**

REFRESH EXISTING (SCHOOL  
KEEP CLEAR) ROAD MARKING  
DIAGRAM, 1027.1

AUCKLAND RD

LAWRENCE AVENUE

Existing and proposed road markings with patch repair

Not To Scale

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## Appendix C

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1. Proposed waiting restrictions-Lawrence Road, Auckland Road and Lawnside Biggleswade.
2. Traffic calming Chaul End Road Caddington
3. Proposed waiting restrictions-High Street/Old Bridge Way Shefford
4. Proposed waiting restrictions Stondon
5. Various Schemes Cranfield
6. Various schemes Linslade

<p>This Authority has considered the proposals as outlined in your letter and offer the following comments for further consideration.</p> <p>Comments</p>	
<p>This Authority has considered the proposed waiting restrictions and schemes outlined in your email and attachment, together with the reason(s) given. The proposals are accepted by this authority therefore no objection will be offered.</p>	<b>X</b>

Name: - ...John Loughlin.

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## Appendix D

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To Whom is may concern

As a resident of Lawrence Road, [REDACTED] am writing to object to the above 24 hour parking restriction to the areas stated in the proposed order. The reason for my objection is that I would be directly affected by this restriction as I would not be able to have any deliveries made conveniently, i.e. Food or Household orders, neither would I be able to have visitors able to park close to my property.

I do feel that the 24 hour parking restriction is to much and unnecessary for this residential area. I have lived on Lawrence Road for over 20 years and the only parking issue has been around the school drop off and pick up times i.e. 8am to 9am and 3pm to 4pm during term times. All other times parking along this road has been reasonable. I personally have only ever complained about the school traffic parking issues.

I am sure that a restriction of no parking between the school times as mentioned earlier, the yellow zig zags being re-painted along the entrance to Lawnside and a regular traffic patrol **being introduce at these** times, would see the parking issue improve. I do not feel that the 24 hour restriction will alleviate the problem as this restriction will be impossible to police!

Additionally a public awareness campaign would be of use as it would remind drivers of the highway code regarding parking/stopping, etc along with council parking policies then the council could issue parking fines to those parking contrary to the relevant offences.

Below are the two highway rules that I feel are regularly being flouted by drivers at the school drop off and pick up times.

#### **Rule 238**

You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone) – see '[Traffic signs](#)' and '[Road markings](#)'. Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs. You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings (see '[Road markings](#)') when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

Law [RTRA sects 5 & 8](#)

### **Rule 243**

**DO NOT** stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

**except** when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

Yours faithfully

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[Redacted Signature]

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