
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting
Date: 20 March 2014
Subject: Footway, Station Road Sandy – Petition Requesting Footway Widening
Report of: Paul Mason, Head of Highways
Summary: This report presents representations received requesting that the footway outside The Bell public house in Station Road be widened to improve conditions for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

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

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Financial:

There is currently no funding allocated to this scheme.

Legal:

This may require a legal agreement with Greene King brewery.

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 content of the report and that the lead petitioner be advised accordingly.

Background and Information

1. A petition has been received from residents of Sandy requesting that the Council approach Greene King Brewery to make land available at The Bell PH to allow the existing footway in Station Road to be widened at that location.

“We the undersigned petition the council to urge Greene King to allow Central Bedfordshire Council to increase the width of the foot way alongside the car park at the Bell Public House in Station Road, Sandy by 0.8 metres. The greater width would enable the Council to improve access by providing a shared path for pedestrians & cyclists. The present width is insufficient for this purpose and especially for the safe passage of mobility scooters and double size buggies”

2. Station Road Sandy is the main access point to Sandy rail station and the recent construction of a Tesco store has further increased footfall on this road.
3. The footway in Station Road is generally adequate except for the short length fronting the car park of The Bell PH where width is limited.
4. To widen the footway at this point would require a narrow strip of land currently part of the car park and currently owned by Greene King Brewery. Widening would also require the re-siting of a lamp column and the relocation of a telephone pole.
5. Currently no design works have been requested or undertaken on this and therefore there is currently no estimate of the cost of undertaking this work.
6. The petition from the Sandy residents requests that discussions be held with the owners of the land to ascertain if such widening would be possible. This would need to be undertaken prior to any other works being carried out.
7. It is therefore suggested that from this report the appropriate officer of Central Bedfordshire Council be asked to discuss this matter with Greene King brewery to seek agreement in principle for this.
8. There is currently no funding allocated to undertaking any work at this location.