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NOTICE OF MEETING

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETING

Date & Time
Tuesday, 25 July 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

Venue at
Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Executive Member for Community Services:

Cllr I Dalgarno

[Named Substitutes:

Cllr J Nigel Young]

All other Members of the Council - on request

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Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting

Date: 25 July 2017

Subject: Various Roads, Leighton Buzzard – Petition requesting Residents Only Parking

Report of: Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways

Summary: This report is to note the receipt of a petition submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council and suggest a way forward

Recommendation: That the petition be noted.

Contact Officer: Paul Salmon
paul.salmon@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Leighton Buzzard – South Ward

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The petition is in relation to the safe and efficient use of the highway network.

Financial:

None from this report.

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.

Background and Information

1. A petition organised by a local resident has been received, signed by 69 people, requesting the Council to take the following actions to address traffic and parking issues in Hartwell Crescent, Hartwell Grove, Albany Road and Dudley Street, Leighton Buzzard:-
 - Residents only parking

Appendices:

Appendix A – Petition and accompanying correspondence

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Appendix A

To: Central Bedfordshire Council, Highways Team

Petition to the Council requesting Residents Only Parking for Hartwell Crescent, Hartwell Grove, Albany Road and Dudley Street, Leighton Buzzard

As lead petitioner representing the majority of residents in these four streets, I will summarise the reasons for our petition.

Although a similar petition was raised some years ago, the terms for the issue of permits have changed, there are a number of new residents in these streets and the circumstances in the surrounding area have changed. A survey of Hartwell Crescent and an independent survey of Dudley Street were carried out last year. However, I have been advised by Leighton-Linslade Town Council that these four streets have to be considered as one thoroughfare, and I have extended the survey to cover Albany Road and Hartwell Grove.

The main daytime problem is workers at Connells Estate Agents. Despite having subsidised parking, employees park in these streets as an alternative to paying a charge. Connells have recently extended their working hours and their employees are looking for spaces from 06:30, and some do not leave until 20:00.

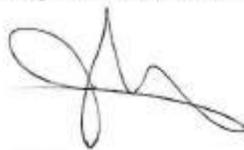
Similarly, shoppers have told me that there are too few places to park in Leighton Buzzard, and that the costs are too high, so they park in our streets.

Grove Road and Lammas Walk/ Bedford Street have recently obtained Residents Only Parking, which has pushed their problems into our streets.

In the evening, owners of commercial and other vehicles, who reside on Hockliffe Street and South Street choose to park in Hartwell Crescent and Albany Road. Similarly, people visiting the Snooker Club in Dudley Street park in Dudley Street rather than the public car park a short distance away.

I have received 69 signatures in support of this petition (attached), 5 emails (attached) and 12 verbal offers of support.

I hope that you will agree that we have a valid case and that you will present this petition to the Traffic Management Committee on our behalf.



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14 Hartwell Crescent

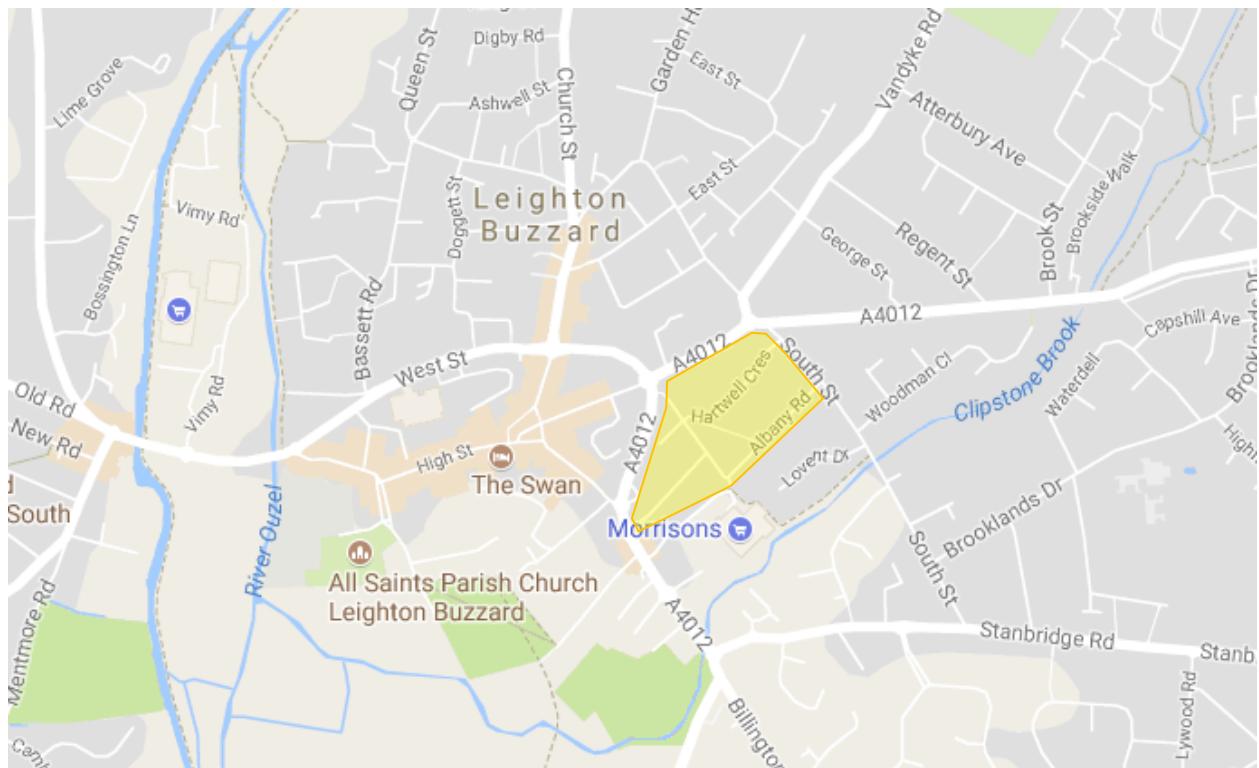
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Appendix B



Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting

Date: 25 July 2017

Subject: Britain Street, Dunstable – Petition requesting Various Highway Improvements

Report of: Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways

Summary: This report is to note the receipt of a petition submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council and suggest a way forward

Recommendation: That the petition be noted.

Contact Officer:

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Dunstable – Central Ward, Manshead Ward

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The petition is in relation to the safe and efficient use of the highway network.

Financial:

None from this report.

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.

Background and Information

1. A petition organised by a local resident has been received, signed by 15 people, requesting the Council to take the following actions to address traffic and parking issues in Britain Street, Dunstable:-
 - Install speed bumps
 - Introduce residents only permit for south-side
 - Introduce a two hour No Return parking paid on north-side, outside the school

Appendices:

Appendix A – Petition and accompanying correspondence

Appendix B – Location plan

Appendix A

Petition

for Traffic calming measures and speed enforcements in front of the school as well as addressing the parking issues for residents in Britain Street Dunstable

We the residents signed the petition to address the following issues.

Speed offences in the street

All too often do we see an excess of speeding cars in Britain Street

Proposal

Add temporary speed bumps that could be converted later on to permanent speed bumps

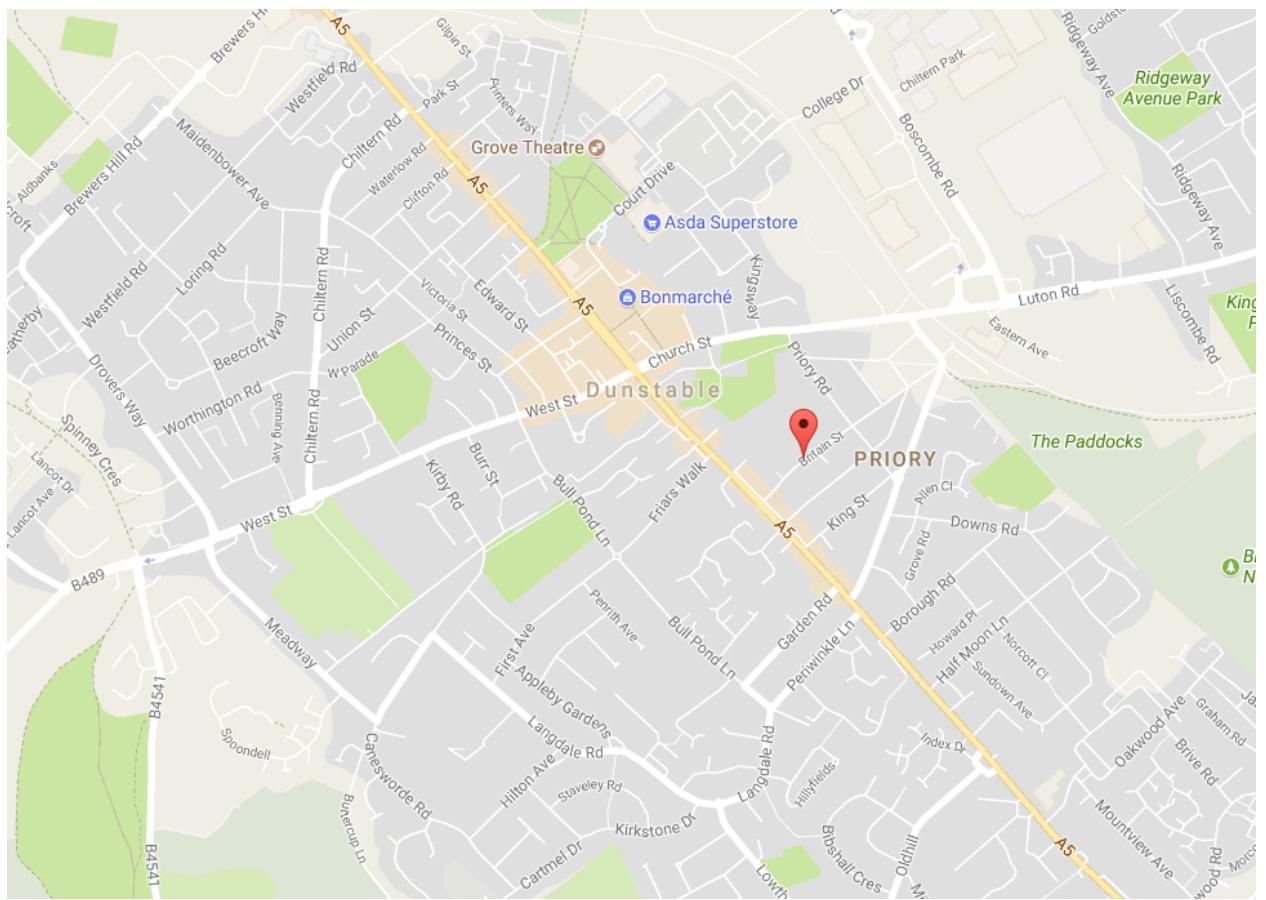
Parking

Britain Street residents find it hard to park their car in their own street. This causes serious difficulties to residents, especially those with mobility issues.

Proposal

Introduce Resident Only Parking 24/7 in front of the residents houses i.e. the south side of Britain Street and a two hour No Return Parking paid parking on the school side.

Appendix B



Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting

Date: 25 July 2017

Subject: Hitchin Road, Stotfold - Consider objections to proposed waiting restrictions in Hitchin Road, Stotfold

Report of: Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways

Summary:

Recommendation: Take note of representations and take the proposal no further.

Contact Officer: Paul Salmon
Paul.salmon@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Stotfold and Langford Ward

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The proposal will improve road safety, traffic management and the amenity in the affected roads.

Financial:

N/A due to recommendation

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.

Budget and Delivery:

Estimated cost: N/A due to recommendation	Budget: N/A due to recommendation
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Expected delivery: N/A due to recommendation	
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Background and Information

1. The Council has received a number of complaints about the inconsiderate parking on Beechwood Court in Dunstable. Parking is currently unrestricted and non-Beechwood Court residents
2. The following restrictions were proposed:
 - No waiting at anytime on main roads, extending into side roads to cover junctions
3. A proposal was published to introduce no waiting at any time and was formally advertised by public notice in April 2017. Consultations were carried out with the emergency services and other statutory bodies, Biggleswade Town Council and the Ward Members. Residents located in the areas where restrictions are proposed were individually consulted by letter.

Representations and Officer Responses

A total of 6 representations were received in response to the proposals. 3 are opposed to the scheme.

Officer Response

Not to take this proposal any further.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Public notice of proposals

Appendix B – Drawing of proposals

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Appendix B

Appendix C

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 May 2017 14:05
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposal to introduce no waiting at any time; Hitchin Road, Stotfold

Dear Sirs

On the face of it your proposal appears to be a simple solution in reducing vehicular conflict in the vicinity of the Brook St mini roundabout.

However, like a lot of these simplistic (and cheap) solutions, in my opinion, they create more problems than they solve. I would be grateful if you would consider the points below.

1. There are a lot of old properties in this area with no or little off road parking. Where do the present parked cars park? Brook St (along by the bowling club) is rapidly filling up already, this will increase to bursting point. The recently built (good but inadequate) parking bays alongside the recreation ground are already full. I just don't see how people in the area with no off road parking are going to park. Have you considered this?
2. There are old, sick, busy people living in the area and an increase in online shopping. How are delivery vehicles able to deliver if there is no waiting at any time?
3. The change to one way traffic in Brook St has increased traffic past my house considerably since completion. Had this been thought through at the time, these traffic conflicts would not be here. Was this considered at the planning stage?
4. Have you considered that parked cars actually have a beneficial effect in slowing traffic and inadvertently acting as traffic calming measures? The 20mph limit although a good idea is ineffective.
5. The MASSIVE ongoing increase in new homes in the area is the real cause of traffic conflicts. Why aren't the infrastructure implications considered properly before more and more houses (with their accompanying cars) are approved?

Sincerely

[REDACTED]
Hitchin Road.

From: Cllr Brian Saunders
Sent: 15 May 2017 14:48
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE

I am in agreement with the need for yellow lines but I think they are too long.
I would like to see them run from between 64 and 66 Hitchin road to between 36 and 38.

Regards

Cllr Brian Saunders

For the attention of Gary Baldwin: Principle Traffic Officer

Your Ref: GPB/HRS

Dear Sir

Proposed No Waiting : Hitchin Road Stotfold

As we are residents of Hitchin Road Stotfold we would like to protest most strongly against your proposed new parking restrictions for the following reasons:-

The new mini roundabout that you recently installed, against the wishes of local residents, has not improved traffic conditions at the junction of Brook Street but has in fact created a traffic hazard where none existed before. We have lived on Hitchin Road for over 30 years and there had never been any problems at the junction. Since the roundabout has been installed there has been several crashes on the roundabout and near misses every day, with continual sounding of car horns.

The roundabout has also failed to slow down traffic.

Your proposal to install yellow line parking restrictions on Hitchin Road will cause further problems for the residents without any benefits at all.

Where will the residents who do not have off road parking be expected to park their cars?

When there is a football match /training on the recreation ground where will they be expected to park?

When there is a bowls game at the Brook Street Bowling Green where will the additional influx of cars be expected to park as the Bowling Green car park is too small to accommodate the additional vehicles?

How will the new parking restrictions help those residents of Hitchin Road who have mobility problems?

Your proposal for further restrictions on parking does not take into account the wishes and needs of the residents of Hitchin Road and will only cause them further problems in the same way your unnecessary roundabout has.

This time please listen to the tax payers of Hitchin Road and scrap your proposal for further parking restrictions.

Yours faithfully

Residents of Hitchin Road Stotfold

NO WAITING AT ANYTIME IN HITCHIN ROAD

I am writing in connection with the no waiting restriction which is about to be imposed outside my house [REDACTED] Hitchin Road. I have lived here for 15 years and prior to that 3 years at [REDACTED] Hitchin Road another property affected by the no waiting restriction. There were never any problems prior to the roundabout being inflicted on us when there was a just a road junction it was so much safer. The roundabout was obviously badly designed and as you know has been moved slightly.

I would like to know where everyone is supposed to park when the yellow lines come into operation. The lay byes are nearly always full particularly evenings and weekends. My immediate neighbours all have 2 cars which is a necessity these days for work and I am a pensioner who is still driving and my partner has a works van which when it had to be parked away from our house was broken into at Easter and numerous items stolen.

I thought the recreation ground was meant to be enjoyed by all. Not everyone walks there it is very popular especially after the new play equipment was installed. There are football matches there most weekends from August to May (22 players, officials and supporters) all have to park most of them arrive by car. Young footballers train a couple of nights in the week and there are a couple of fitness groups that train there at weekends. I know this because I live opposite and I presume who has made this decision has possibly had a couple of emails about near misses on the roundabout and is not here 24/7. When football matches are on its already absolute chaos. There is a limited amount of parking in Brook street but there are often bowls matches on which take up all the parking.

If you remove all the parking then the cars will approach the roundabout at even greater speeds as they will have no obstacles in their way. No-one drives at 20 miles an hour I would say the average is 30-35. I know because I live here!! I am not based behind a council desk at Chicksands.

You have made a section just past the bend travelling towards the High Street for cyclists to cross the road with numerous drawings of cycles . I have always thought this is dangerous encouraging cyclists to cross here anyone coming around the bend will not see them to the last moment. If you stop all cars parking – speed increased-more dangerous. There is also more traffic coming down Brook Street since it was made one way more traffic using roundabout. If anyone uses Chemist or Days they have to go the long way round and down Brook Street (more traffic on the roundabout). I know you will go ahead with this watch this space there will be parking on pavements, grass verges and everyone will park in Waters End and towards Fairfield.

I suggest who has come up with this idea spend a day and watch particularly when the football season starts again. We already have had a 20 mile speed limit inflicted on us. Cyclist cycle on the pavements very dangerous when they come up behind you when you are walking along and you don't hear them then they speed past. Now no parking!! I await your comments I am sure I know what they will be.

[REDACTED]
(Very frustrated home owner of Stotfold)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 June 2017 16:41
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposed No Waiting - Hitchin Road Stotfold

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am contacting you to put forward my concerns about the proposed No Waiting in Hitchin Road, Stotfold.

In order to accommodate this restriction householders will concrete their front gardens (if they are able), making the area much more grey, and much less diverse environmentally, not to mention much less pretty. Cars should not park within 15 meters of a junction, so restrictions are already in place should the authorities choose to use them. Perhaps instead of spending money on this, the money could be spent on enforcement of this kind? The road has a 20mph limit, cars parking along the road can encourage this. Without any cars parked, drivers will increase their speed.

Many thanks for your consideration.
Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Hitchin Road
Stotfold

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 June 2017 14:39

To: Gary Baldwin

Subject: Stotfold proposed no waiting.

Double yellow lines as proposed seem a good idea except that it will only move the problem elsewhere in the village. I wish I could suggest a solution to this tricky problem. I took the very difficult course of paying the expensive cost of having the kerb in front of my house lowered and then building parking space in my small front garden. Perhaps one way to clear parked vehicles is to encourage residents to create their own parking space however the current cost of lowering kerbs is very high. You missed a very dangerous length of Hitchin Rd from your proposal which is the section about two hundred yards into the village after the bypass. As one enters the village the road has a gentle left hand curve. Too frequently there are vans parked there which obscures the road ahead and enough vehicles parked to make avoiding oncoming traffic difficult. The local council has made a grave error by changing the speed limit to 20mph and expecting all drivers to obey the 20mph signs. Government guidelines advise traffic calming measures, why has the council wasted money by not installing proper speed bumps? (not the useless 6 foot wide excuses for a traffic calming facility.) Finally I encourage you to make and take decisions when health and safety are involved and not waste time and money on the unnecessary niceties of asking the public's opinion. Yours faithfully [REDACTED].

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Meeting: **Traffic Management Meeting**

Date: **25 July 2017**

Subject: **Various Roads, Biggleswade – Consider objections to the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in Various Roads, Biggleswade**

Report of: **Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways**

Summary: This report seeks the approval of the Executive Member for Community Services for the implementation of waiting restrictions in Various Roads, Biggleswade

Recommendation:

1. Shortmead Street, east side, from a point in line with the boundary of nos.174 (Garage) and 176/178 Shortmead Street extending in a northerly direction for approximately 26 metres.
2. Shortmead Street, east side, from a point in line with southern property boundary of no.174 (Garage) extending in a southerly direction for approximately 95 metres.
3. Sun Street, north side, from its junction with Shortmead Street extending in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 12 metres north-west of the boundary of nos.10 ands 11 Vickers Close.
4. Sun Street, south side, from its junction with Shortmead Street extending in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 2 metres south-east of the north-west flank wall of no.32 Sun Street.
5. Fairfield Road, both sides, from its junction with Sun Street extending in a northerly direction to a point approximately 2 metres north of the boundary of nos.15 and 16 Vickers Close.
6. St. John's Street, north side, from a point in line with the east flank wall of no.57 St John's Street extending in an easterly direction for approximately 6 metres.
7. Gladstone Close, north-west side, from a point in line with the front wall of no.103 Sun Street extending in a north-easterly direction for approximately 28 metres.
8. Sun Street, north-east side, from a point approximately 1 metre south-east of the north-west flank wall of no.69 Sun Street extending in a north-westerly direction for approximately 7 metres.
9. Lawrence Road, west side, from a point in line with the front wall of no.1 Lawrence Road extending in a southerly direction for approximately 20 metres.
10. Lawrence Road, south and east sides, from a point in line with the west flank wall of no.2 Lawrence Road extending in a westerly then southerly direction for approximately 22 metres.

Contact Officer: Paul Salmon
Paul.salmon@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Biggleswade – North Ward

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The proposal will improve road safety, traffic management and the amenity in the affected roads.

Financial:

The works are being funded from the section 106 budget.

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.

Budget and Delivery:	
Estimated cost: £30,000	Budget: s106
Expected delivery: Sep 2017 – Jan 2018	

Background and Information

1. The Council has received a number of complaints regarding the indiscriminate parking.
2. The following restrictions were proposed:
 - No waiting at anytime on the following length of road:-
 - Short Mead
 - Sun Street
 - Fairfield Road
 - St Johns Street
 - Gladstones Close
 - Lawrence Road
 - Introduce permitted partial footway parking on lengths of Sun Street
3. A proposal was published to introduce no waiting at any time in Various Roads in Biggleswade and partial footway parking in Sun Street and was formally advertised by public notice in May 2017. Consultations were carried out with the emergency services and other statutory bodies, Biggleswade Town Council and the Ward Members. Residents located in the areas where restrictions are proposed were individually consulted by letter.

Representations and Officer Responses

A total of 9 representations were received in response to the proposals. 5 are opposed to the scheme.

The main problem issues raised were as follows:-

- a) Lawrence Road is used as a rat run due to The Baulk one-way system
- b) Lawrence Road overspill of parking from Ivel Medical Centre
- c) Using parked cars as a Chicane traffic calming measure may cause damage to parked vehicles
- d) Sun Street, Partial footway parking causes an obstruction and is hazardous to partially sighted, blind and disabled people.
- e) Lawrence Road Keep Clear sign needs remarking
- f) Sun Street needs more parking, possibly outside of 131 Sun Street.

Officer response:-

- a) The Baulk is being referred to TMM at the next consultation meeting and is likely to return to 2-way
- b) The proposal is to protect the bend and increase visibility for vehicles going around the corner
- c) Motorists take the risk of parking their vehicle on the public highway, regardless of the arrangement.
- d) The footway is four meters wide, only part of this will be taken up by the parking cage, which will be marked and enforceable
- e) This is not part of the proposal but can be taken forward in a future programme
- f) This has already been posed as part of the scheme

Appendices:

Appendix A – Public notice of proposals

Appendix B – Drawing of proposals

Appendix C – Representations

Appendix A

PUBLIC NOTICE

Central Bedfordshire

**CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE
NO WAITING AT ANY TIME IN VARIOUS ROADS IN BIGGLESWADE AND
PARTIAL FOOTWAY PARKING IN SUN STREET, BIGGLESWADE**

Reason for proposal: The proposed No Waiting at any time is intended to address indiscriminate parking and to ensure that junctions and other critical lengths of road are not obstructed by parked vehicles. The permitted partial footway parking makes use of a section of wide footway and allows some parking to take place on the opposite side of the road. Some of these proposals relate to the permanent introduction of the St John's Street/Rose Lane/Sun Street one-way system and are intended to provide additional parking spaces.

Effect of the Order:

To introduce No Waiting at any time on the following lengths of road in Biggleswade:-

1. Shortmead Street, east side, from a point in line with the boundary of nos.174 (Garage) and 176/178 Shortmead Street extending in a northerly direction for approximately 26 metres.
2. Shortmead Street, east side, from a point in line with southern property boundary of no.174 (Garage) extending in a southerly direction for approximately 95 metres.
3. Sun Street, north side, from its junction with Shortmead Street extending in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 12 metres north-west of the boundary of nos.10 ands 11 Vickers Close.
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9. Lawrence Road, west side, from a point in line with the front wall of no.1 Lawrence Road extending in a southerly direction for approximately 20 metres.
10. Lawrence Road, south and east sides, from a point in line with the west flank wall of no.2 Lawrence Road extending in a westerly then southerly direction for approximately 22 metres.

To introduce Permitted Partial Footway Parking on the following length of road in Biggleswade:-

1. Sun Street, south-west side, from a point in line with the boundary of nos.77 and 79 Sun Street extending in a north-westerly direction for approximately 30 metres.

Further Details may be examined during normal office hours at the address shown below, viewed online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices or tel. 0300 300 5003.

Comments should be sent in writing to the Traffic Management team at the address below or e-mail traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by 23 June 2017. 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 201**"

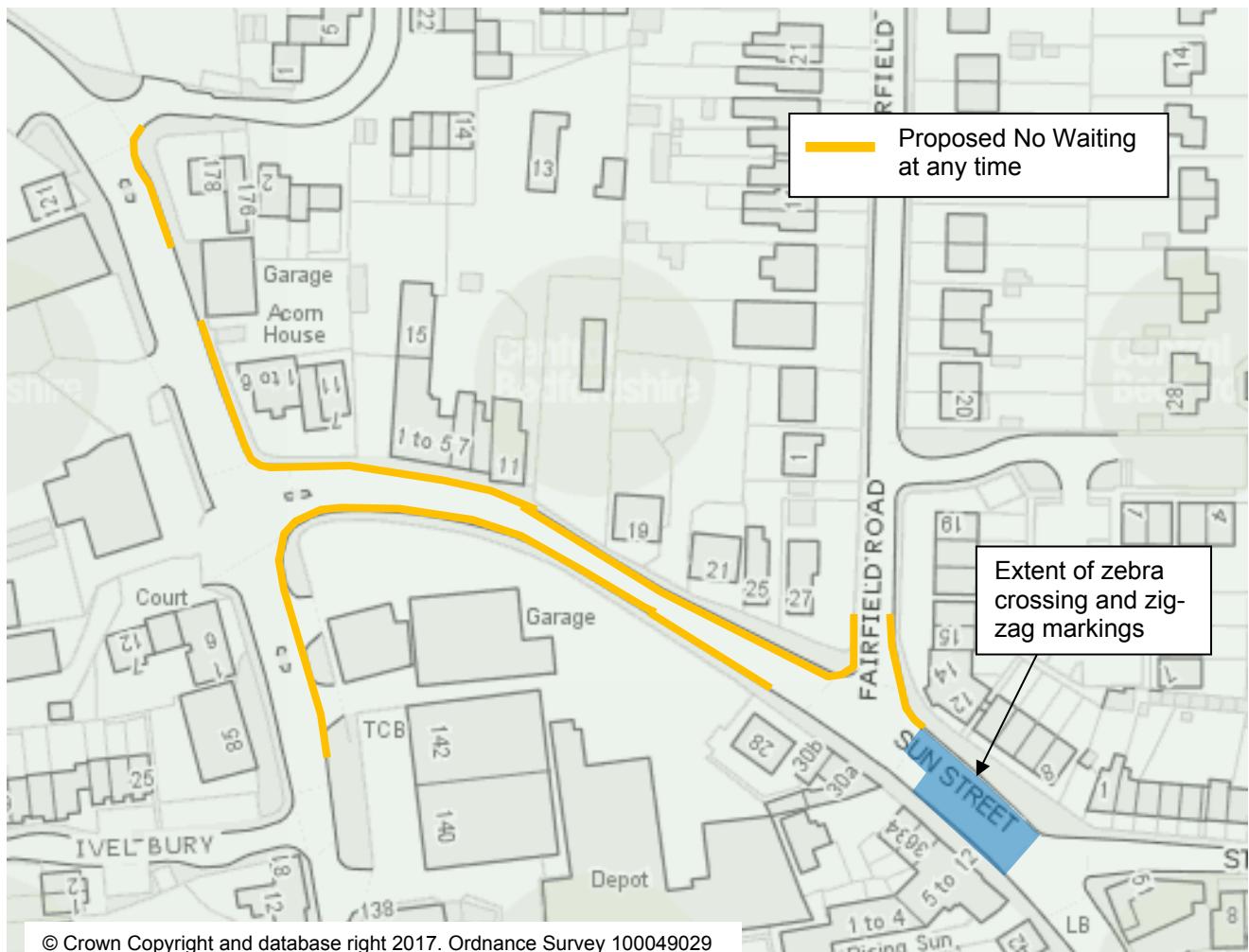
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Director of Community Services

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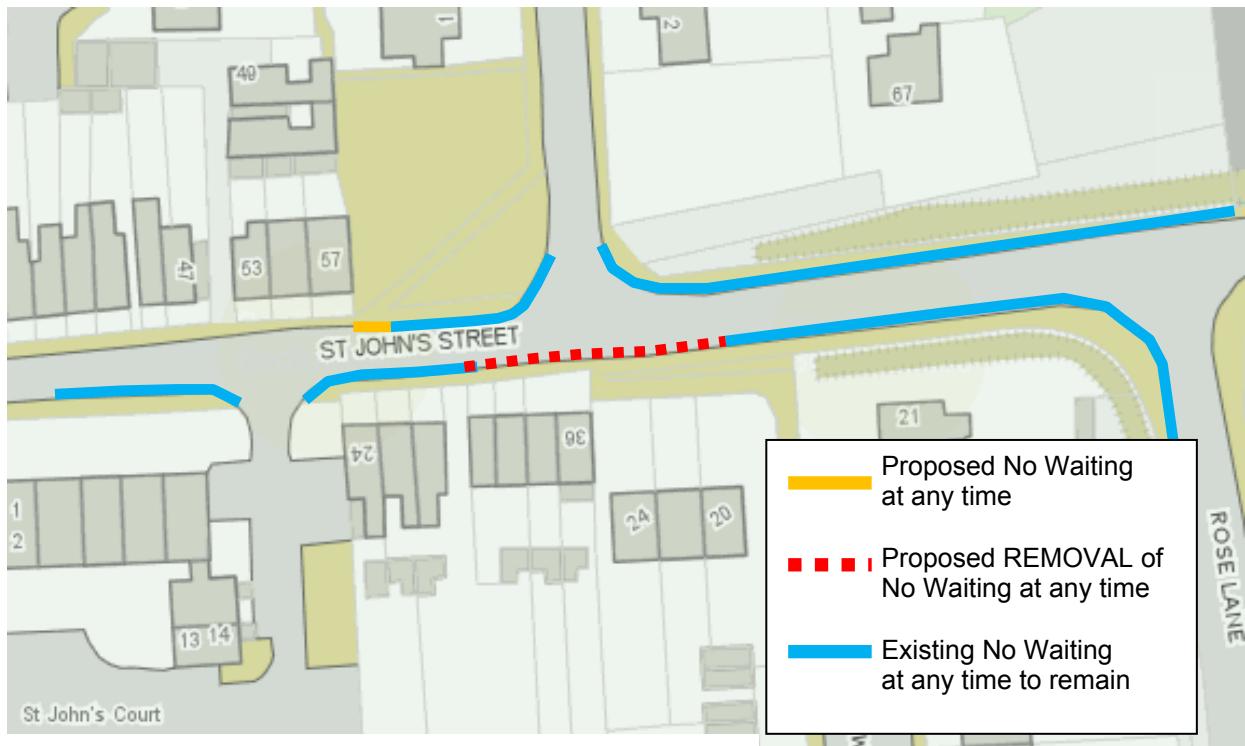
Shortmead Street and Sun Street

Parking on these lengths of road creates an obstruction to through traffic and causes vehicular conflict. Specific lengths have been left unrestricted to allow some on-street parking to take place.



St John's Street

A length of double yellow line is proposed to be removed to provide additional on-street parking spaces, which is possible due to the permanent implementation of the one-way system. The parked vehicles will effectively create a chicane, which should help moderate traffic speeds.



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Gladstone Close

The proposed double yellow lines will ensure that parking takes place on one side of the road only, thereby ensuring that traffic is able to access Gladstone Close.



Sun Street

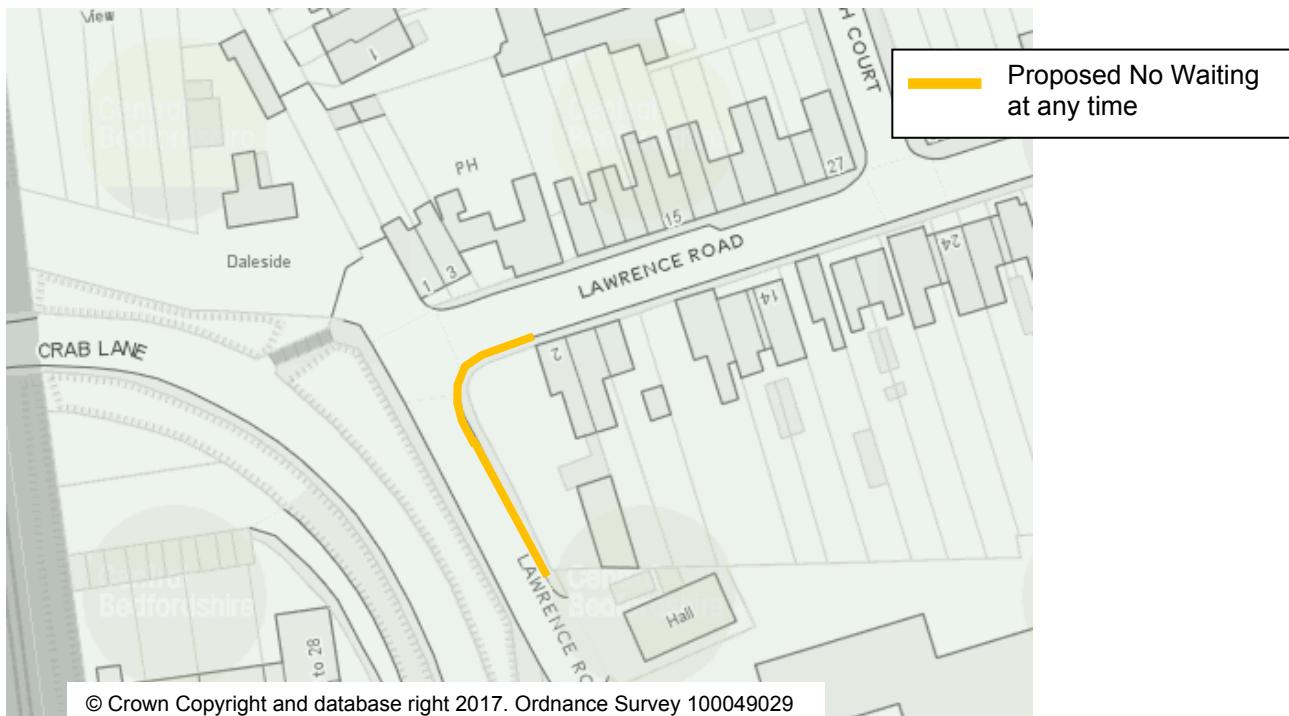
The permitted partial footway parking makes use of a section of wide footway and allows some parking to take place on the opposite side of the road.



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Lawrence Road

Parking on these lengths of road creates an obstruction to through traffic and causes vehicular conflict. The lengths of double yellow line have been kept to a minimum to retain as much on-street parking as possible.



Appendix C

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 30 May 2017 19:53

Subject: Lawrence road proposed restrictions

To: <gary.baldwin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>

Cc:

Dear Mr Baldwin

Thank you for informing us about the proposed restrictions on Lawrence Road Biggleswade.

We are directly affected by the immense problems on the corner as we live in number [REDACTED] Lawrence road and we are delighted that something is going to be done about the horrendous congestion that builds up on the corner and along the road which also leads up to the Ivel medical Centre.

Firstly we have witnessed incidents on a daily basis and are amazed that a head on collision had not already happened!

Things have greatly deteriorated due to two factors.

1) The over use of Lawrence road as a 'rat run' due to The baulk being one way causing vehicles to re route to the bridge and secondly the Ivel medical Centre with inadequate patient parking 5 spaces for 20,000 plus patients? It has meant that more and more patients have parked on Lawrence road (see attachment) which is a typical daily example.

We are concerned that the road cannot cope with these issues and an accident will occur. Our enjoyment is also impeded and congestion is a big problem from very early in the morning through to late evening. We are very in favour of the proposals and would appreciate any details/answers you might have regarding what to do about the surgery and Baulk one way system.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 June 2017 08:02
To: Gary Baldwin
Subject: Proposed waiting restrictions (St John's Street)

Hi

I live on St John's Street and I think it's disgusting that you are proposing to use our parked cars as a traffic calming measure.

Who is going to be paying for the damage when our cars get hit by the huge lorries trying to manoeuvre their way through or the idiots speeding up the road and crash into them?!

Regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 June 2017 11:07
To: Gary Baldwin
Subject: proposed waiting restrictions - various roads, Biggleswade

Dear Sir,

we refer to your letter ref GPB/VRB dated 26/05/17 about proposed parking restrictions in Biggleswade. We particularly commend item 5 regarding restrictions on both sides of Fairfield Road adjacent with the junction with Sun St. Free parking as at present causes frequent problems as cars try to turn into Fairfield Road and there have been frequent "near misses" and a few minor incidents. Parking restrictions in this area are long overdue and we commend the proposals.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Sun St
Biggleswade
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 June 2017 17:35
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposed waiting restrictions, various roads - Biggleswade consultation response

Dear Traffic Management team

I wish to strongly object to your proposal to allow partial footway parking in Sun Street. I am blind and use a white guide cane to navigate on familiar and unfamiliar routes.

I wish to object on the following grounds:

1. Partial pavement parking presents a danger to blind and partially sighted people like myself, and will place me at greater risk of injuring myself on parked vehicles on the footway which I cannot see.
2. There will be an unacceptable risk that parked cars in the proposed area will leave an inadequate space on the footway for the safe passage of a blind person plus a guide dog or wheelchair user to pass safely. I don't believe you will put in place the necessary enforcement measures to stop this happening and take action against those who park illegally.
3. Pavements are for pedestrians and roads are for vehicles. Based on my experience where boundaries are ambiguous or open to interpretation, this results in more illegal and more dangerous parking habits to develop, such as those regularly seen in the Hitchin Street shared space area, where vehicles regularly overlap on to the pavement area.

RNIB have been engaging with Cllr Budge Wells, Alistair Burt MP and the Town Council to highlight the need to reduce pavement obstructions such as pavement parking which affects the independent mobility of blind and partially sighted people, so this proposal will compromise the work already undertaken with this campaign.

If you allow the proposal to go ahead, I will have no choice but to contact the afore mentioned political figures to express my opposition, and will also do so publically in order to highlight the additional risks this will present to blind and partially sighted people, and others with impaired mobility.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sun Street, Biggleswade, Beds SG18 0BY

Email: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
LAWRENCE ROAD
BLACKSWARD
SG 18 @LR

Dear Sir

Yours No Parking Notice
in Bigleswade Chronicle
26 MAY 2017.

As the Sub Lane has not
been swept for 4 years the

KEEP CLEAR notice on THE ROAD
OUTSIDE DATESIDE / & 1 LAWRENCE
ROAD WARDS REPAINTING

SMALL CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL USING
THE STEPS VEHICLES PARK ACROSS
THE ROADWAY AND TRAFFIC TRAVELLED
DOWN LAUREL VINES / RAILWAY VINES
ROAD WAY DOES 50 MPH IT'S A

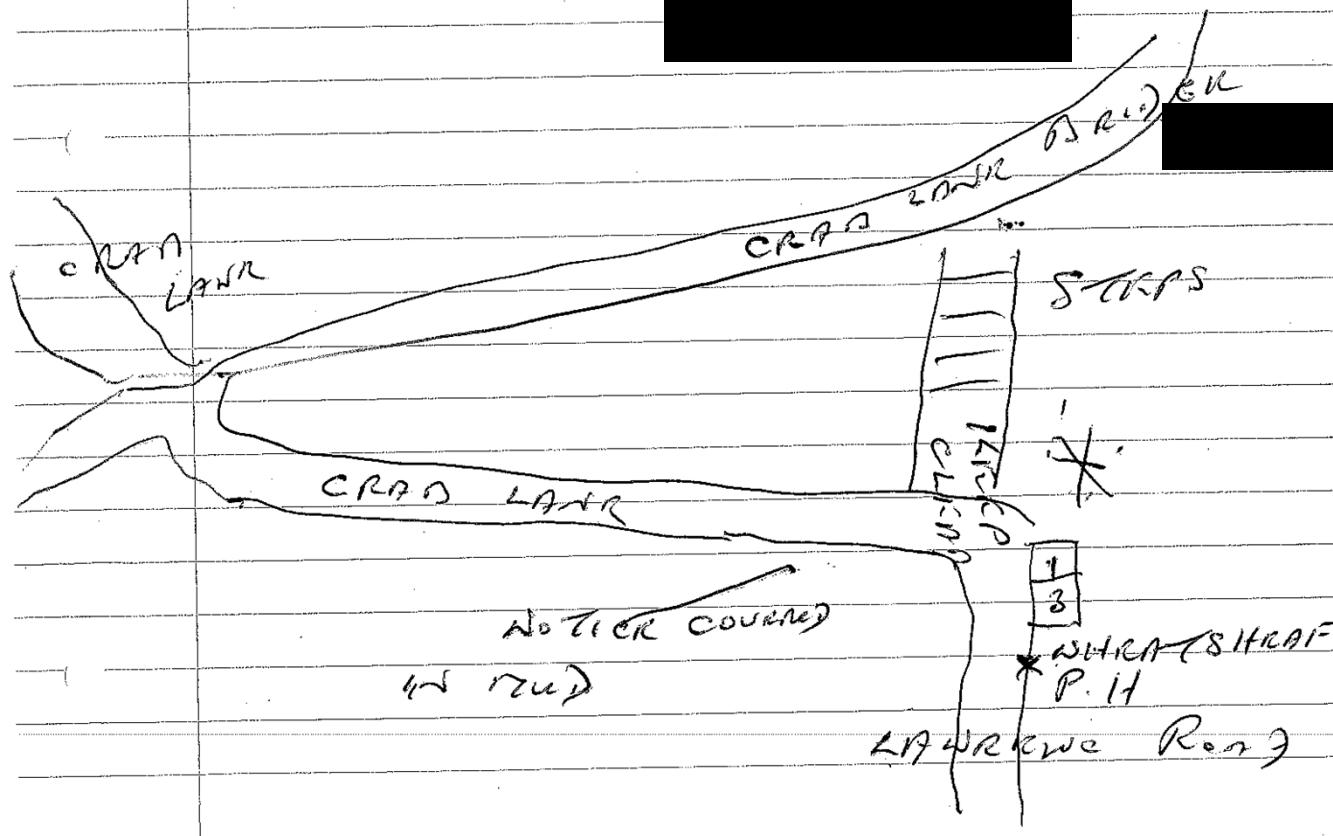
WALK OR NO BODY HAS BEEN KILLED
SOME YEARS AGO I WROTE TO

1) WARDS council AND THE CORONER
OFFICE AT BIGLESWADE SAYING THE
council IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
ACCIDENTS TO YOUNG PROPER
GOING TO SCHOOL NOT ARISE FROM
TO SEE VEHICLES COME DOWN
THE ROAD WAY AND BACK OUT

You Allow more Paper to
use the coal barns has
flats and with cars etc

LAWRENCE ROAD is a Rat
Run now. Why cannot THE
BASIC Be 2 way TRAFFIC
From Kines ~~REACH~~ REACH
At least it would help
the traffic in LAWRENCE
Road

Yours faithfully



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 13 June 2017 22:37

To: Traffic Consultation

Cc: Gary Baldwin

Subject: Proposed Parking restrictions in Biggleswade (and related issues)

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in response to the consultation on parking restrictions in Biggleswade. I am a resident of Sun Street and, whilst on the whole I welcome these proposals, I feel there has been an omission. As I have previously fed back to the council (with regard to the issue of speeding in Sun Street), I believe there is the opportunity to re-instate 2-3 parking spaces outside no. 131 Sun Street. This would relieve some of the pressure on the surrounding area, caused by the introduction of the one-way system and double yellow lines. It would also help to slow down the traffic, something I have been in contact with Gary Baldwin about over the last 12 months. I am very concerned that this issue has still not been addressed. I am also concerned about how the scheme will be policed. Since the introduction of the one-way system there has been an almost daily violation of the restrictions, and other issues including:

1. Large HGVs - the entrance to Sun Street from Shortmead Street is clearly marked with a 7.5ton limit which is flouted on a daily basis
2. Delivery drivers from the nearby Indian restaurant driving the wrong way up Sun Street in order to park outside their premises
3. Supermarket delivery drivers coming the wrong way up Sun Street
4. Parking on double yellow lines in St John's Street
5. Parking at the narrowest part of the road opposite the junction of Brunswick Close
6. Speeding vehicles in Sun Street
7. Variable and inappropriate phases on the traffic lights at the junction of Sun Street/Rose Lane leading to speeding and frequent jumping of red lights

I look forward to a response on the matter of policing the proposed restrictions, and on the possibility of reinstating of parking outside 131 Sun Street.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Sun Street
Biggleswade

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 June 2017 11:41

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: RE: CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2008) (VARIATION NO.*)) ORDER 201*

Dear Traffic Consultation Team,

While I agree with the need for further restrictions in the area, I do not feel the plans go far enough. There are flaws in the proposal and in my opinion a more comprehensive plan needs putting in place for dealing with the increased level of traffic and demand for parking in the area. Therefore please accept this email as confirmation of my formal objection to the proposals related to restricted parking on and around Sun Street.

My objection relates to the whole proposal for the following reasons;

- 1) With regard to Gladstone Close there is more than enough room for cars to pass cars parked on the pavement in this area. There is also a pavement on the other side of the street which pedestrians can use if they wish but rarely does anyone walk in this area.
- 2) There is no other parking available in the vicinity available to residents. Several residents on Sun St in the area near Gladstone Close have recently applied for dropped kerbs for off-street parking but have been rejected due to "insufficient space". This is despite many neighbours having dropped kerbs with the exact same size area to park on

in the area. If parking provision is reduced in the area it will only move the problem further along the road.

3) Whilst in principal the purpose of increasing a restriction of no waiting at any time will increase visibility and therefore make the roads safer, it will also increase the speed at which traffic can flow. Since the introduction of a one way system not only is the sheer volume of traffic dramatically increased but a significant amount of cars are driving along Sun St and St John's Way at a much faster speed. Considering the nature of the road (narrow and one car width) anyone wishing to cross is in much more danger than they used to be. With the local school in close proximity there are many young children in the area at peak times who are now more at risk.

4) These proposals should have also included the area in the vicinity of 131 Sun Street. There is ample room here for a removal of no waiting at any time under the new one way system. It is far enough away from Barnett Close and on the opposite side of the road so I see no reason why this area cannot be used for parking if the rest of Sun St can be.

5) This TRO should be rejected because it is totally inadequate in dealing with the wider issues brought about by introducing the one way system. A more holistic approach to the situation is necessary that encompasses not just parking provision but the speed of traffic in this area.

More consideration must be taken into slowing the speed of traffic. I suggest a traffic calming feature such as widening the pavement / narrowing of the road as the pavements are very narrow in this area. Speed bumps would only mean more noise and increase air pollution due to increased braking and acceleration.

I also suggest the consideration of a 20 MPH limit around the one way system. The town center has a 20 MPH limit and this has caused many to avoid it and use Sun Street as a cut through to the A1. It is a densely populated residential area and so it should also be incorporated into the 20 MPH zone. The layout, alignment and nature of the roads means that a 20mph limit would be largely self-enforcing for the majority of vehicles, so a high level of enforcement should not be required or anticipated. This would create a safer environment for all road users.

Alternatively mobile vehicle activated signs or speed indicator devices at the very least should be considered for use periodically.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
Sun Street
Biggleswade
Bedfordshire
SG18 0BZ

From: Rob McGregor [mailto:rob.mcgregor@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk]
Sent: 22 June 2017 13:33
To: Gary Baldwin
Subject: RE: Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Various Roads, Biggleswade

Dear Gary

The Town Council are pleased to see the proposals and have no objection.

Kind Regards
Rob McGregor MILCM
Town Clerk

Dear Sirs

Response to the Public Notice concerning the proposal to introduce no waiting relating to the permanent introduction of the Sun St/St John's St/Rose Lane one way system

I am a resident of a bungalow in Sun Street but fortunately we are able to park our two cars in our back garden which is accessed via Gladstone Close. I am happy, on the whole, with the proposals to put double yellow lines adjacent to my bungalow in Gladstone Close. But at the moment, each week day morning, my profoundly disabled adult son's mini bus stops for a few minutes to pick him up to take to his day care centre. This has caused some friction with a few impatient neighbours who are not inclined to wait even for a brief moment. I suspect double yellow lines will increase some neighbours agitation and I would appreciate consideration of any solution that could address this.

My other issue is with Sun Street. Exiting Gladstone Close by car is very dangerous as we cannot see if traffic is coming from our left due to the legitimately parked cars/vans to our left. The parking spaces swap sides in Sun Street at Gladstone Close, so the normal method of creeping out until you can see is not possible as by the time you can see you are already in the stream of traffic. Living where I do, I regularly hear the squeal of brakes and the angry tooting of horns. Traffic speeds down the bridge, particularly the traffic from Crab Lane as motorists try to beat the second set of traffic lights. Could consideration be given to keeping parking on one side of the road in this part of Sun Street?? Install a mirror? According to someone on Facebook/We Love Biggleswade, three parking spaces are to be returned to use outside of 131 Sun Street. I am wholeheartedly in agreement with this but it will further reduce the vision for cars trying to exit Gladstone Close.

I am against the proposal for partial footway parking in Sun Street as it is not an easy manoeuvre to reverse up a kerb into a parking space, particularly with impatient drivers behind you who forget that this is a residential road. This part of Sun Street is near St Andrew's School and children should not be put at risk. In general the proposals remove a lot of existing parking and provide very few additional parking spaces. I foresee conflict amongst residents and businesses in the area as parking needs will not diminish but be pushed into other inappropriate places. Residents have seen this following the introduction of the Dells Lane scheme. Commuters now use Rose Lane Car Park rather than pay for the railway station car park leaving few spaces for residents/Town Centre workers/shoppers to park. Furthermore, I would not want to lose the facilities of the Viceroy Restaurant or Sheffs Chip Shop in Sun Street, I fear the proposed reduced parking could put the businesses in financial peril.

On a final note, the speed of the traffic is horrific round the one way system and, rightly or wrongly, parked cars serve to slow the traffic down and give some safety to pedestrians on the narrow pavements in this area.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting

Date: 25 July 2017

Subject: King's Reach, Biggleswade – Consider objections to the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in King's Reach, Biggleswade

Report of: Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways

Summary: This report seeks the approval of the Executive Member for Community Services for the implementation of waiting restrictions in King's Reach, Biggleswade.

Recommendations:

1. Planets Way, both sides, from a point in line with the east flank wall of no.4 Planets Way extending in a westerly and northerly direction to its junction with Erlensee Way except for the extents of any constructed parking bays.
2. Venus Avenue, both sides, from its junction with Planets Way extending in a southerly direction to its junction with Ouse Way except for the extents of any constructed parking bays.
3. Erlensee Way, both sides, from its junction with Planets Way extending in a northerly direction to its junction with Mauder Avenue except for the extents of any constructed parking bays.
4. Mauder Avenue, both sides, from its junction with Erlensee Way extending in a westerly direction to a point approximately 2 metres west of the east flank wall of no.4 Mauder Avenue.
5. Walker Mead, both sides, from its junction with Sullivan Court extending in a generally westerly direction to its junction with Blackburn Way.
6. Sullivan Court, both sides, the full length except for the extents of any constructed parking bays.
7. Delius Road, both sides, from its junction with Sullivan Court extending in a northerly direction to its junction for Novello Drive except for the extents of any constructed parking bays.
8. Un-named road, both sides, extending from the south-east corner of Sullivan Court in a generally easterly direction to its junction with Coates Road except for the extents of any constructed parking bays.
9. School loop road, both sides, extending from the aforementioned un-named road extending in a generally southerly direction for its full length except for the extents of any constructed parking bays.

Contact Officer: Paul Salmon
Paul.salmon@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Biggleswade –North Ward, South Ward

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS
Council Priorities: The proposal will improve road safety, traffic management and the amenity in the affected roads. Financial: The budget is a combination of section 278 and section 106

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.

Budget and Delivery:	
Estimated cost: £7,500	Budget: s278 & s106
Expected delivery: Sep 2017 – Jan 2018	

Background and Information

1. The waiting restrictions are intended to address indiscriminate parking on several of the main access roads in the interests of road safety and to maintain vehicular access, including for emergency vehicles. The double yellow lines will ensure that junctions and other hazardous locations are not obstructed by parked vehicles. Some lengths of road are already covered by double yellow lines. This proposal is to add additional lengths of restriction and introduce a Traffic Regulation Order to enable enforcement to take place. The remaining lengths of road, many of which are constructed parking bays, will remain unrestricted. These roads are currently privately owned, but the intention is that in due course they will be adopted as highway maintainable at public expense.
2. A proposal was published to introduce no waiting at any time and was formally advertised by public notice in April 2017. Consultations were carried out with the emergency services and other statutory bodies, Biggleswade Town Council and the Ward Members. Residents located in the areas where restrictions are proposed were individually consulted by letter.

Representations and Officer Responses

A total of 50 representations were received in response to the proposals. 12 are opposed to the scheme.

The main problem issues raised were as follows:-

- a) The main issue is with the number of spaces available, there is not enough off street parking for residents.

- b) The issues with parking will be displaced into neighbouring side roads and worsen, leading to issues emergency vehicles' access to properties. It is requested that lines are extended further to cover side roads.
- c) Speed will increase around King's Reach as the roads will be clear.
- d) Bollards are required as people park on the verges and footways.
- e) This will not be enforceable as the roads are private.
- f) No where for parents to drop off and pick up their children from school.

Officer response:-

- a) The Development is built to current standards and there is off-street parking available behind the properties which is not being used to its full capacity.
- b) The reason for the proposed parking restrictions is to remove indiscriminate parking and encourage residents and visitors to park in allocated parking.
- c) The Development is designed to current standards to incorporate natural traffic calming features. Removing the parking will encourage walking and cycling and give some of the area back to pedestrian use.
- d) This is being considered with the developer.
- e) Due to legal agreement with the developer, this is fully enforceable.
- f) Central Bedfordshire Council has a policy to encourage walking and cycling to and from school, however we fully understand this isn't always practicable and pick up and drop off is allowed on double yellow lines.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Public notice of proposals

Appendix B – Drawing of proposals

Appendix C – Representations

Appendix A

PUBLIC NOTICE

Central
Bedfordshire

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE NO WAITING AT ANY TIME IN VARIOUS ROADS AT KINGS REACH, BIGGLESWADE

Reason for proposal:- The waiting restrictions are intended to address indiscriminate parking on several of the main access roads in the interests of road safety and maintaining vehicular access, including for emergency vehicles. The double yellow lines will ensure that junctions and other hazardous locations are not obstructed by parked vehicles. These roads are currently privately owned, but the intention is that in due course they will be adopted as highway maintainable at public expense.

Effect of the Order:

To introduce No Waiting at any time on the following lengths of road in Biggleswade:-

10. Planets Way, both sides, from a point in line with the east flank wall of no.4 Planets Way extending in a westerly and northerly direction to its junction with Erlensee Way except for the extents of any constructed parking bays.
11. Venus Avenue, both sides, from its junction with Planets Way extending in a southerly direction to its junction with Ouse Way except for the extents of any constructed parking bays.
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18. School loop road, both sides, extending from the aforementioned un-named road extending in a generally southerly direction for its full length except for the extents of any constructed parking bays.

Further Details may be examined during normal office hours at the address shown below, viewed online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices or tel. 0300 300 5003.

Comments should be sent in writing to the Traffic Management team at the address below or e-mail traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by 26 May 2017. 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 201**"

Central Bedfordshire Council
Priory House
Chicksands
Shefford SG17 5TQ

Marcel Coiffait
Director of Community Services

Appendix B



Appendix C

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 10 May 2017 14:21

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: Order title, [REDACTED] planets way kings reach

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the notices re: yellow lines and no waiting at anytime on the kings reach estate Biggleswade.

I wish to object to the introduction of further yellow lines on yet more roads on the estate. The reasons for my objection are that the proposed roads which now include Venus Avenue as well as others have insufficient parking for the residents living there. There are predominantly three bedroom houses and several blocks of flats within yards of each other. The majority of these dwellings have ONE allocated parking space. As I am sure you appreciate most households have two cars per family. A point which has been taken by both local councils and builders, as dwellings built after 2012 now require at least TWO SPACES. Clearly in response to the problem of insufficient parking on houses built before this date.: the proposed roads include such properties pre 2012.

There is no provision made for these vehicles. I myself have only one allocated space and have to rely on parking in the one or two bays provided. Thus vying with every other vehicle in the vicinity.

Visitors to the estate have little or no parking especially at weekends.

The problem is just being pushed onto already congested and narrow roads. The reason for the introduction of yellow lines is because of emergency access but the proposed roads are wide enough, but have been hampered by the introduction of very wide traffic islands which cause bottle necks and at times the opposite - rat runs. Whilst not advocating more yellow lines. we need solutions, the cars will not disappear but simply displaced. We need somewhere else for cars to park. Its just making the problem worse.

Surely before restrictions are implemented some imaginative solutions could be applied. Ie; making more parking bays in the already generous grass verges. Also there could be some small car parks made in the odd pockets of land, for example the old community centre car park. If not where are the cars supposed to park???

The no waiting at any time is unrealistic on a housing estate it takes no account for weekends and evenings. As people have shopping delivered , bin men, removal vans etc..

I would really appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 13 May 2017 10:01

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: 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*

Traffic Management Team

Ref: objection to proposed 'No waiting at Any Time' in various roads at Kings Reach, Biggleswade.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my strong objection to the introduction of any 'no waiting at any time' zones within the Kings Reach development on the grounds that this will not solve the parking issues in any way, and will greatly exacerbate the issue on surrounding smaller roads.

There is no present risk of emergency vehicles not being able to negotiate the roads where the proposed 'no waiting at any time' zones will be. The only complaint here is from residents not being able to park directly outside their houses. Emergency vehicle access is being used in this example as an excuse to validate the claim.

As the 'no waiting at any time' zones will not provide any additional parking, nor will it reduce the number of cars being parked, it is clear that the only result of introducing these zones will be to force these cars onto the smaller side roads where no such restriction will exist. This presents the clear issue of a genuine potential obstruction as the smaller roads are far less able to accommodate these cars, which does present a significant hazard to emergency vehicle access.

Given that the proposed solution to ensuring emergency vehicle access will clearly result in their obstruction, the 'no waiting at any time' cannot be introduced without endangering the residents of the Kings Reach development.

It is on these grounds that I wish to object to the introduction of 'no waiting at any time' zones on the Kings Reach development.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]
Frankel Way
Kings Reach
Biggleswade

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 May 2017 10:27
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Support For No Waiting At AnyTime In Various Roads At Kings Reach Biggleswade

To whom it may concern,

We fully support these proposals and feel they are required to ensure road safety...

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
Anderson Road,
Biggleswade,
Bedfordshire
SG18 8FX

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 May 2017 12:20
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings reach traffic management

Good afternoon

We have received the letter regarding the proposed 'no waiting at any time'. So in response;

-We have contacted both the consortium and the council several times regarding the speeding around Kings Reach but for whatever reason this is ignored but at the same time you want to make it more difficult for people to park near their homes?? Near the school??

-We are not on one of the roads affected by the no waiting proposal.

-We are extremely bothered by the speeding sometimes 40mph to 50mph. Even past our house on a side road.

-People drive on the lowered brick paths and we are genuinely worried either our children or someone else's will get hurt. There needs to be bollards around Apollo Gardens park to stop this.

-WHY are there no speed limit signs or even a speed limit. (That the roads are not adopted is not a good enough response)

-The consortium has no interest in this issue.

-Although we are not fans of the paths being blocked cars, essentially the council approved the plans for this estate and ultimately are responsible for the issues on Kings Reach.

-Take out some of the huge verges and add more parking.

-There needs to be speed bumps on the roads you suggest need to be no waiting to slow the speeding drivers down before someone has an accident or a child gets hurt.

-How are people supposed to accept deliveries? Move house?

This proposal needs more of a common sense approach. A no waiting scheme will allow people to drive faster.

We would appreciate a response.

Regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 May 2017 13:01
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposed no waiting Kings Reach Biggleswade

Dear Sirs,

I have received a request for comments on the proposed introduction of no waiting along several roads within the Kings Reach development in Biggleswade.

I would strongly support the introduction and enforcement of these zones as the parking practices along many roads are causing very significant road safety hazards at present, notably around corners between major and minor roads.

I would however suggest that consideration be given to observing the situation on roads feeding in to the major roads notably Apollo Gardens and Saturn Way, where the parking around corners is particularly hazardous at present. I would be concerned if the current proposal exacerbates rather than resolved the parking problems in these areas and would suggest the measures proposed be extended to roads which, on observation, are recognised to be adversely affected.

Furthermore, measures should be taken to enforce parking restrictions on private roads within the development such as Mercury Lane.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Mercury Lane
Biggleswade
SG188FL

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 May 2017 13:49
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposed no waiting — Kings Reach, Biggleswade

Good afternoon

I wish to lodge my full support for this proposed scheme. The manner in which cars currently park along the routes highlighted is extremely dangerous for other road users and people attempting to cross the road.

May I also suggest that speed humps be considered along the length of Planets Way and Erlensee Way. Despite the 'traffic calming' measures of peoples inconsiderate parking, some road users seem to feel it acceptable to still travel along the road at speeds in excess of 40mph.

If the proposed Yellow Lines are to be enforced, and people do abide by them, who knows what speed other road users will be able to reach without any obstructions.

Secondly, we have already seen that some road users find it acceptable to mount the kerb and park on the grass verges / wide pavements to park. The enforcement of the yellow lines will lead to an increase of users trying to evade the penalty by parking on the verges. Therefore can I urge that consideration be given to the use of street furniture / trees etc to attempt to prevent people parking on the pavements and verges.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
Maskin Drive

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 May 2017 13:53
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Public Notice Kings Reach

To whom it my concern.

Today I received a letter on behalf of the King Reach Consortium informing me of the introduction to no waiting zones on the Kings Reach Estate. The proposal covers a number of roads on the estate including Planets Way and Venus Ave. I think this a great idea and am fully supportive, however I live on Apollo Gardens a road that links Planets Way to Venus Ave and have a large number of vehicles on a regular basis parking on the pavement outside my property. Not only does it makes access to the road very difficult but also restricts vision when turning into and leaving the road. I myself only last week nearly had a collision with another car on the street while leaving my drive due to a parked car restricting my view.

Also with the new restrictions being put in place on Planets Way and Venus Ave I feel it will cause people who previously parked there to now park on Apollo Gardens.

It's only a matter of time before a more serious incident takes place due to cars parking on the pavement of Apollo Gardens and not in the designated parking zones. Putting parking restrictions in place will prevent this and stop a dangerous accident taking place in the future.

I ask if consideration could be taken in applying the parking restrictions to Apollo Gardens from the Junction with Planets Way to Venus Ave.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and if you require any visual evidence I am happy to send this in.

Please feel free to contact me any time regarding this matter.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

richard-london@hotmail.co.uk

Apollo Gardens,

Biggleswade,

SG18 8FE.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 13 May 2017 16:22

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: No waiting time at kings reach

Me and my family have lived on kings reach for nearly four years now and fully welcome the introduction of no waiting at any time/double yellow lines on the highlighted route...we noticed that when the original double yellow lines were painted on the roads they did not bother to have cars removed..Thus any cars parked there there would be a gap in the lines...residents are now parking there as there is a break in the double yellow lines..hopefully something can be done about this...

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 May 2017 10:50

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: In support of Parking Restrictions in King's Reach, Biggleswade

With regard to the Public Notice dated 28 April 2017 relating to proposals to introduce No Waiting At Any Time in various roads in King's Reach, Biggleswade, I would like to register my support.

The main route in and out of the development - Planets Way - is often obstructed by vehicles parked around junctions or traffic management features; I can get through in a car but it would be very difficult for a large vehicle to get through in a hurry (such as a Fire Engine, perhaps).

The Eastern end of Mauder Avenue is also difficult to drive through some times - there is a complex junction there (with the Market Square and Erlensee Way) and parked vehicles could make an accident more likely there.

Both of the above roads are on the route to our home that would be taken by an emergency vehicle, thus excessive parking on those roads might be putting our lives and property at risk.

In addition cars are often parked on verges or pavements, damaging the surface and causing an obstruction to pedestrians. (My partner is currently unable to walk and will rely on a wheelchair for some time; it is not simple for her to 'squeeze through' a narrow gap). The parking restrictions will, I believe, help to make it easier to get around the development with her.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
2 Mitchell Green
Biggleswade
SG18 8GS

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 May 2017 11:54
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposed no waiting at any time areas Kings Reach, Biggleswade

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been advised of the proposed no waiting areas along lengths of road on the new Kings Reach development, Biggleswade and would like to register my support for this initiative. I am a resident of Erlensee Way and live close to the junction with Planets Way which has seen significant inconsiderate parking on areas that are already marked with double yellow lines. This creates dangers driving along the road as lines of sights are often blocked as well as having the negotiate around a number of vehicles that shouldn't be parked where they are.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
Evans Grove
Biggleswade
Bedfordshire
SG18 8JG

Traffic Management
Central Bedfordshire Council
Priory House
Chicksands
Shefford
SG17 5TQ

15th May 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposal by Central Bedfordshire Council to introduce no waiting at any time in various roads at King's Reach, Biggleswade

Following receipt of information concerning the above proposal, we are writing to express our strong support of the proposals made in all areas listed.

As residents of Evans Grove, all of the highlighted areas affect our route into and out of the estate. We are confronted with problems on a daily basis with unsafe parking whether driving or walking with our children. Problems include narrow gaps for traffic to pass through; reduced visibility with cars parked on bends; confusion with regards to right of way due to cars parked opposite junctions, on yellow lines and next to chicanes all within a few metres of each other; and danger for pedestrians with cars blocking part of pavements. Drivers often don't stick to the 20 miles per hour speed limit, adding to the danger.

The problems actually extend further than the highlighted areas. We have two car parking spaces on our drive and we make the effort to park them both there. It is only a very slight inconvenience to have to swap them around sometimes, but is obviously necessary. We believe that there is adequate parking spaces on the estate, as we often see empty carports when cars are parked on the street. If the proposals come into effect, we hope they will be enforced. Some drivers continue to park on the yellow lines that are already on Planets Way.

Yours faithfully

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 May 2017 14:45
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Support of plans to introduce 'No waiting at any time in various roads on Kings Reach Biggleswade

Good Afternoon,
As a owner of [REDACTED] Planets Way, Biggleswade, SG18 8FD I would like to provide my full support to the plans being discussed to introduce double yellow lines along further parts of Planets Way, and Venus Avenue in Biggleswade.

On multiple occasions I have been close to having a car accident when exiting my allocating parking space off Venus avenue, this due to the inconsiderate parking of various residents and visitors blocking my vision onto the road.

I attach several examples of said parking which continually impact me and the 9 properties in our block.

The initiative has my full support, and it will help prevent somebody's life being put a risk later down the line.

I would however suggest those signing of future parts of the development may want to ensure adequate public parking is provided, as this is the true cause of the issues.

Many Thanks,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 May 2017 15:36
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposed No Waiting - Kings Reach, Biggleswade

To whom it may concern,

In respect of the above, I would like to confirm my fullest support for these proposals.

As a resident of Kings Reach, a driver and father of two young children, the roads earmarked are already widely regarded as a nuisance problem for both vehicles and pedestrians due to the inconsiderate and often illegal parking that grossly affects visibility on moving traffic. This extends beyond correct use of visitors bays by residents, whom frankly are a major issue but is also seriously impacted by deliveries from both residential and commercial construction vehicles using main roads as holding areas.

Enforcement of no waiting in these zones cannot come soon enough and should eventually extend to much of the estate.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 May 2017 17:54
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings Reach Biggleswade

Hello,

Proposal to introduce no waiting at any time in roads at Kings Reach Biggleswade.

In reply to the letter dated 11th May that detailed the above proposal please see below my response.

Although I agree with the proposal as a concept, the proposal cannot be implemented until further consultation with the property developers has been completed.

They have not made sufficient provision for parking on the development. Most households now have more than one car and provision for enough parking bays in the roads and enough designated parking facilities for each property is insufficient.

Residents do not have any choice at present than to park on the road due to the above. More parking bays/laybys need to be provided as there is plenty of space along each road for this to happen.

If the bus is going to be allowed to drive down Venus Avenue then in order for this to be safe more bays are needed BEFORE the parking restrictions are implemented.

I trust further consultation will be completed and further correspondence received from either yourself or Kings Reach Consortium.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2017 11:47
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Public Notice Re Parking at Kings Reach

Further to the information contained in your Public Notice 28 April 2017.

Whilst we agree with all nine points, there is no mention of how these measures will be enforced. We currently have double yellow lines on Planets Way and Erlensee Way, close to both of the Traffic Calming measures, but a number of residents continue to park there totally ignoring the restriction. In addition the double yellow lines on Erlensee Way and Mauder Avenue are also ignored.

The vast majority of residents on the Kings Reach development abide by the rules and park their cars with other road users in mind, but there are a number who park with no thought for anyone else's safety or comfort and with respect, drawing lines on the road or erecting signs will not deter **them**.

Is there a plan in place whereby these measures when put in place will be "policed", and sanctions taken against offenders? Otherwise I suspect the exercise could turn out to be a waste of time and effort.

I would dearly love to be proved wrong!

Kind regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2017 15:22
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: No Waiting Zones- Kings Reach

Good Afternoon,

I was pleased to read the proposal regarding the "no waiting zones" in Kings Reach, and would fully support their implementation.

However, I do have a couple of concerns on the matter.

Firstly, if and how these will be enforced. There are already double yellow lines on one of the proposed roads (Planet's Way) but they are widely ignored as it is common knowledge that the roads are privately owned. Will the council be adopting responsibility for these roads in order to enforce the rules?

Secondly, as a resident of Apollo Gardens I am concerned there is no mention of any restrictions there. Parking is already a real problem on the road, and several months ago an ambulance being unable to get through to attend to a sick child on Neptune Road. I fear with parking restrictions on the two main roads that lead off from Apollo Gardens (Planets Way and Venus Avenue) even more people will choose to park in Apollo Gardens, effectively just moving the problem.

Would be interested to hear your thoughts

Kind Regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2017 15:35
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: No waiting at anytime in various roads at Kings Reach, Biggleswade

With respect to the above subject whilst I agree parking is a nightmare and has got worse as more houses are built, and it is worrying that emergency services may not be able to get through.

I assume you have done a full road safety audit on kings reach by a qualified engineer, and just not decided to put no waiting restrictions in place?

My main objection is to the school loop road, this is busy for mainly two periods to drop off , and pick up children at school. People will only start parking in side roads and then people will complain and where do you stop at no waiting. This is also a safe place to drop off, unless there are plans for a new drop off area?

I also think the parking bays could be made bigger, this was obviously a planning decision but even if you could accommodate an extra car in each one that would help, especially when visitors come.

What happens when we get the football pitches is ample parking going to be provided!!!!!!

I do feel these no waiting areas are just going to make people park in other roads especially if they have more cars than their allotted parking spaces.

Whilst I live in Mercury Lane we have found the effect of people parking in our private road to use the new park, even though there is a private road notice.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mercury Lane.

Hello

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] Mercury Lane, Biggleswade, SG18 8FL.

With regards to the No Waiting Time, Biggleswade, Kings Reach proposal, I have some comments to make.

In addition to the roads mentioned in the document we have received through the post, I would like to highlight very poor behaviour on Apollo Gardens corner with Saturn Way: apart from cars parked on both sides of the road, making it very difficult for cars to go through, cars are constantly parked ON the corner. I had a few near-collision encounters with other cars myself, trying to pull out from Saturn Way on Apollo Gardens due to zero visibility. I very often have my 7 year old in the car with me, and he was quite shaken up a couple of times. I drive with max 10mph in that area for this very reason.

On a couple occasions I had to call the police to get some cars to move because they were parked in such way, that an ambulance or fire engine would not have been able to go through (I could barely drive through the gap in my relatively small car myself). There is a very poorly person who lives on that very corner and the ambulance comes for them very often.

We have been in dangerous situations due to the zero visibility and cars blocking the road so often, that something has to be done. I know I am also speaking for my neighbours at [REDACTED] Mercury Lane.

Could this situation please be assessed.

Many thanks in advance!

[REDACTED]
Mercury Lane
Biggleswade
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2017 22:23

To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings Reach development - Car Park

Dear Sirs,

I have received a request for comments on the proposed introduction of no waiting along several roads within the Kings Reach development in Biggleswade.

I would strongly support the introduction and enforcement of these zones as the parking practices along many roads are causing very significant road safety hazards at present, notably around corners between major and minor roads.

I would however suggest that consideration be given to observing the situation on roads feeding in to the major roads notably Apollo Gardens and Saturn Way, where the parking around corners is particularly hazardous at present and those Parents come to the playground with their toddlers and pushing a buggy has been found it's not safe to cross the road at all even it's such a small corner.

Also, those cars parked on Saturn Way can easily block an emergency vehicles to access.

I would be concerned if the current proposal exacerbates rather than resolved the parking problems in these areas and would suggest the measures proposed be extended to roads which, on observation, are recognised to be adversely affected.

Furthermore, measures should be taken to enforce parking restrictions on private roads within the development such as Mercury Lane.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Mercury Lane
Biggleswade
SG188FL

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 May 2017 18:53

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: Kings Reach - Central Bedfordshire Council Waiting restriction order 2008 (variation No.*) order 201* - Support

Dear Sir/ Madam

re "Central Bedfordshire council (Bedford 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*

As a property owner in the King Reach development can I put forward my support for the above proposal to facilitate the safe access to this new development.

Yours faithfully

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 May 2017 21:35

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: Support of proposed no waiting - Kings Reach, Biggleswade

To whoever it may concern,

I have recently seen a public notice, given by Central Bedfordshire Council, detailing the proposal to introduce no waiting at any time in various roads at King's Reach, Biggleswade. As a King's Reach resident, I wanted to notify you of my support of this plan.

If I may, I also wanted to highlight that people have started to park their cars on Baden-Powell Way, either to visit the local parks or spend some time over the nearby fields, forcing traffic to stop on what is now a busy relief road. Is it possible for you to consider adding Baden-Powell Way to the list of roads to receive 'no waiting at any time' treatment?

Best regards,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2017 00:19
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings Reach - No waiting at any time

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Council's proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions in Kings Reach. Parking habits along those streets currently can, at times, restrict traffic flow, obscure visibility, and pose the risk of emergency vehicles being unable to access areas of the Kings Reach Estate. It is not uncommon for cars to be parked in contravention of the Highway Code.

As a resident of Kings Reach, the council has my full support in addressing parking issues to ensure the roads of Kings Reach are safe and accessible. I welcome any steps the council wish to take to introduce and enforce parking restrictions.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Kings Reach resident.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2017 07:39
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Objecting against no waiting at kings reach

I live down Venus avenue, on the corner of sanger avenue. We live in a 4 bedroom townhouse, there are 4 adults who live there and 1 child, so this is a typical 'family home'. All 4 of us drive, and all 4 of us have cars. We have a garage, with space for 1 car parking outside. As we live in a town house we have no loft, so anything we have i.e Christmas stuff, suitcases etc have to be kept in the garage, so there's no room to park a car inside. That leaves us with 1 space outside. So could you please explain to me what good it would be to me and all the other 'family homes' by making Venus Avenue and the other main roads no waiting areas, to stop people parking on main roads? Where would we park the other 3 vehicles?? There are 2 parking bays around my house, 1 has space for 1 car the other for 2, which are constantly in use. Why do housing estates build all these big family homes with 1 parking space, then you try and lay down the law by telling us we can't have anymore than 1 vehicle. We should be able to park our cars along the main road. The majority of houses have more than 1 vehicle but only 1 space available to park, so by making it in to a no waiting zone, it will cause massive problems for everyone. I totally object against making Venus Avenue into a no waiting area, and quite frankly I think it's a ridiculous idea. If there's nowhere to park, people will end up parking on the curbs or grass verges. I'm afraid times have changed since the 1970's where we only had 1 car per family.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2017 08:24
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject:

Dear sir or madam,

Regarding parking on kings reach, I feel the developers need to take some responsibility to remedy the situation as the garages and parking spaces they created for residents are very small and quite tight for average size cars.

Why not extend the parking bays rather than cover the estate in yellow lines? The developers should really have thought about this in the planning stage rather than try and squeeze in minimally sized garages and parking spaces.

Many thanks,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2017 12:37
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Traffic consultation on Kings Reach

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed double yellow lines down Venus Avenue and other roads on Kings Reach. The parking on site is inadequate for the number of homes built and to further restrict parking would be prohibitive for commuters to live in the area.

As the town is effectively a commuter town, it is safe to assume that people will need to travel for work and that most homes will have more than one car, as we have. We work from home but also need to travel nationwide for work, usually in opposite directions. One car parking space per property isn't sufficient for the number of cars on the estate.

Further to this, the residents of Venus Avenue have come to see the small lay by as a loading bay for their convenience rather than a parking bay. My car is currently parked in it and has had irate letters left on it threatening the cars removal. To reduce parking further will increase these tensions and could lead to unlawful activity such as the destruction or moving of cars.

Unless a car park were to be put in BEFORE the addition of double yellow lines, our staying on the estate would be untenable. I have just had spinal surgery and will not be able to park miles away from my property as I am unable to walk far at this time. I am happy to rent a space, as we did at our last property. Please consider putting in extra parking before the addition of double yellows, or to put aside the plan for the time being.

Kind regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2017 14:46
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings Reach no waiting zones

Hello,

I am a resident of the Kings Reach estate in Biggleswade. I received a letter about the proposed 'no waiting zones'.

I am strongly against this proposal. I live on Venus avenue and our house only has one allocated parking bay, which is fine for everyday, being a one car household, however where will visitors park?

My mum lives in Leicestershire so drives down to visit her new grandson and needs to park on the street. Where do you suppose she parks otherwise?

The road at the moment is a dead end so there isn't a heavy flow of traffic, there are also cars parked only on one side of the road near my house which means there is ample space for emergency vehicles.

The pinch points have managed to stop inconsiderate parking on Venus avenue and even on planets way.

The parking bays are not big enough for visitors and residents with more than one car. We pay a ridiculous amount of council tax so should be able to safely park on the road.

I look forward to your response.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2017 16:04
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings Reach, Biggleswade

Hi,

Thank you for info on proposals for no waiting in the Kings Reach estate.

I would welcome any restrictions on parking etc for the area as it is terrible at present. We sometimes look after our grandchildren, and the number of times we have to walk in the road due to vehicles parked on pavements is ridiculous. It seems to me that people are just too lazy to walk a few yards to park, while their allocated parking space is unoccupied. My concern is that these people might start to park in other areas that don't have restrictions, such as our road, which is one of the 'community' streets. However we shall hope that doesn't happen.

I am in my 70's but park my car in its allocated place, which is no more than 30 seconds walk away, however there are a couple of neighbours who insist on parking directly outside their premises, while they have two empty parking spaces right next to their house, which means if we do have visitors, due to the width of the road, our visitors cannot park to visit.

I don't think I will ever understand peoples attitudes!

Many thanks and good luck with the enforcement!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2017 18:59
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Re Order 2008 Variation Order 201

Please be advised that I fully support the proposed parking restrictions on the Kings Reach development in Biggleswade.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Planets Way
Biggleswade
Bedfordshire
SG18 8FD

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 May 2017 20:44

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: Kings Reach notification to enforcement of parking restrictions and extended zones for double yellow lines

Dear Sir/Madame,

The recent notification concerning the parking restrictions on the Kings Reach Development.

In principle I tend to agree with the proposal, but I have one specific problem.

I live at [REDACTED] Mauder Avenue, and my fear with the yellow lines planned at the junction of Blackburn Way/Mauder Avenue will just mean the parking will drift further along Mauder Avenue. We already suffer with severe difficulties in getting access to our drive to either exit or entry to park. This is caused mainly by residents or their visitors in Blackburn Way or this end of Hawkins Drive parking outside of our home.

People Park directly opposite and/or just one side, causing severe access difficulty. The narrowness of the road, the narrowness of my drive and my house so close to the road all contribute to the difficulty.

So my point is, is there any plan to prevent people parking opposite my drive way. My property is the only one in the street that has no driveway access directly opposite which for the other residents gives easier driveway access to their property.

I wrote to the Kings Reach consortium 6 months ago and still await the promised call back on this subject. I have tried contacting them again this week.

I would really appreciate communication with you to discuss further as this problem is regular and Possibly to get worse, and is becoming very stressful. We have politely asked people a number of times if they would try and find elsewhere to park, but unfortunately we have been subject to unpleasant response.

So as I said at the beginning, I agree to the principle but even if every resident fully utilises their parking allocation then visitors still have no where to park in the restricted zones.

There needs to supplementary parking added for visitors, notices to avoid parking opposite residents driveways, and in my view extensions to some of the lay-bys that could be made longer.

Maybe a lay by along the edge of the green in Mauder Ave, would contribute also to a clear road. The worst thing we need is restricted access for emergency vehicles.

Sorry for the long mail, but my specific access problem to my property needs to be addressed.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 May 2017 13:54

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: Kings Reach Biggleswade - main access roads

Hello,

As a resident of the Kings Reach development, I wholeheartedly support the initiative to install double yellow lines on the main access roads into/out of the development.

The current ad-hoc and somewhat shambolic parking arrangements are causing a hazard with obstructed views when driving that route. There is also sufficient parking off the main access roads, but people are generally preferring not to park within the designated areas allocated to their housing.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Walton Grove
Biggleswade.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 May 2017 18:59
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Yellow line enforcement in Planets Way

Dear sirs,

I am writing in regard to the letter advising local residents about the enforcement of no parking on double yellow lines.

I think it is an excellent idea, but would need continual vigilant patrols as a lot of people park on yellow lines and grass verges overnight so if there are no patrols in the evening, all the notices and painting of these lines will be in vain.

It never ceases to amaze me that the selfishness and thoughtless behaviour of these people who almost all have allocated parking spaces, don't think that one day it may cost the lives of people waiting for emergency vehicles which simply cannot get through because of the way they are parked.

I would suggest that in Planets Way where I live could possibly have one or two more parking bays added which may ease the problem a bit but I'm afraid the only way to stop these selfish people is to hit them in their pockets with hefty fines.

I await the outcome of your proposal with interest.

Kind regards,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 May 2017 15:18
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Public Notice - No waiting at any time in various roads at Kings Reach Biggleswade

Good afternoon

As a Kings Reach resident I just wanted to express my support for the proposals set out for the No Waiting zones on various roads on the estate.

Driving in and out of the estate is an absolute nightmare with the worst part being at the bottom of Rutherford Way where it meets Planets Way.

There are 3 aspects to this particular part of road which makes it dangerous. For starters the road bends around a corner so you can't see what might be coming the opposite way. Usually this wouldn't be an issue however because the path protrudes out into the road, incoming vehicles have to drive on the opposite side of the road. So when you drive around the corner heading towards Erlensee Way you're faced with an oncoming car on your side of the road! It's really dangerous.

Not only do you have to deal with this poor road design, you have to navigate around parked cars making visibility impossible.

It is also unclear whether you are supposed to be able to fit two cars through the part where the path protrudes into the road where Planets Way meets Erlensee Way.

Navigating through the estate is tricky enough with all the protruding paths/crossings and all the parked cars are making them dangerous. Especially when people park right next to a crossing area where you have to give way to incoming traffic as it makes turning out onto Planets Way dangerous as you can't see if any cars are coming.

I'm looking forward to being able to drive into the estate via Frankel Way to my house as I would do anything to avoid Planets Way and Erlensee Way.

Even if there hasn't been any accidents yet, it still causes road rage incidents which isn't good for the Kings Reach Community.

So, yes I feel very strongly about this and I'm 100% in support of the proposal.

Thanks

■ Evans Grove

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 May 2017 11:08
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Re: Introduction of no waiting at any time in various roads at Kings Reach, Biggleswade consultation

Good Morning,

I am writing in support of the proposals for the introduction of no waiting at any times on the various proposed roads on the Kings Reach development. The development should have been designed and constructed with adequate off road parking for the residents and therefore there should be no need for parking on the roads in the development. I have witnessed in the year since I have lived on the development inconsiderate and dangerous parking by a number of cars around my house on Venus Avenue.

I hope that this proposal is successful.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 May 2017 17:04
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: KINGS REACH

Dear Traffic Management team.

Ref the consultation for the kings reach parking I agree with all proposals and would like it to go further you need to control the traffic speed in the area of kings reach and also saxon drive as the speeding is so prevalent and is so dangerous.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 May 2017 21:13
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposed Waiting Restrictions Order at Kings Reach, Biggleswade (Order 201)

Hi,

I am writing in respect of the proposed introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on various roads at Kings Reach, Biggleswade. I am a resident on one of the roads concerned (Erlensee Way).

I wholeheartedly support the proposals, the current unpoliced and unrestricted parking is causing severe disruption and hazards and would welcome any attempts to address the indiscriminate parking.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 May 2017 13:07
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: no waiting at any time in various roads at Kings Reach Biggleswade

As a resident of Erlensee way, Biggleswade, we are writing to support the above proposals.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 May 2017 19:39
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Proposed no waiting times in Kings Reach

I am writing in support of the public notice on the introduction of no waiting at any time in various roads in Kings Reach, Biggleswade.

The current parking situation on the estate is out of hand, with people parking inconsiderately on roads near chicanes & juncyions, and people parking on pavements & grass verges.

It is unsafe and not attractive.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Kings Reach resident

Mid Beds Customer Services
Priory House
Monks Walk
Chicksands
Shefford, Beds SG17 5TR

15th May 2017

Public Notice 17156/SK507

Dear Sir,

I fully agree with the Public Notice referenced above. Having lived on Planets Way for 2 years I am aware of the traffic problems.

Not only the parking but speeding as well.

However, I now live in Wiseman Road & we are experiencing similar problems on Frankel Way. lots parking on pedestrian pathways & on junction corners which makes exiting out of Wiseman Rd a very dangerous procedure.

I wrote to the council, no reply

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e-mailed, about the parking problems a few weeks ago (mainly Taylor Wimpey workmen) & was told the e-mail had been forwarded to the Site Manager, but nothing has happened.

Taylor Wimpey, MJ Kelly have a site parking area so why isn't this being used.

Please extend the Public Notice to include our area.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED] Wiseman Rd., SG18 8LN

P.S. My wife also has to use a wheel chair on occasions & we cannot use the pathways because they are blocked to pathways because they are blocked

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 May 2017 10:50
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings Reach

I am writing to show my support for the NO Waiting at various times on Kings Reach Development. Can I also suggest that there are some bollards installed on wide grass areas and wide pavements to stop the inconsiderate people parking on the grass and pavements?

There are other roads such as Rutherford Way, Apollo Gardens, Sanger Avenue where people insist on parking on corners and bends making it difficult to pass through, especially for emergency vehicles

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 May 2017 20:35
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Parking on the Kings Reach Estate

To whom it may concern

As a resident of Planets Way, I am very disappointed to have received your communication regarding the enforcement of yellow lines on the Kings Reach Estate.

This action will not solve the parking problem it will only make it worse. The smaller side roads are full of parked cars because YOU AS PLANNERS have accepted plans to build this housing estate without adequate parking. I have a three bed family home with two master bedrooms and only one parking space – where is the logic in that?

We have three cars – one of which is always parked in our allocated parking space, one in a lay-by within ¼ of a mile from our house and another in a side street, sometimes 5 minutes walk from our home – and outside someone else's front door! If the majority of people living on this estate are in the same situation – WHERE ARE WE MEANT TO PARK OUR CARS?

You are not solving the problem by painting yellow lines – you are moving the problem into the side streets which will cause just as many issues. I would like to know what solutions you are offering to these parking issues? I look forward to receiving your comments on this matter.

With regard to parking on the verges – why do you think people need to do this? It's not rocket science WE NEED PARKING SPACES!

Please can you advise me where I should park my car when I return home at night – my allocated parking space is occupied (by another member of my family), the lay-bys are full, where do I park?

Another question for you – where are visitors meant to park? My parents are elderly and can no longer visit as they cannot park their car near my house – did you not consider the fact that families have visitors?

There is NO VISITOR PARKING ON THE ENTIRE ESTATE – where is the logic here?

I await your response with interest.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Planets Way
Biggleswade
SG18 8FB

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 May 2017 21:21
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings Reach, Biggleswade

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to air my concerns on the proposed plans to enforce yellow lines on the street my home is on. (Mauder Avenue).

Whilst I totally agree with making roads safe, I feel that the main reason that double yellow lines are being place on Mauder Avenue is because parking meters are being installed on the main square with a 1hr stay time. I'm not quite sure why a parking meter needs to be installed here as it's a residential area not a destination. Saxon Gate shops do not have this.

We are being told by the consortium company that it is purely due to making roads accessible. If this is the case I question why double yellow lines are not being introduced on other side streets on the King Reach development, which are far more narrower than Mauder Avenue.

Mauder Avenue has over 40 properties and there is not any parking bays. I have been down nearly every road on the development and they all have additional parking bays for visitors and delivery companies.

We live in a 4 bedroom house with 1 garage parking and 1 car driveway. If we use our allocated parking, there is nowhere other than the road outside our house for our 3rd car to park. If this is to be double yellowed. There will be no parking what so ever. This will cause residents and vistors to Mauder Avenue to park in other areas of the development where parking is already at a squeeze.

We would like you to bear this in mind with any decisions that will be taken to enforce these plans on Mauder Avenue. And if any action can be made to supply Mauder Avenue with much needed parking bays this would be greatly appreciated by myself any many other residents on Mauder Avenue.

Residents have discussed possibly cutting into grassed areas opposite number [REDACTED] Mauder Avenue (our property) to provide some bays.

I would be very grateful for some feedback with regards to these issues, as we are very concerned about these proposals and how it will impact day to day living and the impact it will have on guests to Mauder Avenue.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Mauder Avenue
Biggleswade
SG18 8GP
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 May 2017 14:04
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings Reach Development

Dear Sir/ Madam,

In Regards to the proposed no parking zones you are planning to establish on the Kings Reach Development. Although you have placed yellow lines on Planets Way the residents of this road are now parking their cars on side roads. When turning into Jupiter Way from Planets Way the left hand side of the road is often blocked by cars parked right up to the junction. If a car is turning out there is

no way of turning in causing congestion on Planets Way and frustrating drivers. On top of this residents on Jupiter Way not only park on the road they park on the pavement meaning children and parents walking to the local school have to walk on the road. This is made worse by one or two residents of the housing association flats who persist in parking on the pavement outside their residence in effect double parking on the road.

There will be an accident sooner or later unless the yellow lines from Planets Way are extended into Jupiter Way to stop irresponsible people from parking on this road and endangering others lives. I enclose photos.
Regards, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 May 2017 14:28
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings Reach, Biggleswade

I have received the public notice re introduction of no waiting zones on roads within the Kings Reach, Biggleswade.

I live on Venus Avenue where the proposal is to add no waiting zones on both sides. I object to this for the following reasons:

- The development has been created with a lack of adequate off road parking meaning families with more than 1 car need to park on roads. Planning shouldn't have been granted for what is a family centric development knowing the majority of families have more than 1 car.
- Along Venus Avenue when there has been additional cars parking where people have had friends and family parking any overflow has ended up going into the side roads making these side roads un-accessible for larger emergency service vehicles. In the event the no waiting is enforced cars will end up parking in these side roads and you will have created a danger to the public as a result.
- I have twice seen in recent times emergency service vehicles (fire engine and ambulance) unable to get up these side roads.
- Recently Venus Avenue has been closed whilst maintenance has been undertaken forcing cars to park on side roads and these have become difficult to squeeze through.
- You state that off road bays have been created along the road. There are a small number of these in relativity to the size of the road and number of houses.
- Venus avenue is a wide road with large grass verges on each side of the road. Surely a more logical and less dangerous idea would be to convert at least 1 side of the roads verges into parking thus created a wider road for cars to drive along and not forcing the dangers I have highlighted above.
- On a separate issue with the council in the process of adopting the roads its worth pointing out the developers have left the drains full of mud so if there was ever any standing water this would not drain. It would be worth the council making the developers sort this out at their cost rather than tax payers money.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 May 2017 14:55

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: Objection to Proposed Parking Restrictions on The Kings Reach

To Whom I May Concern,

I reside at [REDACTED] Mauder Avenue, Biggleswade, SG18 8GL which is situated on the Kings Reach Development.

I am aware of the recent proposals in relation to the parking restrictions and "no waiting".

I whole heartedly oppose and wish to object to the proposals made.

The reason for my objection is predominately a concern of safety as it is already very clear from the current road layouts that there is insufficient parking for the number of car per house at present and the proposed changes are only going to cause further issues with extra parking being sought in the roads without restrictions which are simply too narrow. Once these roads are covered with parked cars it is quite clear that there is insufficient room for any emergency vehicles to get through especially a vehicle such as a Fire Engine.

Furthermore, at the Junction where Mauder Avenue meets Erlensee Way (which is a blind bend) it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. There are no road markings and/or signs to appropriately indicate to motorists who has the right of way.

The speed in which most motorists travel along especially Erlensee Way/Planets Way by far exceeds 20mph regularly and needs to be addressed.

My own personal opinion for my own road is that there is a grassed area as shown in the image below which I have marked with a red box with shows plenty of space for a parking bay to be put in which would hold approximately 4-5 cars and ease the issue of the narrow road.

I hope my view is of assistance when considering these proposals.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 May 2017 16:52

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: Objection to no waiting at any time on Mauder Avenue

Sir/Madam

I write to object to your proposal to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on both sides on Mauder Avenue, specifically directly in front of my house - [REDACTED] Mauder Avenue.

My garage and parking space are not accessible from the front of my property. I have to access both by walking around the side and back of my adjoining neighbour's house and garden. I have attached a plan of my property. Before the temporary double yellow lines were painted on both sides of Mauder Avenue I could park by my front door to unload any items from my car into my house before driving round the back to park in my allocated space. I work for an airline as cabin crew and am constantly lugging suitcases into and out of my car as well as shopping bags and any other heavy/bulky items I may need to transport. If I

were to park on my one parking space in front of my garage I would have two very impractical and sometimes impossible options to unload my car into my house. First I would have to try to carry all the items by hand around the side and front of my neighbour's house and around to the front of my house to reach my front door. With grocery shopping bags this would need several trips and with heavy items it would be impossible for me. Secondly, I would have to back my car up to where it overhangs my parking space into the communal area in order to open my garage door. I would then have to unlock my garage door to carry my items through the garage. Then I would have to unlock the garage service door and carry my items through the garden to then unlock my back door (these are patio doors that look onto the garden) and carry my items through my living room and into the hallway or kitchen. With several bags/items I would have to keep going through my living room and garden to retrieve the items. After emptying the car I would then have to go back out through the garden and into the garage, lock the service door, then lock the garage door, then get back into my car and drive fully back onto my parking space. This is totally impractical, unreasonable and ultimately unacceptable, especially if it were raining. I physically cannot achieve loading/unloading my car like this. On top of this if my daughter were parked in the garage at the time, I would not be able to go through the garage at all as there is no room to pass a car when it is parked in the garage with bags/suitcases/large items. I invite you to come and take look and discuss the aforementioned as I need to know how I can park legally to load/unload my car into my front door if you decide to place permanent double yellow lines directly in front of my house.

I have a four bedroom house. My two daughters have cars and drive as does my partner. I have one garage and one parking space. One daughter has to park on the road along Mauder Avenue as there is literally nowhere else to park. I have attached photographs of Mauder Avenue where residents of Mauder Avenue and this end of Blackburn Way residents park. Along with their parking spaces there is nowhere else for them to park but on Mauder Avenue. There are no parking bays along Mauder Avenue as there are on many other roads in the development. If the double yellow lines are introduced as proposed where will my other daughter, partner and any visitors or delivery vehicles park? As well as other residents and their visitors? Parking will spread further out into other streets and this in itself will cause even more parking problems for residents on those streets, thus affecting not only our daily life but other residents daily life too as it will have a knock on effect. It would also adversely affect my daughter's car insurance if she has to park on "a street away from the home".

Mauder Avenue is an extremely narrow street and I would like to know why planning permission was allowed for this absolute minimal width of quite a busy residential street, where other through roads are not as narrow. This, in itself has been the root cause of many vehicles finding it difficult to drive through or park on. What is the actual reason for introducing double yellow lines to both sides of Mauder Avenue away from the junction area?

I am objecting on the grounds that there has not been enough parking provided for size and number of houses along Mauder Avenue to introduce any length of no waiting at any time apart from the junction.

I am also objecting specifically to the no waiting on Mauder Avenue directly outside my house as:
a) it is impossible for me to load/unload my car in an acceptable way from my parking space around the back of my property.
b) a delivery van would not be able to park anywhere outside my house legally to make a delivery. In fact, the van would have to be parked way down the road and only if there were no other cars parked on the unmarked part of Mauder Avenue.

I would appreciate confirmation of receipt and a response.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Mauder Avenue
Biggleswade
SG18 8GP

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 May 2017 22:33
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Kings Reach Parking

Dear Sir

I fully support parking restrictions in Kings Reach. However, I do not feel that the proposed restrictions go far enough. I live in Sanger Ave and accessing or departing from my allocated spaces at the side of my house is extremely difficult, and sometimes impossible. This is due to people parking on the opposite side of the road (it is also where the fire engine struggled to get through and a letter was sent to all residents asking them to park in their allocated spaces – the parking just got worse). It is both narrow and has an enlarged pavement curving out, a traffic calming measure. Cars park outside all the odd numbered houses, some on the verges and some partially on the pavement and some residents in the visitors parking bays. This will be made worse by restricting parking on Venus Avenue without looking at the side roads. The whole estate needs to be looked at as a whole and not just piecemeal areas.

Photos added of parking in Sanger Ave.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 May 2017 23:09
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Objection to parking restrictions in Kings Reach Biggleswade.

To whom it may concern

I have recently been made aware of parking restrictions proposed within the Kings Reach area of Biggleswade. I am a local resident to Blackburn Way and i absolutely OPPOSE these proposed parking restrictions. I am extremely concerned about the double yellow lines that are planned along the Mauder avenue stretch that runs parallel with Blackburn way. We, the residents have been advised to use our allocated parking, which we all do but there are simply more cars than parking spaces so therefore are FORCED to park on the road. There are 3, 4 and 5 bed houses on these roads with most houses having 2 or more cars. There are NO off road spaces or visitors spaces in this particular area except for drive ways which most in the immediate area have a single drive. The letter we, the residents received states "in the interests of road safety and maintaining vehicular access" I fear that these double yellow lines will have the complete opposite effect and only FORCE people to double park along Blackburn Way making it totally inaccessible for emergency services. It is outrageous that residents are going to be penalised for the poor planning and design of the roads and is simply not acceptable! With the current situation with car's having to park on this stretch of Mauder Avenue I believe this is the far safer option with regards to emergency service vehicles being able to access roads as Dustcarts, and other large vehicles are also able to get through and are able to navigate the roads BUT the best option is to create some off road parking.

Double yellow lines is not in any way solving a problem, it is creating a massive health risk to residents on Blackburn Way. We all bought these houses before the roads were even built and we feel hugely let down with the planning of our roads. The only way i can see the parking issue being safely resolved is by creating off road parking on the 'green area' opposite number 4 Mauder avenue which would but much better use of the space and create safe parking spaces for all immediate residents.

If these cars are forced to double park on Blackburn Way, you will be putting lives at risk.

I await your response,

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 May 2017 11:26

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: Proposes To Introduce No Waiting At Any Time In Various Roads at KINGS REACH, BIGGLESWADE

Dear Sirs,

I am emailing in response to CBC proposals of the introduction of No Waiting at any time at Kings Reach.

Whilst the effect of the order generally looks ok. I object to:

Number 9 – School Loop Road, both sides. The entrance to the school loop currently has signs up saying ‘no waiting all times’ , I object to this due to the fact that parents who are on the school run should be able to park their car there for 20 mins to pick their child up. Whilst there are parking bays, there are not enough spaces. I understand the whole concept of that parents and children should be encouraged to walk but this sometimes is not feasible, can the school loop road be changed so that parents can park at least on one side of the path on entrance to the loop road and have a time restriction of 20 mins? This certainly would be helpful to parents who may have to do an early breakfast club or a late after school club pick up.

I hope this can be taken into consideration.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] (resident on Kings Reach)

■ Walton Grove
Biggleswade
Beds SG18 8EH.

Monday May 22nd

Dear Sir,

In response to papers I have received about proposals to restrict parking on the King's Reach estate.

I agree that official restrictions are needed. Parking on the roads, pavements and verges is a problem here. I use a mobility scooter and often find the pavement blocked by a parked car. A strip of grass facing part of Walton Grove is

contemporary conditions
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houses as possible on the
acreage available?

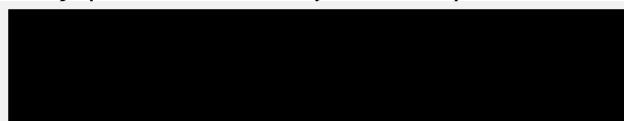
I would also like to know
when the shops, doctors'
Surgery, coffee shop, etc
used as selling points for
ever more houses, will be
open and running?

Why haven't the two 'park'
areas, Chamberlain Park and
another one near the
School been grassed yet?

A third park area
facing Baden Powell way
has yet to be completed
and opened for use.

I would be most interested
to hear your response to
these points.

Yours faithfully

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