
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting
Date: 10 November 2010
Subject: Various Schools in Sandy - 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 Communities Healthier Lifestyles the receipt of objections to proposals for waiting restrictions in various roads around schools in Sandy and seek approval for the implementation of this scheme.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: Sandy
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

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

Financial:

The cost of introducing the parking controls will be approximately £12,000. This can be funded from within the overall Sandy Safer Routes to School scheme budget.

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 for school pupils and their carers.

Sustainability:

By providing a safer parking-free zone near to school entrances, the proposals will encourage more school trips to be carried out on foot or cycle, rather than by vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1.
 - (a) That the proposal to introduce a No Stopping, Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm, Restriction on School Keep Clear markings on Laburnum Road outside Laburnum Lower School be implemented as set out in this report.
 - (b) That the proposal to introduce a No Stopping, Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm, Restriction on School Keep Clear markings on Hawk Drive outside Maple Tree Lower School be implemented as set out in this report. In addition the proposed No Waiting, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm, Restriction on Hawk Drive, Kestrel Way and The Harriers be implemented as set out in this report.
 - (c) That the proposal to introduce a No Stopping, Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm, Restriction on School Keep Clear markings on Dapifer Drive outside Robert Peel Lower School be implemented as set out in this report. In addition the proposed No Waiting At Any Time Restriction on Dapifer Drive, Abbey Grove and Newton Way be implemented as set out in this report.
 - (d) That the proposal to introduce a No Stopping, Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm, Restriction on School Keep Clear markings on Swansholme Gardens outside Sandye Place Middle School be implemented as set out in this report.
 - (e) That the proposal to introduce a No Stopping, Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm, Restriction on School Keep Clear markings on Medusa Way outside Sandy Upper School be implemented as set out in this report. In addition the proposed No Waiting, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm, Restriction on Medusa Way be implemented as set out in this report.

Background and Information

1. The Council has a policy of promoting safer routes to schools, which seeks to encourage more school pupils to travel to school by sustainable modes of transport, such as walking and cycling.
2. The Council receives regular complaints regarding indiscriminate parking outside many schools, including those in Sandy, at the start and end of the school day. This creates a road safety hazard and causes inconvenience and irritation to local residents. In response to these concerns the Council has allocated funding to introduce parking controls outside schools in Sandy.

3. Parking activity outside the schools in Sandy has been fully investigated and proposals have been drawn up. The type and operational times of the proposed restrictions have been tailored to match the circumstances outside each individual school.
4. These proposals were formally advertised by public notice in September/October 2010. Consultations were also carried out with the emergency services and other statutory bodies, Sandy Town Council and Elected Members. Local people have also been given an opportunity to comment on the proposals.
5. A total of six objections have been received. Five of these relate to the proposals in the vicinity of Maple Tree Lower School and one for Sandye Place Middle School. The proposals outside the remaining three schools did not attract any representations.
6. Maple Tree Lower School; the main points raised are as follows:-
 - Older residents of Hawk Drive have regular visits from nurses and helpers and the proposed restrictions would make visits more difficult.
 - The no stopping restriction should be on the north side of Hawk Drive where they would not interfere with residents.
 - The proposed no waiting restriction in Hawk Drive would mean that residents would need to move their cars during the operational times, which could be difficult during times of ill health.
 - Residents should be eligible for permits to exempt them from the restrictions.
 - The restrictions should not apply during school holidays.
 - An alternative solution would be to erect a barrier to restrict access to Hawk Drive to residents and school staff only.
 - A new access road could be constructed through the field near the car park and alternative pick-up and drop-off areas created.
 - The proposal would reduce property values.
 - If the proposal goes ahead Council tax should be reduced to compensate.
 - An objector who lives in Kestrel Drive wishes to object as they have insufficient off-road parking and need to leave a car on the road outside their home all day. They feel that restrictions are not required in Kestrel Drive and should not extend across their property.
7. Sandye Place Middle School; the main points raised are as follows:-
 - The rear gate to the school generates significantly more traffic than it was designed to cater for and safety in the area is a concern.
 - The proposed restrictions are inadequate and should extend further south to cover the Foster Grove junction.
 - The restriction should be in force from 8am to 8pm to cover after school activities.

Conclusion and the Way Forward

8. The proposals in the vicinity of all of the schools have been designed following consultations with the schools, mostly after concerns have been expressed about parking outside the entrance and surrounding roads. In all cases, the restrictions take into account the location and volume of existing parking, but also the anticipated dispersal of parking that is likely to occur should restrictions be introduced outside the school in isolation.
9. The following observations relate to the specific points that have been raised in respect to the proposals outside Maple Tree Lower School:-
 - The restrictions covering significant lengths of Hawk Drive will only apply from Monday to Friday for half-hour periods at the start and end of the school day, so would not affect visitors for the vast majority of the time during the week and not at all during the weekend.
 - The No Stopping restriction is felt to be in the correct location in relation to the school entrance and pedestrian movements. On the north side there is not a continuous footway, so is less attractive to pedestrians.
 - It is acknowledged that residents who wish to park on-street would have to move their vehicles during the operational hours of the restrictions. However, most properties have some off-road parking and there are other streets nearby that have no parking controls.
 - Residents permit schemes are normally only considered in areas where non-locals park throughout the day, such as near to railway stations, and most properties have no off-road parking. Permit schemes are not normally used to address school gate parking issues, which tend to be of short duration. In any event, the proposal seeks to keep the road clear of parked cars in the interests of the safety of pedestrians and a permit scheme would not achieve that.
 - It is impractical to apply the restrictions to school term times only because this could not be shown on traffic signs. A vague term such as “during school term time” cannot be used on signs because some drivers would be unaware of local term dates.
 - It would be impractical to install a barrier as this would affect access to the school and residential properties for non-regular users, such as deliveries. Authorised users would need to have keys or similar and would need to open any barrier to gain access, which would be inconvenient.
 - The costs of constructing a new access road would be substantial and incompatible with the relatively low-cost parking restriction proposal.
 - There is little evidence to prove that the restrictions would affect property values. Indeed some buyers may see the restrictions as a benefit as they would lessen the impact of school gate parking.
 - The Council does not usually consider a reduction in Council tax as compensation when introducing parking controls as it is questionable whether the restrictions actually have a negative impact.
 - As far as Kestrel Drive is concerned a judgement has been taken as to the likely migration of parking that would occur should restrictions be introduced outside the school in Hawk Drive. It is felt that the restrictions should be extended to lengths of Kestrel Way and The Harriers to mitigate this dispersal of parking. However, the proposed lengths of restriction have been kept to a minimum and mainly only cover the junctions.

10. The following observations relate to the specific points that have been raised in respect to the proposals outside Sandye Place Middle School:-
- It is acknowledged that the rear gate to the school generates a significant volume of traffic at the start and end of the school day. This is reflected by the fact that there are already school keep clear markings in place across the entrance. The proposal is to introduce a No Stopping restriction to legalise the existing marking, thereby making the restriction more obvious to road users and easier to enforce.
 - Swansholme Gardens is a relatively wide and straight road that can accommodate a reasonable level of on-street parking. School gate parking is of short duration and it is felt that no further parking controls are justified in addition to the no stopping on school keep clear markings.
 - The school gate is used during the evening, but the parking that takes place is less intense than occurs at the start and end of the school day. In addition the volume of pedestrian activity is significantly less. The operational times of the No Stopping restriction (Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm) have been standardised across the Council's administrative area for consistency. There seems to be little reason to vary this at this particular location.
11. In conclusion, it is felt that the proposed restrictions strike the right balance between ensuring the safety of school pupils and not creating an unacceptable inconvenience to local residents. To achieve this, the proposals will mainly only apply during the particular days and times when parking difficulties occur. In addition the lengths of roads covered have been kept to a safe and efficient minimum, to lessen the impact on local people.
12. It is recommended that the proposed restrictions at all five schools go ahead as advertised.

Appendices:

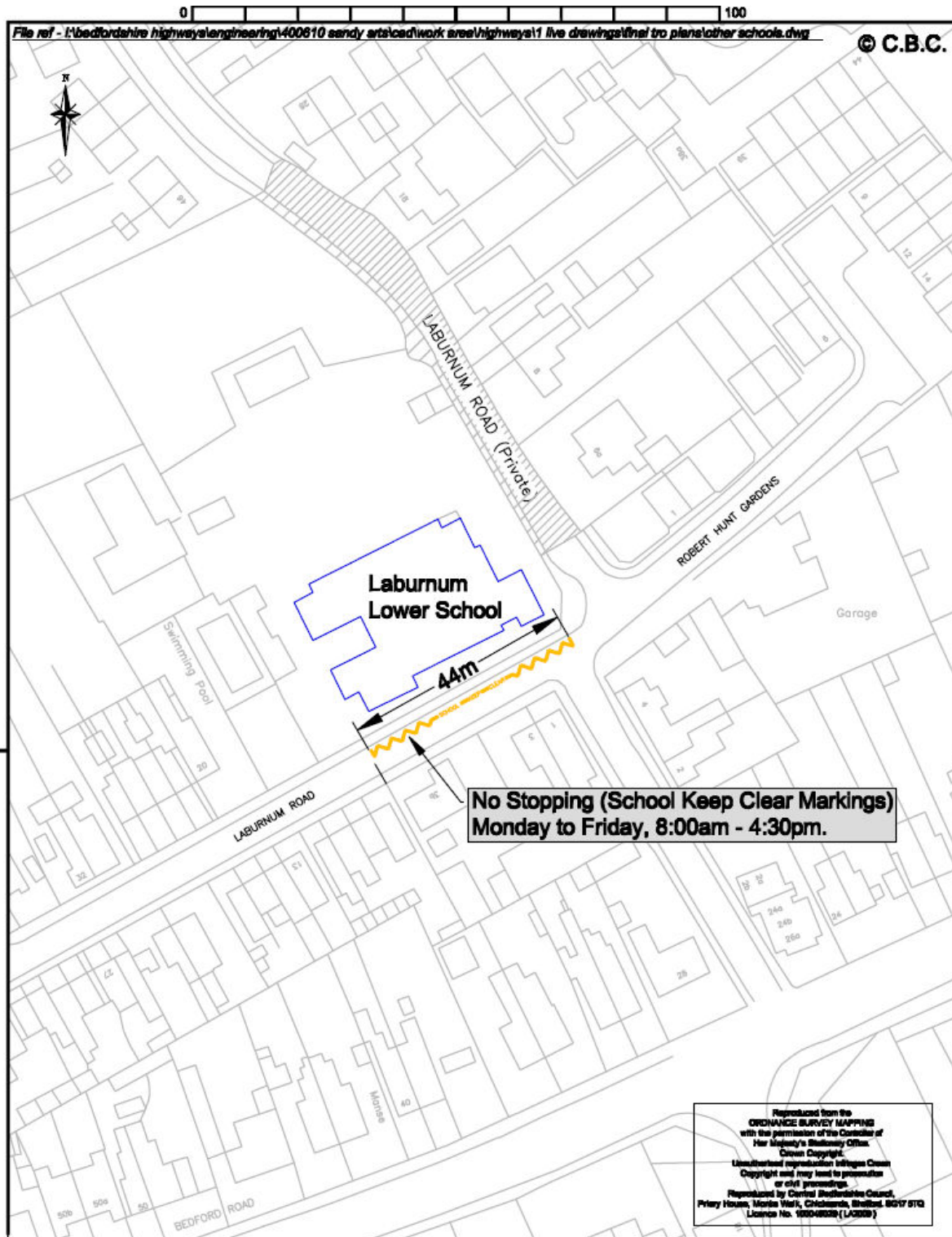
Appendix A – Location plans for all five schools



Appendix B – Public notices for all five schools

Appendix C – Objections to proposals

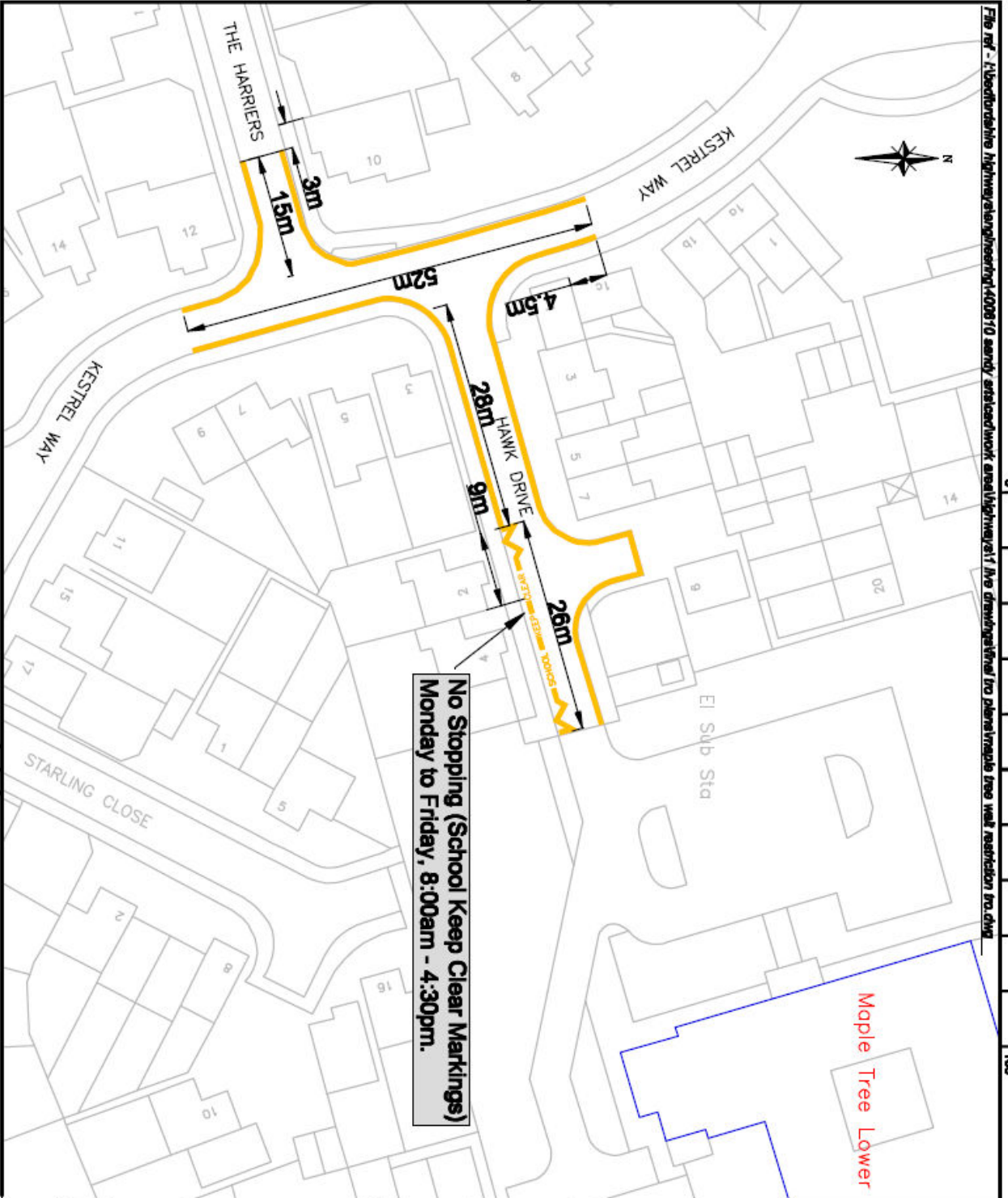
APPENDIX A

Laburnum Lower School



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Maple Tree Lower School



**No Stopping (School Keep Clear Markings)
Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm.**

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Proposed part-time waiting restrictions (Mon - Fri, 8.30am-8am and 3pm-3.30pm)

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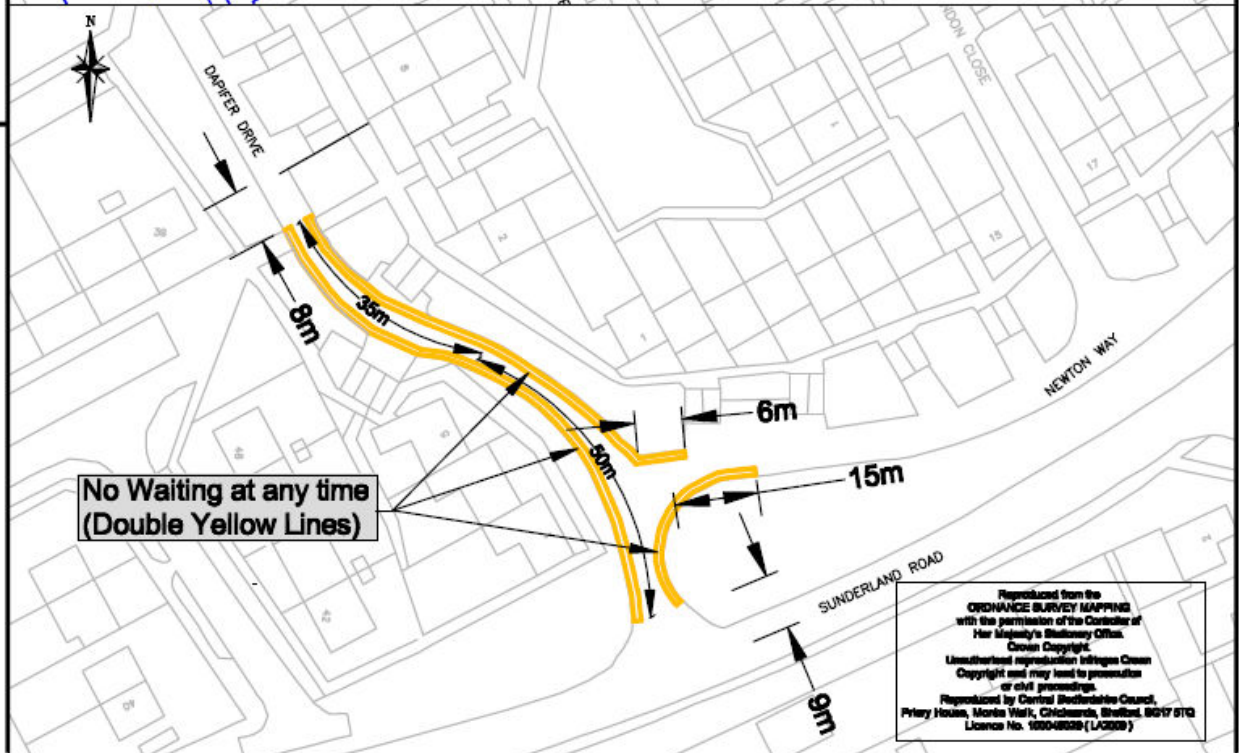
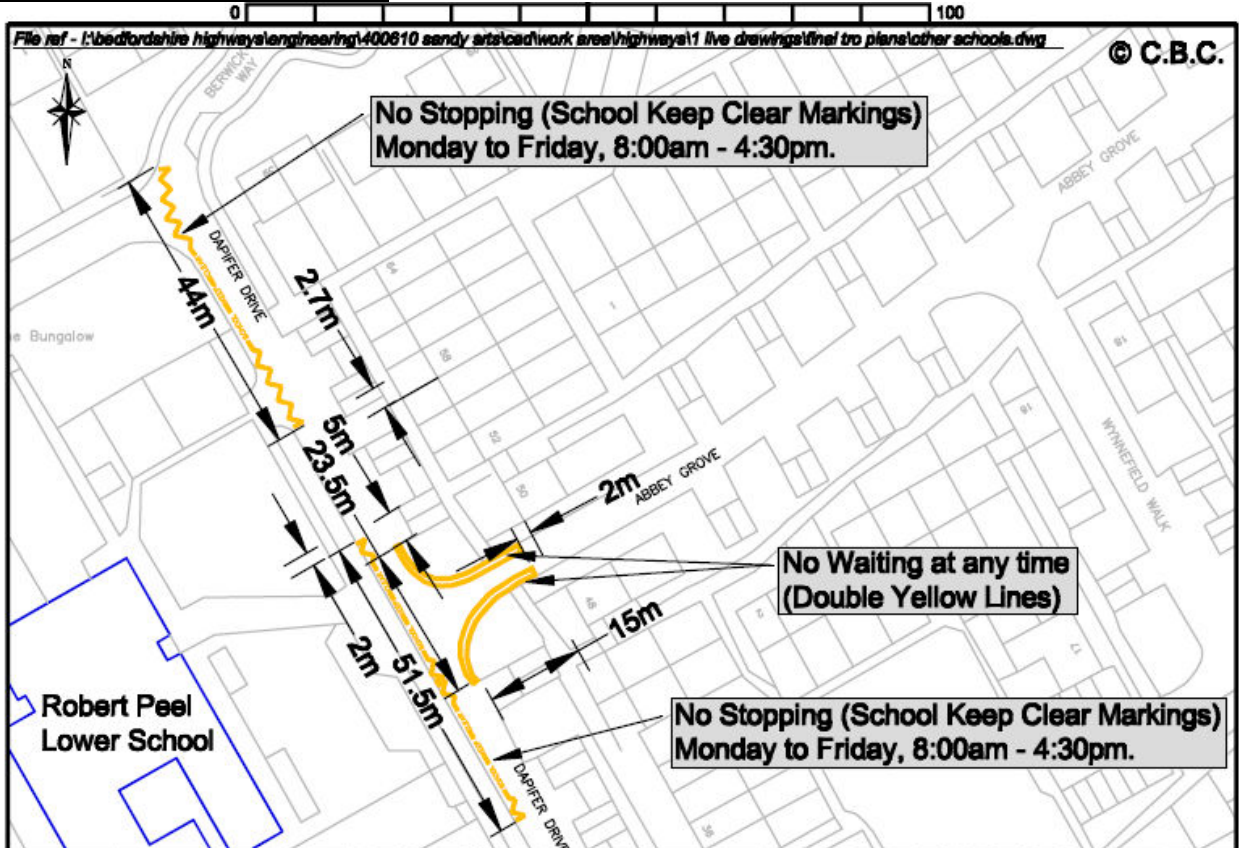


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Maple Tree Lower School
Proposed waiting restrictions


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Robert Peel Lower School




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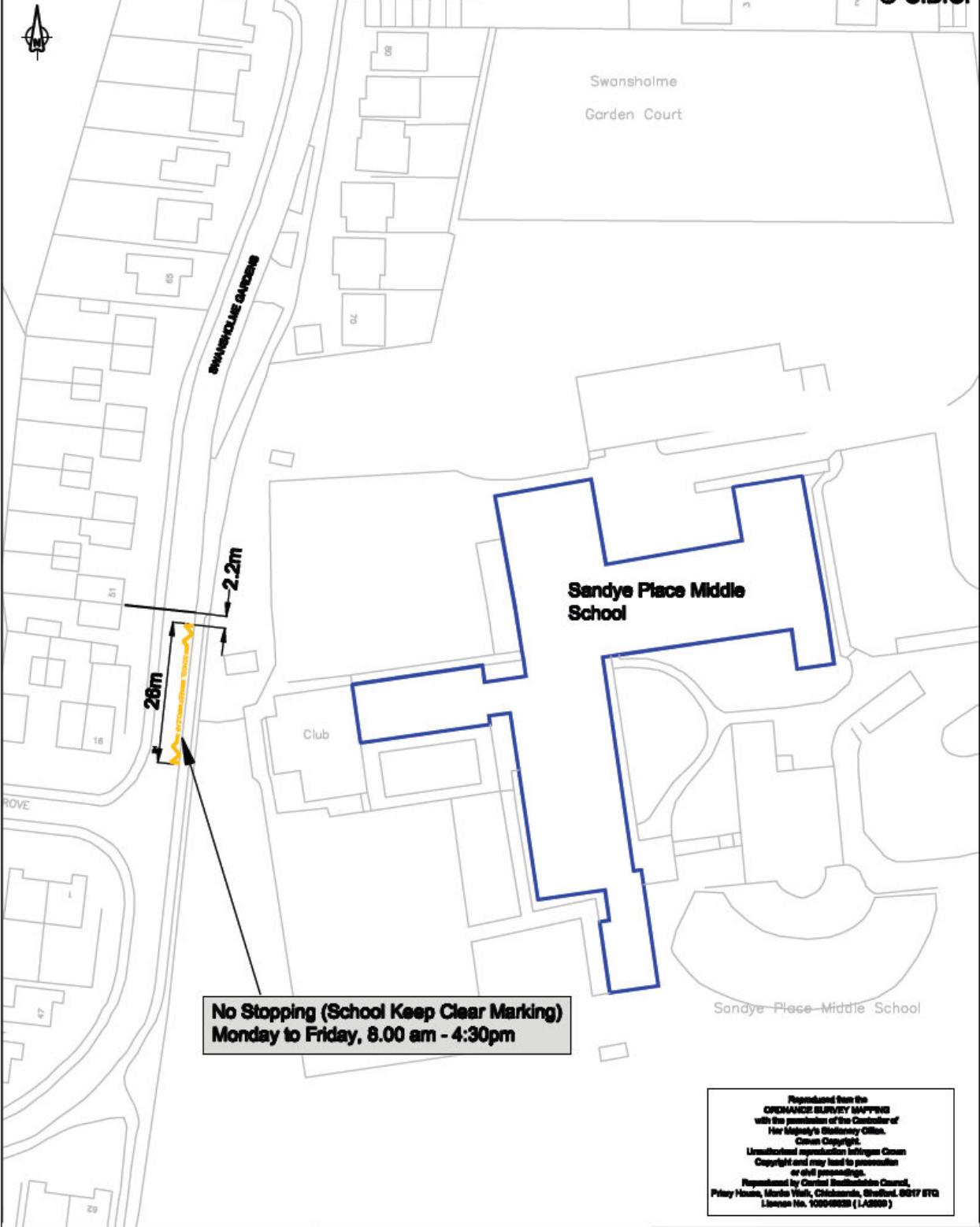


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Sandye Place Middle School

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**No Stopping (School Keep Clear Marking)
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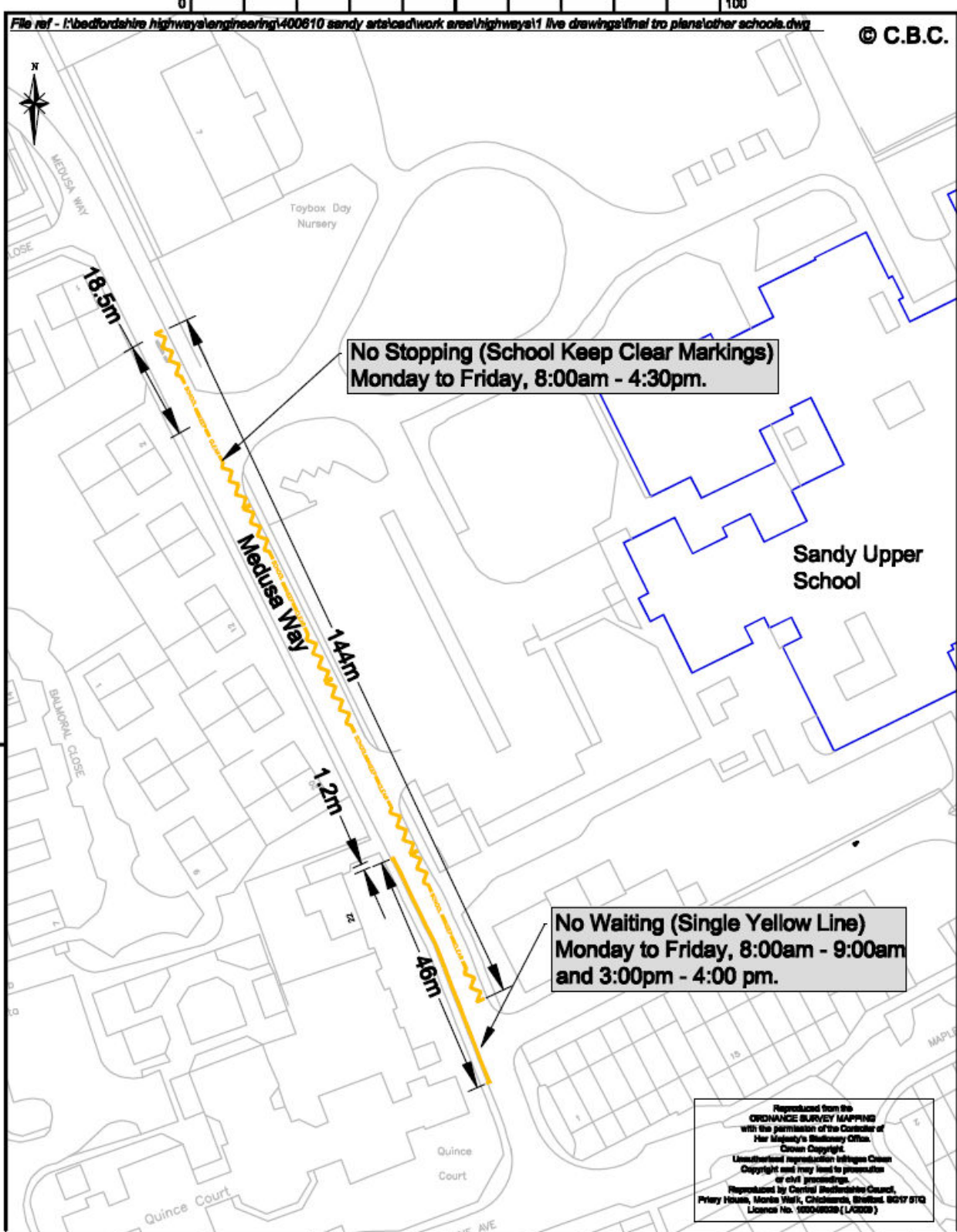


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Sandy Upper School




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APPENDIX B

Laburnum Lower School



PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE A NO STOPPING RESTRICTION ON LABURNUM ROAD, SANDY.

Reason for proposals: The proposed Order is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety. The no stopping restrictions are specifically aimed at keeping the area around the Laburnum Lower School, Sandy free of parked vehicles and to facilitate the safe crossing of the road. Therefore, Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Order:

To introduce a No Stopping Restriction from 8:00am until 4:30pm, Monday to Friday on the following length of road:

Laburnum Road, Sandy on the northern side of the carriageway, from a point in-line with the projected boundary of property Nos 3b and 5 Laburnum Road in a north easterly direction for a distance of approx 44m.

Further Details: of the proposal and a plan may be examined during normal office hours at the offices of Central Bedfordshire Council below and normal opening hours at Sandy Library, Market Square, Sandy. Telephone Adrian Clothier on 0845 365 6000 (or e-mail: Adrian.Clothier@amey.co.uk) 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, Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road, Bedford, MK42 9QQ (or e-mail: chris.heard@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk), stating the grounds on which they are made by 4th October 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**".

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10th September 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE NO STOPPING AND PROHIBITION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON KESTREL WAY, HAWK DRIVE AND THE HARRIERS IN SANDY.

Reason for proposals: The proposed Order is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety. The no stopping and waiting restrictions are specifically aimed at keeping the area around Maple Tree Lower School, Sandy free of parked vehicles and to facilitate the safe crossing of the road. Therefore, Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Order:

A. To introduce a No Stopping Restriction from 8:00am until 4:30pm, Monday to Friday on the following length of road:

1. Hawk Drive, Sandy on the southern side of the carriageway from a point approx 9m west of the boundary between property Nos 2 and 4 Hawk Drive, in an easterly direction for a distance of approx 26m.

B. To introduce a No Waiting Restriction from 8:30am until 09:00am and from 3:00pm until 3:30pm, Monday to Friday on the following lengths of road:

1. On the either side of Kestrel Way, Sandy from a point approx 4.5m north of the boundary between property Nos 1 and 1c Hawk Drive generally in a southerly direction for a distance of approx 52m.
2. On the southern side of Hawk Drive, Sandy from a point approx 9m west of the boundary between property Nos 2 and 4 Hawk Drive, Sandy in a westerly direction for a distance of approx 28m.
3. On the northern side of Hawk Drive, Sandy (including the turning head) from the western flank wall of the property No 1 Hawk Drive, Sandy in an easterly direction for a distance of approx 54m.
4. On both sides of The Harriers, Sandy from a point 3m east of western flank wall of property No 10 Kestrel Way in an easterly direction for a distance of 15m.

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE NO STOPPING AND PROHIBITION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON DAPIFER DRIVE, ABBEY GROVE AND NEWTON WAY, SANDY.

Reason for proposals: The proposed Order is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety. The no stopping and waiting restrictions are specifically aimed at keeping the area around Robert Peel Lower School, Sandy free of parked vehicles and to facilitate the safe crossing of the road. Therefore, Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Order:

A. To introduce a No Stopping Restriction from 8:00am until 4:30pm, Monday to Friday on the following lengths of road:

1. Dapifer Drive, Sandy on the western side of the carriageway from a point approx 2.7m north of the projected boundary of the property Nos 56 and 58, Dapifer Drive in a north westerly direction for a distance of approx 44m.
2. Dapifer Drive, Sandy on the western side of the carriageway from a point approx 2m south of the southern flank wall of the property No 52 Dapifer Drive in a south easterly direction for a distance of approx 51.5m.

B. To introduce a No Waiting at Any Time Restriction on the following lengths of road:

1. Abbey Grove, Sandy on both sides of the carriageway from a point approx 2m west of the western flank wall of the property No. 50 Dapifer Drive, in a westerly direction for a distance of approx 15m.
2. Dapifer Drive, Sandy on the eastern side of the carriageway from a point approx 5m south of the southern flank wall of the property No. 52, Dapifer Drive in a south easterly direction for a distance of approx 23.5m.
3. Dapifer Drive, Sandy on the either side of the carriageway from a point approx 8m south of the southern flank wall of property No. 8, Dapifer Drive in a generally south easterly direction to the starting point of the existing double yellow lines (for a distance of approx 85m).
4. Newton Way, Sandy on the northern side of the carriageway from its junction with Dapifer Drive in an easterly direction for a distance of approx 6m.
5. Newton Way, Sandy on the southern side of the carriageway from its junction with Dapifer Drive in an easterly direction for a distance of approx 15m.

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS ON SWANSHOLME GARDENS, SANDY.

Reason for proposals: The proposed Order is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety. The no stopping restrictions are specifically aimed at keeping the area around Sandye Place Middle School, Sandy free of parked vehicles and to facilitate the safe crossing of the carriageway. Therefore, Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to make a Road Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Order:

To introduce a No Stopping Restriction from 8:00am until 4:30pm, Monday to Friday on the following length of road:

Swansholme Gardens, Sandy on the eastern side of the carriageway, from a point approx 2.2 metres south of the projected boundary of the property Nos. 49 and 51 Swansholme Gardens in a southerly direction for a distance of approx 26 metres.

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE NO STOPPING AND PROHIBITION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON MEDUSA WAY, SANDY.

Reason for proposals: The proposed Order is considered necessary on the grounds of promoting road safety. The waiting restrictions are specifically aimed at keeping the area around Sandy Upper School free of parked vehicles and to facilitate the safe crossing of the road. Therefore, Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Order:

A. To introduce a No Stopping Restriction from 8:00am until 4:30pm, Monday to Friday on the following length of road:

1. Medusa Way, Sandy on the eastern side of the carriageway from a point approx 18.5m north west of the projected boundary of the property Nos 2 and 4 Medusa Way in a south-easterly direction for a distance of approx 144m.

B. To introduce a No Waiting Restriction from 8:00am until 9:00am and from 3:00pm until 4:00pm, Monday to Friday on the following lengths of road:

1. Medusa Way, Sandy on the western side of the carriageway from a point approx 1.2m south of the northern boundary wall of the property No. 22 generally in a south-easterly direction for a distance of approx 46m.

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APPENDIX C

Representations on Maple Tree Lower School proposals

Subject: Central Bedfordshire Council Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places Order 200 -
OBJECTION

I am writing to object to the proposals to introduce part-time waiting restrictions (Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 9am and 3pm - 3:30pm) outside X Hawk Drive.

My husband parks outside our house and while 98% of the time he has left for work before the proposed 8:30am start time he also suffers from a bad back which, recently, meant he had to be off work for two weeks.

During that time his condition was such that he simply could not drive his car and would not have been able to move it to comply with the waiting restrictions.

Given these circumstances it is imperative that **residents within Hawk Drive are provided with resident parking permits** so that on those rare occasions when they must park their car outside their home they will not be fined.

It would be a disgrace if council tax payers were penalised on the grounds of ill health and an infringement of our individual rights.

The issuance of resident parking permits would also act a deterrent to opportunistic parking by parents in residents' driveways.

If parking permits are not issued then it is only fair that these **waiting restrictions are suspended during all school holidays** as these restrictions are simply unnecessary when there is no school traffic.

If this were not so then you would have to impose waiting restrictions within a much larger area of Fallowfield to fully address road safety concerns within the area.

And Hawk Drive, unlike Kestrel Way, is not a through road except when the school is open.

In addition, it is also only fair that **residents pay lower council tax** as these proposals could adversely affect the saleability and hence value of our properties.

If the Council were really serious about promoting a safer route into Sandy's Maple Tree Lower School then could do so by erecting a barrier into Hawk Drive which would only allow access to residents or school staff.

Alternatively they could create an entirely new entrance to the school by opening up the field next to the car park and laying an access road around the perimeter as there is considerably more space for traffic than is the case along Hawk Drive. Temporary pick-up and drop-off waiting areas could be created for parents and an access road around the perimeter of the field would not necessitate introducing parking restrictions outside the homes of those residents in that area.

If the Council dismisses our objections then we trust they will do the right thing and implement resident parking permits as to penalise residents further would be grossly unjust.

Regards

XXXXXXXXX
No. X Hawk Drive

your ref: DK44111/01300044/312

Dear Sir

I am writing to object to the no stopping order outside Nos xxx Hawk Drive, Sandy. As we are two old age pensioners fast approaching 80 years of age, I suffer from Diabetes and am currently receiving chemotherapy treatment at Bedford Hospital. We have regular visits from Nurses and Helpers and your proposed restrictions would make their visits more difficult. I also have to go to Bedford Hospital for regular treatment and am collected by transport.

I would consider that these lines could be on the northside of the road, where they would not interfere with any residents but still have the same effect, in fact the traffic would be safer.

Yours faithfully

XXXXXXX
X Hawk Drive
Sandy
Beds
SG19 2WA

Subject: Hawk Drive Sandy

Dear Sir

My name is XXXXXX and my family and I live at NO X Hawk Drive in Sandy. We want to object to the proposed no stopping and no waiting outside our own home.

Whist we understand the thoughts behind this action it will cause us considerable inconvenience and also may effect the resalable price of our property.

If this action should go ahead we want to be granted either a lowering of our council tax or the issuing of a permit to allow us to park in front and to the side of our property.

Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail and any comments you may have.

XXXXXXX

Subject: Hawk Drive, Sandy stopping restrictions

your ref: DK44111/01300044/312

Dear Sir

I am writing to object to the no stopping order outside Nos xxx Hawk Drive, Sandy. As we are two old age pensioners fast approaching 80 years of age, I suffer from Diabetes and am currently receiving chemotherapy treatment at Bedford Hospital. We have regular visits from Nurses and Helpers and your proposed restrictions would make their visits more difficult. I also have to go to Bedford Hospital for regular treatment and am collected by transport.

I would consider that these lines could be on the northside of the road, where they would not interfere with any residents but still have the same effect.

Subject: FW: DK/44115/01300044/3.12

Importance: High

Hello Chris,

I would like to formally object to the proposed restriction on Kestrel Way. I live at x Kestrel Way, I have 2 vehicles and only 1 off road parking space, forcing me park one vehicle on the road at all times. I have parked outside my house since buying the property a few years ago.

I am informed the idea of the proposed restrictions is to increase visibility for the pedestrian crossings. The designated crossing points, recently installed are currently across the junction of the harriers, across the junction of Hawk Drive and crossing Kestrel Way to the North of the junction with the Harriers, not to the South. I therefore struggle to see the benefit of parking restrictions adjacent to x Kestrel Way.

The proposed restrictions will promote parking to the South of the parking restrictions on kestrel way. This is encouraging the vehicles to park on the bend; surely this will increase the danger with much greater limit to visibility here. Like wise to the North of the proposed parking restrictions on Kestrel Way (outside 1a and 1b Kestrel Way) if people are inclined to start parking here traffic issues with the round about will be increased.

In summary parents currently use the South pavement of Hawk drive, and South pavement of the Harriers 15 metres west of the junction with Kestrel Way as a parking strip. However, the layout of double drive ways on Kestrel way does not facilitate road side parking and hence currently no problem.

Although I sympathise and support some of the proposals I would be in favour of the restrictions on the East pavement of Kestrel Way extending only to the boundary line between number 5 and number 7 Kestrel Way.

I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Kind Regards

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Representation on Sandye Place Middle School proposals

Subject: RE-PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN SWANHOLME GARDENS SANDY

Having been a resident in foster grove for 30years ,the amount of traffic generated by this small gate to the rear of sandy playce school is now getting to much for which the road was designed for and the safety in the vicinity of thjs gate is of concern.

I wish to object on the grounds that the parking restrictions proposed as being inadequate,and would ask that the proposed length of road southwards be increased from 26metres approx to such a length that would cover the junction of foster grove and swansholme gardens,and that this restriction be enforced between 8.00am until 8.00pm.

My reasons for this are that this gate is not only used by school children in the daytime, but also by rainbows,brownies,and youth club,after school hours causing dangerous congestion,as many parents park in foster grove, the children as human nature cross the road at the junction with foster grove.

I hope my comments help in your decision for the safety of all,including the local residents who have to negotiate this junction.

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