
Meeting: Delegated Decisions by the Executive Member for Community Services on Traffic Regulation Orders

Date: 13 October 2014

Subject: Consideration of a petition that has been submitted to the Council regarding parking in Brook Close, Dunstable

Report of: Paul Mason, Head of Highways

Summary: This report is to note the receipt of petitions submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council and determine a way forward.

Contact Officer: Nick Chapman

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Dunstable

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

None from this report

Financial:

There is currently no budget allocated to undertake this work. Restrictions could potentially be progressed as part of a wider Traffic Regulation Order when a suitable opportunity arises.

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):

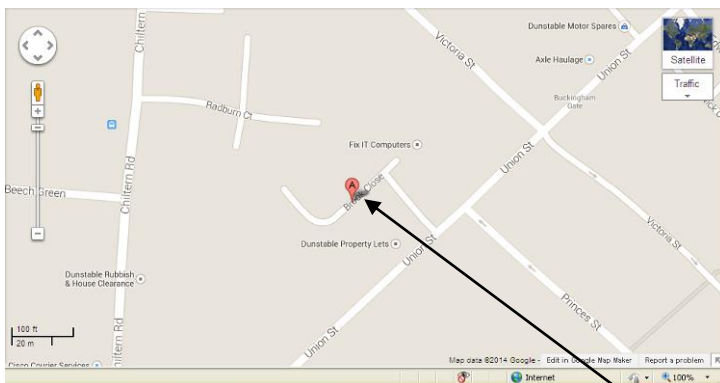
It is recommended that double yellow lines be considered for the junction of Brook Close and Union Street. To be included in a future Traffic Regulation Order when one is proposed in the Dunstable and Houghton Regis area.

Background and Information

1. A petition has been received from residents of Brook Close Dunstable, requesting parking restrictions.
2. This road is located just outside the existing Prince Regent residents' permit parking zone and is relatively close to retail and other business premises. There are also parking restrictions on a nearby length of Union Street, which may result in vehicles being parked in Brook Close. It is therefore considered likely that some parking by non-residents of Brook Close takes place.
3. On-site observations have taken place and it was noted that there were a number of vehicles parked around or close to the Union Street junction. Parking in the immediate vicinity of the junction is undesirable and potentially has road safety implications. When assessing the level of on-street parking further into Brook Close, there was no evidence of significant numbers of vehicles belonging to non-residents and it is unlikely that this would be an attractive place for them to park.
4. It is therefore recommended that double yellow lines would be beneficial at the junction of Brook Close and Union Street. Whilst there is currently no funding allocated to this work it could potentially be added to a future Traffic Regulation Order when one is next progressed in the Dunstable and Houghton Regis area.

Appendices

Appendix A – Location plan: Brook Close – Dunstable.





Appendix B – Petition from residents of Brook Close

Petition to Bedfordshire County Council

Subject of Petition:

PARKING IN BROOK CLOSE DUNSTABLE BEDFORDSHIRE LU6 1HD.

We, the undersigned:

REQUEST PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN BROOK CLOSE DUNSTABLE LU6
1HD PARTICULARLY AT THE ENTRANCE AS ACCESS FOR LARGER
VEHICLES IS OFTEN IMPOSSIBLE. IT IS A CONCERN TO RESIDENTS
THAT EMERGENCY VEHICLES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET
THROUGH IN AN EMERGENCY.