
Meeting: Delegated Decisions by the Executive Member for Community Services on Traffic Regulation Orders
Date: 25 August 2015
Subject: Consideration of the following petitions that have been submitted to the Council: Bideford Green – Leighton Buzzard
Report of: Paul Mason, Head of Highways
Summary: This report is to note the receipt of a petition submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council.

Contact Officer: Nick Chapman
Public / Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: Leighton Buzzard / Linslade
Function of: Central Bedfordshire Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

None from this report

Financial:

There is currently no highways budget allocated to undertake any work at this location.

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 the Executive Member for Community Services note the petition.

Background and Information

1. A petition containing 102 names has been received from local residents of Bideford Green in Leighton Buzzard. (See Appendix A)
2. The petitioners are requesting waiting restrictions to be implemented; in particular on the bends near to the school (Southcott Lower School) and especially The Bluebell Day Care Centre. (See Appendix B)
3. Bideford properties do have the option for off road parking however, the majority of properties have more than 1 vehicle per household. Some properties have H Bar markings.
4. Due to the narrow layout of the road, entering and exiting Bideford Green, especially near to the Day Care Centre is becoming increasingly problematic for residents due to the increase in non-residential vehicles parking either side. This becomes problematic at school drop off and pick up times.
5. Parking issues between parents and residents of Bideford Green has resulted in disputes and heightened tension. (See Appendix C)

6. Recommendation

It is recommended, that should funding be made available, a parking study for certain geographical areas within Bideford Green and surrounding areas be implemented, with suggestions (if any) considered.

Appendix C:



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18 May 2015

Dear Marcel,

MRS ROSEMARY PALMER OF 482 BIDEFORD GREEN, LINSLADE, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, LU7 2TZ

I write on behalf of my constituent Mrs Palmer who has raised with me her concerns and those of her fellow residents in Bideford Green about the problems of parking and access around the Bluebell Day Care and Southcott School, Linslade.

Please could I ask you to consider all the points of concern that my constituent has raised with me regarding this issue and let me what steps can be taken by the Council to resolve this issue to assist me in writing back to Mrs Palmer.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Many points were raised by the residents when approached and in addition to those made above, there was strong feeling that:

1. It was wrong that residents should feel trapped in their houses and unable to drive in or out around school times.
2. Although approaches had been made by several individuals to the school, nothing to alleviate the situation had happened even though the school may have included requests in communications with parents. Something more needed to be done by the relevant authorities.
3. There would be an accident involving a child at some point soon as things are getting worse and the dangers are very clear for everyone to see.
4. This is a situation which was being ignored or conveniently forgotten about when proper action was urgently required.
5. The parking problems are getting worse and not better as was hoped when a new school was opened within the new housing developments in Leighton Buzzard.