
Meeting: Delegated Decisions by the Executive Member for Community Services on Traffic Regulation Orders
Date: 11 August 2014
Subject: Petition, Windsor Avenue, Leighton Buzzard

Report of: Paul Mason, Head of Highways

Summary: This report presents representations received from residents seeking action to resolve parking problems in their road.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Leighton Buzzard

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Financial:

There is currently no funding allocated to implement any works in this area.

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. It is recommended that double yellow lines be considered for the junction of Windsor Avenue and Bassett Road, and that they extend slightly further into Windsor Avenue than the existing single yellow lines.**
- 2. It is recommended that waiting restrictions also be considered at the far southern end of Windsor Avenue.**

Background and Information

1. A petition has been received from 103 residents, whom are requesting the Council undertake an investigation into parking problems in their road and present options to residents.
2. There are already single yellow lines prohibiting parking from Monday to Saturday between 7am and 7pm on Bassett Road and these extend a short distance into Windsor Avenue.
3. On-site observations have taken place and it was noted that there were a number of vehicles parked around or close to the Bassett Road junction. It is assumed that the parked cars are associated with nearby public buildings, such as the school and surgery. Parking in the immediate vicinity of the junction is undesirable and clearly has road safety implications.
4. When assessing the level of on-street parking further into Windsor Avenue, there was no evidence of significant numbers of non-residents' parked vehicles. However, it is acknowledged that Windsor Avenue does provide convenient parking for shoppers and those working in the town centre. It is also possible that as more parking controls are introduced in Linslade, there may be some migration of commuter parking further afield in roads such as Windsor Avenue. It has been reported that parking takes place at the southern end of Windsor Avenue, which is the closest point to the town centre.
5. It is recommended that double yellow lines be considered for the junction of Windsor Avenue and Bassett Road and that they extend slightly further into Windsor Avenue than the existing single yellow lines. Consideration should also be given to providing waiting restrictions at the far southern end of Windsor Avenue. These can be added to the next batch of waiting restrictions proposals that are processed in Leighton-Linslade. At the present time it is difficult to justify restrictions on other lengths of Windsor Avenue, but it is recommended that the situation be kept under review and further action be considered if significant difficulties develop.

1st April 2014

WINDSOR AVENUE PARKING PETITION

For the attention of Cllr. Brian Spurr

Please find enclosed the petition from the residents of Windsor Avenue (both houses and flats) requesting that the Council address the parking problems in Windsor Avenue.

103 Resident signatures supporting the request for parking restrictions.
2 Residents declined to sign.
1 House - no-one at home (over the period of a week).
1 Flat - no-one at home (over the period of a week).

Signatures co-ordinated by:

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