
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting

Date: 21st September 2010

Subject: Manor Way, Flitwick - Resolution of objections to the proposed Prohibition of Waiting

Report of: Basil Jackson, Assistant Director of Highways and Transportation.

Summary: To report to the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities the receipt of objections to proposals for waiting restrictions in Manor Way , Flitwick and seek approval for the implementation of this scheme.

Contact Officer: Ronald Phelvin – Senior Technician
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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Flitwick

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

To improve highway safety and facilitate the free flow of traffic.

Financial:

None as part of this report

Legal:

None as part of this report

Risk Management:

None as part of this report

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None as part of this report

Equalities/Human Rights:

None as part of this report

Community Safety:

The proposal will improve road safety

Sustainability:

None as part of this report

RECOMMENDATION(S):

that the proposal to extend the existing No Waiting Restriction in Manor Way Flitwick by 20 metres be implemented as set out in this report.

Background and Information

1. In May 2010 proposals to introduce waiting restrictions at six locations in Flitwick, namely Temple Way, Steppingley Road, Manor Way and Station Road, were advertised. No objections were received to the proposed restrictions at five of these locations, so these will be implemented as advertised. At the remaining location, in Manor Way, two objections have been received and consideration of these is the purpose of this report.
2. In early 2010, concerns were raised about on-street parking in the proximity of the informal pedestrian crossing point and associated kerb build-out near Rosebay Close. Residents expressed their concerns that the parking was obscuring lines of sight for motorists and pedestrians alike. It was felt that this could be detrimental to the safety of residents and motorists. Bedfordshire Highways has investigated the matter and it was considered that by extending the length of the existing prohibition of waiting by 20 metres this would substantially reduce the current hazard.
3. The two objections received were from local residents. Both objectors are concerned about the loss of available on-street parking as they have limited off-road parking available. It is suggested that the Council provides additional parking spaces for local residents. A further concern raised by both objectors is that the removal of on-street parking will increase vehicle speeds on this length of road.

Conclusion and the Way Forward

4. It is acknowledged that the proposal will remove some parking places, but ample unrestricted lengths of Manor Way will remain where residents will be able to park. Observations would suggest that alternative parking places are also available in adjacent streets. The provision of off-street parking facilities in residential areas has never been a priority for the Council and funds are not provided for this purpose.
5. It is accepted that the introduction of waiting restrictions can increase vehicle speeds by presenting drivers with a clear stretch of road, increasing forward visibility and reducing the likelihood of them meeting opposing traffic. However, the current proposal represents a relatively short extension of existing restrictions, which is unlikely to have a significant impact on traffic speeds.

6. It is considered essential that parking is prohibited on this length of road to ensure that motorists are able to safely negotiate the kerb build-out and to improve visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Location plan



Appendix B – Public notice

Appendix C – Objections to proposal

APPENDIX A

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NOTES

-  Existing
No waiting at any time
(double yellow lines)
-  Proposed
No waiting at any time
(double yellow lines)



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Client
 Project Name
WAITING RESTRICTIONS
FLITWICK
 Drawing title
TRANSPORTATION
MANOR WAY

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Dimensions	m
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO IMPLEMENT WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON TEMPLE WAY, MANOR WAY, STEPPINGLEY ROAD AND STATION ROAD FLITWICK.

Reason for Proposal: The proposed Order is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety. The waiting restrictions are specifically aimed at reducing the number of vehicles parking all day along these routes. At present vehicles are parking close to a number of junctions causing visibility problems for other motorists, so these proposed restrictions will help improve visibility for all road users.

Therefore Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to make a Road Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Order:

Introduce No Waiting at Any Time on the following lengths of road in Flitwick:

1. Temple Way: South side from a projected line with the rear flank wall of No 1 Eagle Drive in a north easterly direction for a distance of approx 29 metres (to the existing restrictions).
2. Steppingley Road: South west side from a point 21 metres north west of the property boundary between No 4 / No 5 Bluebell Close in a north westerly direction for a distance of approx 24 metres.
3. Manor Way: South east side from a point approx 1 metre north east of the property boundary between No 2 / No 3 Bluebell Close in a north easterly direction to the junction with Steppingley Road (in line with the back of the footway).
4. Manor Way: North west side from a point approx 3.5 metre north east of the south west flank wall of No 12 Chaucer Road in a north easterly direction to the junction with Steppingley Road (in line with the back of the footway).
5. Manor Way: South east side from a point approx 77 metres south west of the junction with Byron Crescent (extending from the existing restrictions) in a south westerly direction for a distance of approx 20 metres.
6. Station Road: North side from the property boundary between No 89 / No 91 Station Road in a southerly and westerly direction for a distance of approx 42 metres.

Further Details: of the proposed Order, a plan and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined during normal office hours at Customer Service Centre, The Old Court House, Woburn Street, Ampthill and Flitwick Library, Coniston Road, Flitwick. The details will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal. Telephone Debbie Poynton 08453656088 for further advice on this proposal.

Objections: should be sent in writing to the Orders and Commons Registration Officer, Countryside Access Service, Central Bedfordshire Council, PO Box 1395, Bedford MK42 5AN (e-mail: chris.heard@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk), stating the grounds on which they are made by 21st June 2010.

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 200**".

Central Bedfordshire Council
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Basil Jackson
Assistant Director for Highways

23rd May 2010

Phelvin, Ronald

From: [thegentleways@googlemail.com]
Sent: 07 June 2010 00:26
To: Phelvin, Ronald
Subject: Re: waiting restrictionsmanoe way

On Mon, Jun 7, 2010 at 12:23 AM,
Dear Mr Phelvin

* wrote:

i have recieved my letter of the proposed Waiting restrictions, the area you have marked out is where I park car as I live in one of the maisonettes, can you tell me where i can park my car if these restriction are put in place. Also are the council not aware that having these cars parked here actually slow the speed of traffic in manor way, to open this road up will lead to having a much faster road than it is now, if people cannot drive past our cars safely then they are driving to fast to begin with, please dont suggest we put our cars in the garages, have you actually walked round rosebay garages lately, will you provide parking space for the residents in these maisonettes, because there is no where else we can physically park our cars. I f you want to create a fast route through flitwick this is a top idea, the traffic needs to be slowed down on this rd not allowed to flow through faster. Will the council expand the parking bay area at Rosebay for us to park safely,or deal with cause of the problem and not the symtom.

Thank you

kind regards

Phelvin, Ronald

From: Chris Heard [Chris.Heard@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 14 June 2010 11:39
To:
Cc: Phelvin, Ronald
Subject: FW: parking outside rosebay close flitwick

Dear Mr Kent

I acknowledge receipt of your e-mail below to Central Bedfordshire Highways, making representations in connection with the proposed waiting restrictions on Manor Way, Flitwick.

The representations will have to be considered at Central Bedfordshire Council's Traffic Management Meeting. A report on the proposals, together with the representations received, will be presented to the Central Bedfordshire Council's Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities & Healthier Lifestyles, to decide whether the Traffic Regulation Order should be made. Members of the public can attend this meeting.

I will write to you again when a date for the meeting to consider the proposals has been decided.

Yours sincerely

Chris Heard
Orders & Commons Registration Officer
Countryside Access Service
Central Bedfordshire Council
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Bedford MK42 5AN

Tel No: 0300 300 6249

From:
Sent: 10 June 2010 14:50
To: Phelvin, Ronald
Subject: parking outside rosebay close flitwick

the proposed double yellow lines here will leave residents NOWHERE to park and turn this already busy road in to a fully fledged RACE TRACK for the boy racers who frequent it.

I would like to register my protest at the plans.

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