

Central Bedfordshire Council

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETING

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Waiting Restrictions - Lower Stondon; Station Road

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Purpose of this report

This seeks to document the recent statutory consultation to extend 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restriction in Station Road, Lower Stondon.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Traffic Management Meeting is asked to:

1. **Approve the implementation of the proposals as published.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

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

Issues

Background Information

2. The revisions to waiting restrictions is part of a Rural Match Fund (RMF) application by Stondon Parish Council, who have concerns over both vehicles mounting the footway along Station Road and parking issues from close to the roundabout to Redwing Croft.

Scheme Proposals

3. Having met with the Parish Council to discuss the concerns a scheme has been proposed to extend the double yellow lines from where they currently stop (west of the roundabout) to past 195a on both sides of the carriageway.
4. The scheme also takes the opportunity to install a raised bus stop kerb to assist those users with a disability to easily board public transport.
5. The extension of the double yellow lines will prevent indiscriminate parking close to the bus stop and shop where the area gets congested, particularly at peak times and will prevent parking on the footway common.
6. Other aspects of the scheme that are not subject to consultation are, bollards on the footway to the south, and a single parking cage marked from number 195a to close to the junction with Redwing Croft. The parking cage will assist with formalising existing parking and will be complemented with H bars to keep residents' access clear. Bollards will deter common footway over run and conflicts with pedestrians at peak times and will protect vulnerable users who travel to school on foot.

Statutory Consultation

7. Statutory consultation was carried out in October 2018, whereby the emergency services including the Police, ward members and any residents impacted by the proposals were notified either by email or letter. In addition site notices were displayed on site.

Representations

8. Four representations were received as a result of the statutory consultation, two in support and two against the proposals to extend No Waiting At Any Time restrictions. Bedfordshire Police did not raise any objections or concerns.

Options for Consideration

9. Comments raised as part of the consultation process are as follows:
 - a. No opportunity to drop off passengers or the elderly going to the pharmacy.

Reasons for decision

10. Officers comments in response to the comments raised are as follows:
 - i. Dropping off of passengers is permitted, waiting is prohibited. The scheme takes the opportunity to mark out parking cages in close proximity, where no restrictions will apply.

Reason for urgency

11. This aspect of the scheme is brought to prevent footway parking and conflicts around an area used by vulnerable users.

Council Priorities

12. These proposals meet the Local Plan Objective J to 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

13. There are no corporate implications from this particular scheme.

Legal Implications

14. Should the scheme be authorised the TRO will need sealing before enforcement.

Financial and Risk Implications

15. The entire scheme is funded from the Integrated Transport Plan Capital Works budget and the costs are predicted to be £16000. The Parish Council will pay half for the lining works and bollards, with the bus stop upgrade being funded solely from Integrated Transports Capital Works budget.

The cost of the lining aspect is estimated at £600.

Equalities Implications

16. This scheme takes the opportunity to make use of traffic management in the area to upgrade the bus stop provision for those with a disability.

Conclusion and next Steps

17. We will proceed to detailed design before construction in 2019/20.

Appendices

Appendix A: Public Notice

Appendix B: Scheme Drawing

Appendix C: Representations

Appendix D: Police Response

Background Papers

None

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE NO WAITING AT ANY TIME IN STATION ROAD, STONDON

Reason for proposal: For facilitating the passage of traffic on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) and to prevent obstructive parking.

The waiting restrictions are intended to ensure clear visibility for pedestrians crossing to and from the bus stop and to aid traffic flow and reduce congestion at the bus stop.

Effect of the Order:

To introduce No Waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following length of road in Stondon:-

1. Station Road, north side, continuing from existing double yellow lines from a point approximately 2 metres south-west of a point in line with the boundary of nos.199 and 201 Station Road extending in a south-westerly direction for approximately 33 metres.
2. Station Road, south side, continuing from existing double yellow lines from a point approximately 2 metres south-west of a point in line with the boundary of nos.199 and 201 Station Road extending in a south-westerly direction for approximately 4 metres.
3. Station Road, south side, from a point approximately 1 metre south-west of a point in line with the boundary of nos.197a and 197 Station Road extending in a south-westerly direction for approximately 16 metres.

Further Details may be viewed online at 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 by xx Month 2018 (must be at least 21 days from publication date below). 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/South Bedfordshire) (Civil Enforcement Area and Special Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2008) (Variation No. *) Order 201**"

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Marcel Coiffait
Director of Community Services

Appendix C:

Comment

It is very good to see this intervention on such a dangerous section of road.

I would like to see the double yellow lines go even further up Station Road from the roundabout on both sides. Also to reduce the risks further the bus stop should be moved further up Station Road away from the junction. Vehicles overtaking the bus at this point put pedestrians and oncoming drivers at massive risk. The speed limit along this stretch of road should also be reduced to 20mph by the shops and bus stop and controlled crossings sited at the roundabout junction and further up station road to provide safe crossing places for pedestrians our precious children coming from off the school buses.

Consideration also needs to be given to providing more off road parking for the shops on Station Road (pharmacy and post office) It is a parking and pedestrian nightmare visiting these essential shops. I would relocate the bus stop and the shops and provide adequate parking for them.

Best regards



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I reside at [REDACTED] and have viewed the proposals and welcome any measures that eases traffic congestion along this area. I have an existing H bar which people generally ignore. It looks from the drawing as if the double yellow lines will extend to my frontage replacing the H bar which will be most welcome.

However, this measure will have little impact unless policed. Can you advise what plans there are to enforce these restrictions? People have no respect for laws that make their life inconvenient especially when they are only there for a couple of minutes. Unless you have a warden regularly visible or CCTV I suspect this will have little impact.

Ultimately, this demonstrates the stupidity of placing the Post office in this location in the first place. An already over busy road, opposite a bus stop and children school bus collection point with no parking. There are better locations for this key service. Please restore faith in the system by actually listening to what locals say when you consult. This problem will only be solved by relocating the Post Office and, I fear, tempers will fray even more when these measures further restrict the public, and residents remonstrate against the selfish and inconsiderate drivers that will simply ignore it.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to voice opposition to the proposed double yellow lines outside 197a Station Road. The Henlow Post Office is co-located at the premises. Many elderly people rely on being able to park outside or be dropped off outside in order to collect their pensions. If they are not able to carry on doing this it will inconvenience this vulnerable group.

Kind regards,

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[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to voice opposition to the proposed double yellow lines outside 197a Station Road.

[REDACTED] are elderly with limited mobility and/or with disabilities. They often need to be dropped off or picked up by carers or by taxi. If they cannot be dropped off outside the pharmacy these patient groups will not be able to access essential pharmacy services.

Moreover, the pharmacy receives medical supplies twice daily; often these deliveries contain Control Drugs and so the driver is required to keep sight of his vehicle whilst he is in the pharmacy.

We would be grateful if you could take these factors into consideration and not start the double yellow line outside 197/197a.

Kind regards,

Appendix D

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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>	X

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