
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting
Date: 20 March 2014
Subject: Leighton Linlade- Petition Requesting Parking Controls at Lammas Walk.
Report of: Paul Mason, Head of Highways
Summary: This report presents representations received from residents seeking parking controls in Lammas Walk, Leighton Buzzard.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: Leighton Buzzard North
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Financial:

There is currently no budget allocated to undertaking this work.

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.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1. That the Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services note the contents of the report and that the lead petitioner be informed of the outcome.**

Background and Information

1. A petition has been received from residents in Lammas Walk, Leighton Linlade seeking parking controls.
2. Lammas Walk is a largely residential street with reasonable foot access to the town centre. The carriageway is narrow and currently without parking controls. Due to the width of the road the parking appears to align itself naturally onto one side of the road as anything parked opposite would block the road completely. Part of the problem appears to be that vehicles are parking across the footway to permit access but thus denying the footway to pedestrians.
3. There have historically been concerns that visitors to the town centre park in Lammas Walk, and walk through to the town centre, but this has never been verified by any study.
4. It is suggested therefore that there are four possible options in this area.
 - a) Do nothing and allow the parking to self-regulate as at present.
 - b) Invoke the recently implemented prohibition of waiting and loading on footways and verges order on the footways making enforcement possible against any such parking.
 - c) Consider a residents parking scheme for Lammas Walk.
 - d) Implement yellow lines.
5. Currently there is no funding allocated to undertake any works.
6. It is therefore recommended that option b) is pursued, as per the adopted procedure.