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**Meeting:** Delegated Decisions by the Executive Member for Community Services on Traffic Regulation Orders  
**Date:** 4 February 2016  
**Subject:** Common Road, Kensworth – Petition regarding Heavy Goods Vehicles, Excessive Traffic Speed and Parking of Large Vehicles  
**Report of:** Paul Mason, Head of Highways  
**Summary:** This report is to note the receipt of a petition submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council and suggest a way forward.

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**Contact Officer:** Nick Chapman  
**Public/Exempt:** Public  
**Wards Affected:** Caddington  
**Function of:** Council

#### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Council Priorities:**

##### **Financial:**

Funding is already in place to introduce a goods vehicle weight restriction in the village as part of a wider scheme to manage lorry movements in the area. There is no highways budget available to undertake any other work in the current financial year.

##### **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 notes the petition and that the lead petitioner be informed of the outcome of the meeting.**

**Background and Information**

1. A petition has been received, signed by 244 residents of Kensworth and the immediate area, expressing concerns about heavy lorries, speeding in the village and large vehicles being parked in residential areas.
2. A covering statement with the petition says that traffic through Kensworth has been an issue for many years as there are no traffic calming measures, other than a speed camera which is at the wrong location. It is requested that a pedestrian crossing be installed by the school and traffic calming measures be provided. It has also been suggested that large vehicles are constantly parked near the school and these should be removed. It is reported that there have been a number of near misses with children waiting for school buses.
3. Traffic flows on B4540 Common Road, Kensworth are moderately high, particularly during peak periods. Kensworth Lower School is located immediately adjacent to Common Road, so it is understandable that there are concerns about traffic speeds and lorry traffic. It is likely that children will be attempting to cross this road at the start and end of the school day.
4. Proposals for a 7.5 tonnes HGV weight restriction in Kensworth are due to be published in early 2016. This is part of a wider scheme to better manage lorry movements when the M1-A5 Link and Woodside Link Road projects are complete. If the weight restriction goes ahead it will prohibit HGV from Kensworth except for those making local deliveries.
5. There are no immediate proposals to install a pedestrian crossing near the school. If funding was provided an assessment would be required to determine as number of factors, such as the number of pedestrians crossing, the appropriate type of crossing facility and other site constraints. There are proposals to improve the pedestrian environment in the vicinity of Kensworth Lower School as shown in Appendix C. Some of the works are being undertaken in the current financial year with the remainder to follow.
6. There are no plans to install traffic calming measures in Common Road and such measures are unlikely to be a priority in the foreseeable future. Parking restrictions to address parking issues outside the school would be a relatively low-cost measure and could possibly considered as part of a future programme of similar work in the general area.

7. Possible funding sources are via the Council's LATP allocation or the Parish Council could be encouraged to use the Rural Match Funding process to part-fund any improvement projects.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Petition

Appendix B – Location plan

Appendix C – Drawing showing proposed pedestrian improvements

## Appendix A

# Stop The Heavy Lorries, Speeding Through Kensworth, and Remove Large Vehicles Which Should Not Be Parked In Residential Area

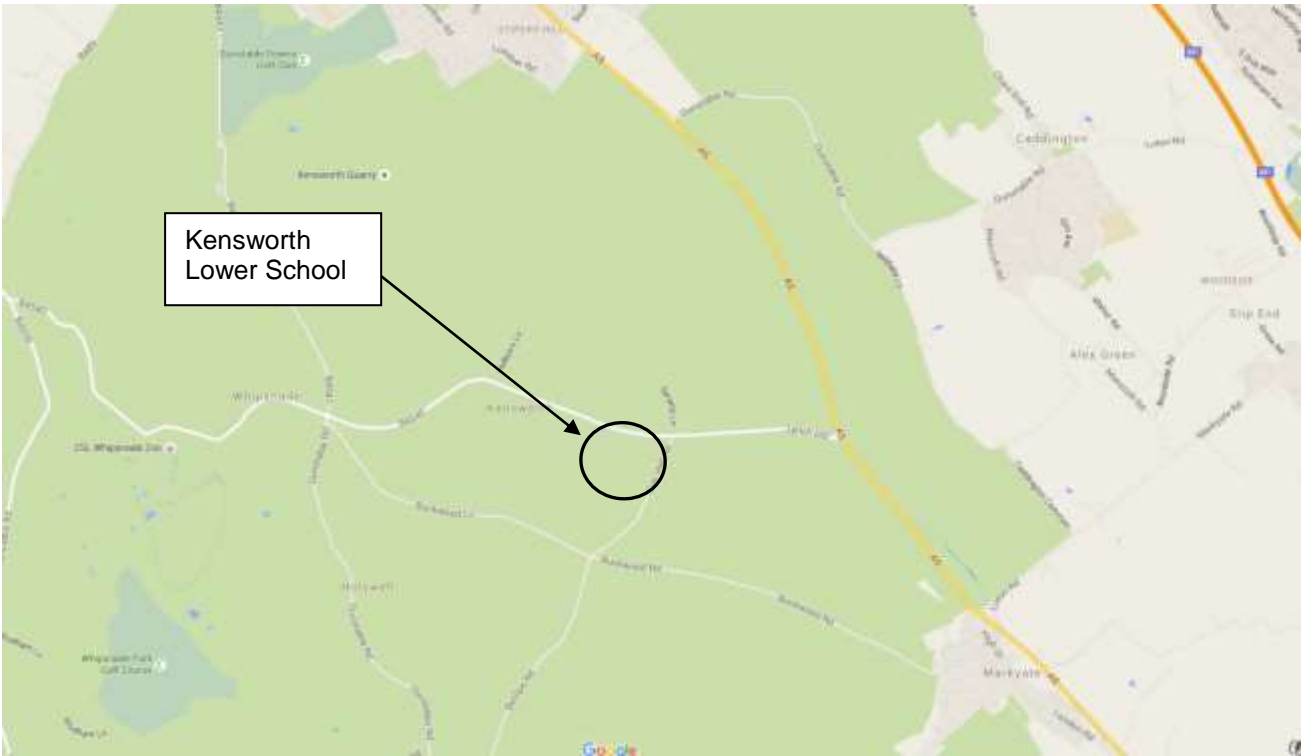


Traffic Through the Village of Kensworth in Bedfordshire has for many years been an issue for the villagers, as we have no traffic calming measures in place except the speed camera which is placed totally at the wrong end of the village. In recent years the issue of heavy lorries passing through has also become a problem as The Village is being used as a rat run between Leighton Buzzard and the A5.

It is frightening for Mum's with school children on the way to school as the lorries pass through at school time every day. We really would like something to be put into place to slow down every one who travels through our village.

A solution would be to put a pelican crossing by the school and also some kind of traffic calming measures through the village, and also removing unwanted large vehicles from around the school which are constantly parked around the village school. We have had a few near misses with children who wait for school buses and does it really take a tragedy to happen for someone to be able to do something for the village, we would rather do something about it now. Please Help!!

Appendix B



# Appendix C

**DESIGN HAZARDS**  
 (The following information has been collected from Preconstruction information and the Arney CDM Hazard Management Process.)  
 1. None at this stage.

- NOTES**
- All dimensions in metres unless stated
  - Do not scale from this drawing
  - Setting out of all works to be agreed on site by Overseeing Organisation Engineer.
  - Any discrepancies noted on the drawings are to be reported immediately to the Overseeing Organisation Engineer.

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Design	DS			Date: 02/10/15
Drawn	DS			Date: 02/10/15
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**Kensworth School Safety Zone**

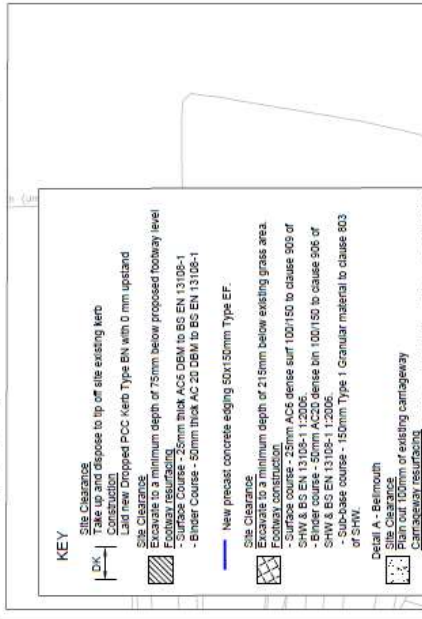
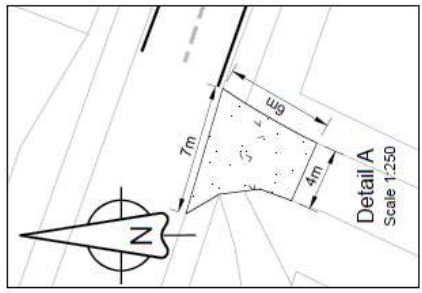
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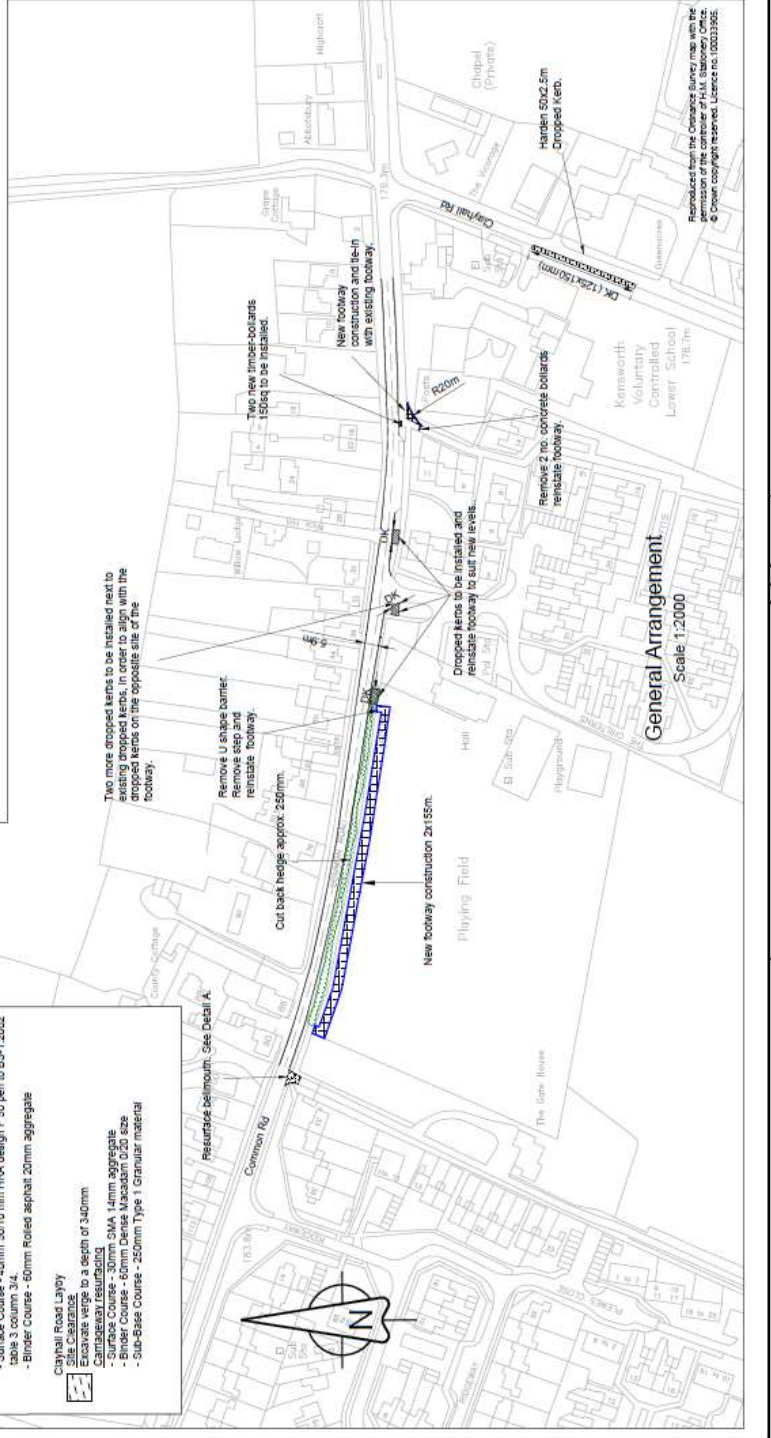
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**KEY**

- Site Clearance**  
 Take up and dispose to top of site existing kerb
- DK**  
 Lay new Dropped PCC Kerb Type BN with 0 mm upstand
- Site Clearance**  
 Excavate to a minimum depth of 75mm below proposed footway level
- Footway Resurfacing**  
 - Surface Course - 25mm thick ACS DEM to BS EN 13108-1  
 - Binder Course - 50mm thick AC 20 DBM to BS EN 13108-1  
 - Sub-base course - 150mm Type 1 Granular material to clause 803 of SHW.
- Site Clearance**  
 Excavate to a minimum depth of 215mm below existing grass area.
- Footway construction**  
 - Surface course - 25mm ACS dense surf 100/150 to clause 906 of SHW & BS EN 13108-1  
 - Binder course - 50mm AC20 dense bin 100/150 to clause 906 of SHW & BS EN 13108-1  
 - Sub-base course - 150mm Type 1 Granular material to clause 803 of SHW.
- Detail A - Belmoulin**  
 Site Clearance  
 Plain out 100mm of existing carriageway
- Carriageway Resurfacing**  
 - Surface course - 40mm 50/10 mm HRA design F 50 per to BS-1 2002  
 - Binder course - 60mm Rolled asphalt 20mm aggregate
- Clayhall Road Lapay**  
 Site Clearance  
 Excavate verge to a depth of 340mm
- Carriageway Resurfacing**  
 - Surface course - SMA 14mm aggregate  
 - Binder Course - 60mm Dense Wackstein 0/20 size  
 - Sub-Base Course - 250mm Type 1 Granular material



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