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

Date: 4 February 2016

Subject: High Street, Pulloxhill – Consider Representations to Proposed Waiting Restrictions

Report of: Paul Mason, Head of Highways

Summary: This report seeks the approval of the Executive Member for Community Services for the implementation of waiting restrictions on High Street, Pulloxhill

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Westoning, Flitton and Greenfield

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The proposal will improve road safety by better managing parking in High Street, Pulloxhill

Financial:

The works are being funded via the Rural Match Funding (RMF) scheme

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:

The proposal will improve road safety for all road users.

Sustainability:

None from this report

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the proposal to introduce No Waiting at any time in High Street, Pulloxhill be implemented as published.

Background and Information

1. The Council has received complaints, including from Pulloxhill Parish Council, about parking on this length of road over a number of years. The Parish Council has decided to take advantage of the Council's RMF scheme to help fund the proposed restrictions.
2. The proposals are intended to address concerns that cars parked on the south-east side of High Street, force vehicles travelling around the left hand bend entering the village on Barton Road into conflict with opposing traffic. Restrictions are also proposed for the north-west side of High Street to counter any displacement of parked cars from the other side.
3. The proposals were formally advertised by public notice in November 2015. Consultations were carried out with the emergency services and other statutory bodies, Pulloxhill Parish Council and the Ward Member. Residents living immediately adjacent were individually consulted by letter. Public notices were displayed on street.

Representations and Responses

4. A total of three objections have been received; all from residents living in the immediate area. Pulloxhill Parish Council has confirmed their support for the proposed restrictions. At the same time no waiting at any time was proposed on lengths of Greenfield Road and Oak Drive, but these did not attract any objections, so will be implemented as published.
5. Copies of all correspondence are included in Appendix D. The main points of concern raised are summarised below:-
 - a) There are no real issues with parking on these lengths of road and cars do not park on some lengths of road proposed for restrictions.
 - b) The real issue on this length of road is the speed of traffic entering the village. The removal of parked cars will exacerbate the situation. Traffic calming measures should be considered rather than parking restrictions.

6. Central Bedfordshire Highways' response to the points above are as follows:-

The Council has received complaints, including from Pulloxhill Parish Council and local people, about parking on this length of road over a number of years. Parking is heavy during evenings and weekends in particular and due to the bend approaching on Barton Road, the parked vehicles cause conflict between opposing traffic.

It is acknowledged that on-street parking controls can lead to an increase in traffic speeds, particularly where the restrictions cover an extended length of road. The proposed restrictions in High Street are relatively short in length, so are unlikely to result in a significant increase in speed.

Parking controls at this location have been identified as a priority for Pulloxhill Parish Council. Traffic calming measures would have to be considered as a separate exercise and funding allocated.

7. Bedfordshire Police has raised no objections to the proposals.

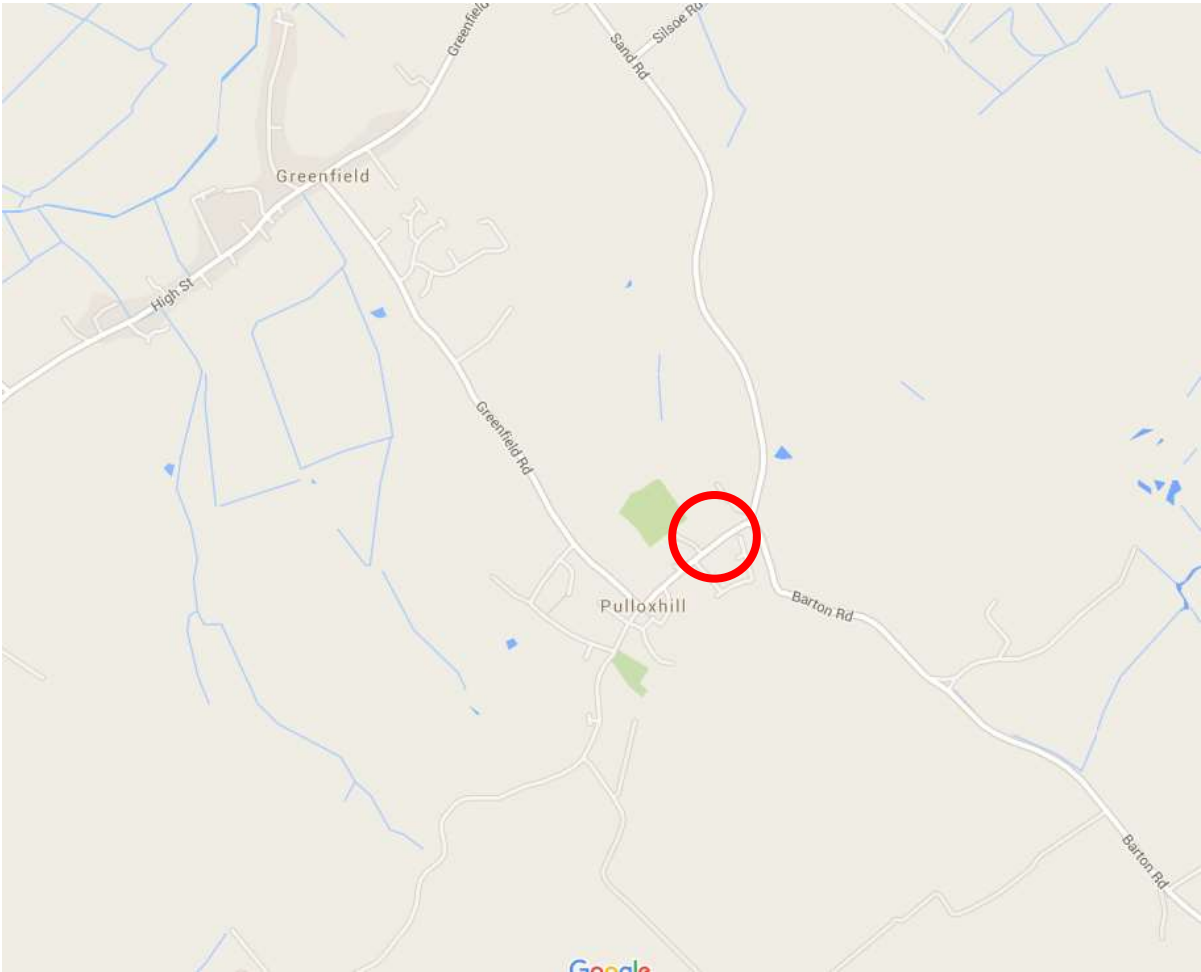
Conclusion

8. There have been long standing requests for waiting restrictions from the Parish Council and residents. It is felt that they are justified on road safety grounds and will result in the loss of a relatively small number of on-street parking spaces. Therefore, it is recommended that the No Waiting proposals be implemented as published.
9. If approved, the works are expected to take place within the current financial year.

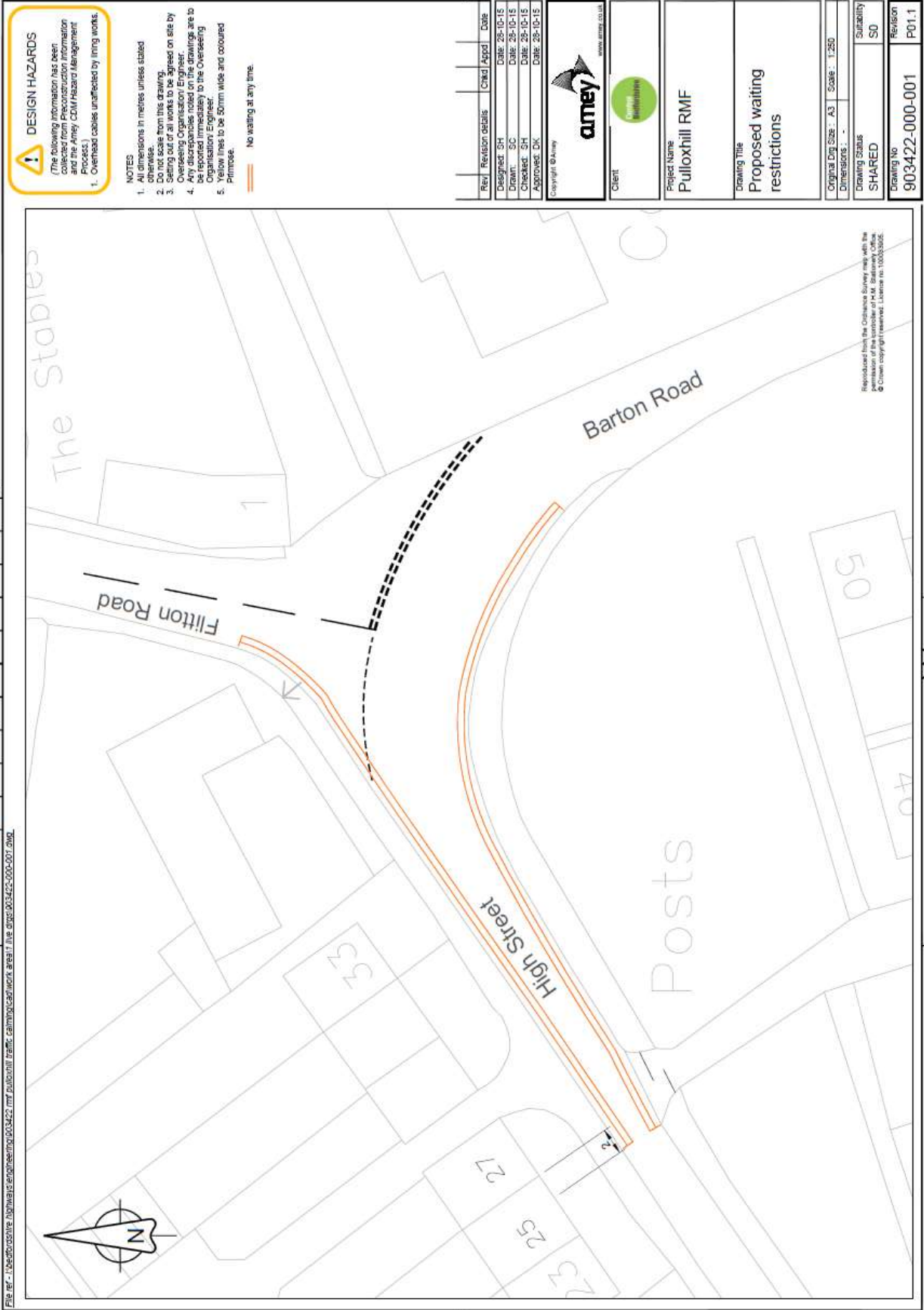
Appendices:

Appendix A – Location plan
Appendix B – Drawings of Proposals
Appendix C – Public Notice of Proposals
Appendix D – Representations

Appendix A



Appendix B



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DESIGN HAZARDS
 (The following information has been collected from preconstruction information and the Arney CDM Hazard Management Process.)
 1. Overhead cables unattended by lifting works.

NOTES
 1. All dimensions in metres unless stated otherwise.
 2. Do not scale from this drawing.
 3. Setting out of all works to be agreed on site by Overseeing Organisation / Engineer.
 4. Any discrepancies noted on the drawings are to be reported immediately to the Overseeing Organisation / Engineer.
 5. Yellow lines to be 50mm wide and coloured Primrose.
 — No waiting at any time.

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	Drawn: SC			Date: 29-10-15
	Checked: SH			Date: 29-10-15
	Approved: DK			Date: 29-10-15



Client
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Project Name
 Pulloxhill RMF

Drawing Title
 Proposed waiting restrictions

Original Dwg Size: A3
 Scale: 1:250
 Dimensions: -

Drawing Status
 SHARED

Drawing No
 903422-000-001
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 P01.1

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PUBLIC NOTICE



CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE NO WAITING AT ANY TIME IN HIGH STREET AND GREENFIELD ROAD, PULLOXHILL

Reason for proposal: The proposed Order is considered necessary for facilitating the passage of traffic on the road. The restrictions are intended to address indiscriminate parking which creates a road safety hazard and vehicular conflict.

Effect of the Order:

To introduce No Waiting at any time on the following length of road in Pulloxhill:-

1. High Street, north side, from a point approximately 2 metres west of the boundary of nos.25 and 27 High Street extending in an easterly direction for approximately 48 metres.
2. High Street, south side, from a point approximately 2 metres west of the boundary of nos.25 and 27 High Street extending in an easterly direction for approximately 52 metres.
3. Greenfield Road, north-east side, from a point approximately 2 metres south-east of the rear wall of no.1 Oak Drive extending in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 7 metres north-west of the rear wall of no.2 Oak Drive.
4. Oak Drive, both sides, from the north-east kerb line of Greenfield Road extending in a north-easterly direction for approximately 11 metres.

Further Details may be examined during normal office hours at the address shown below, viewed online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices or tel. 0845 3656116.

Comments should be sent in writing to the Transportation Manager, Central Bedfordshire Highways, Woodlands Annexe, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NU or e-mail centralbedsconsultation@amey.co.uk by 4 December 2015. Any objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

Order Title: If made will be "Central Bedfordshire Council (Bedfordshire County Council (District of Mid Bedfordshire) (Civil Enforcement Area and Special Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2008) (Variation No.*) Order 201**"

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Marcel Coiffait
Director of Community Services

12 November 2015

Appendix D

I'm writing to express my disappointment at this intended proposal. I am the resident of xx High Street, Pulloxhill.

The drawing you show has over exaggerated the issue which quite frankly isn't a problem.

Parking takes place, yes on the road, but only underneath where you have "High Street" on the drawing 903422-000-001. The other marked places never have cars parked there. There seems to have been a lack of actually visiting the site to assess and see the parking.

We as residents have always parked on nearside, facing into the village, no more than three cars back from the railings that mark a crossing point (shown on your map), allowing an adequate distance from the bend for lorries, vans and cars to safely see by.

Recently we had roadworks with gas main issues and even with parked cars it could be negotiated easily.

The actual problem is the speed the cars approach from Barton road into the bend, it's blind after all, but I've seen several cars fail to make the bend safely, one even demolished a wall of the front garden of the farm on the corner. Whilst assisting the driver we, who live there, witnessed taxis driving at speeds approaching 45mph into the blind bend.

If drivers obeyed the 30 mph limit or actually thought about their driving into a blind bend the supposed problems would be avoided. I have often thought about a bump or even a warning sign would help to remind road users of speed and the blind bend.

If anything parked cars appearing as they career round the bend has sharpened a few up to not make the same mistake, the cars form a natural 'traffic calming' to reduce the speed as they enter the village.

We all as residents in the affected area use it as well as our off road parking, if this proposal is put in place the cars will still need to park somewhere, so will park further along choking up the village as you approach the bus stop and pub access.

Again I would say this isn't an issue to locals but more the ignorant motorists that use the road without due care and attention.

I'd like to start by saying it's not necessarily the parking that's an issue it's the speed in which people drive up and down High Street Pulloxhill and around the bend, having cars parked there slows people down so putting double yellows in place is only going to make it easier for people to keep up their speed. The parking is also very limited on the High Street so putting these in place are going to make it even more difficult for people to park unless there is going to be some sort of residential parking somewhere near by.

I personally don't see the parking outside the houses being an issue when we viewed the house having the parking so close by was one of the reasons we took the house, as it is easy access for the disabled lady that I care who also lives with us she is registered disabled and is also severely sight impaired (blind in her right eye)

So if these double lines are put into place, god knows where me or my partner will end up having to park when she is in the vehicle, yards from our home and then having to accompany her down narrow uneven pathways which are also very dangerous and even more so in the evenings as the darkest almost takes her sight completely, the paths also have loose bricks etc. which her and myself have almost fallen into the road because of stepping onto a loose brick not helpful when you're trying to support somebody. So maybe instead of just putting them down you need to take into consideration how it is going to affect the people that live in the houses and the speed in which the cars come up and down the road.

My personal opinion: getting speed humps would help the village a lot more and having a restriction on what vehicles can use the High Street as the road is not very big and having articulated lorries drive down it is horrendous, again its not the parking that's the issue, yes I have only lived in the property 2 years but I've never had a problem with the parking nor has there been accidents due to the 3 parked cars, by taking it away and not replacing the spaces is going to be extremely difficult for certain individuals and no waiting at anytime doesn't help the transport that the disable lady gets 5 days a week to a day centre where will they park? again yards from the house and having to accompany her down the narrow uneven pathways.

By all means put them in place but additional parking close by needs to also be put in place for individuals that need it, our house hold has 3 vehicles and we have 1 car parking space behind the house, 1 space per house hold isn't practical.

I strongly object to the No Waiting at Any Time in Pulloxhill proposal on the following grounds:

1. Blind corners should always be approached slowly with caution, if this is executed then there is no hazard as the driver will be going at a speed which enables him to see the parked vehicles.
 2. If the parked vehicles were to be removed free reign is then given to approach a blind corner at a dangerous speed, potentially causing a fatality to those using the crossing (myself and my 8 year old daughter included) which is highlighted on your plan.
 3. I have conversed with Cllr James G Jamieson on this matter on two occasions during his campaigns; he is of the opinion that vehicles should remain parked in their current position and even suggested that alternate parking on either side of the road to create a chicane would further slow traffic approaching this bend.
 4. The only benefit of removing the parked vehicles would be to alleviating a minimal wait to get past the parked vehicles; this only proves a point that people are impatient and wish to have quick access around this bend.
 5. The Parish Council says that this bend is a hazard, what evidence are they basing this on? I have lived at no. xx for over 8 years and know of no accidents minor or major caused from the parked vehicles.
 6. The parked vehicles discourage already prohibited lorries from entering the village High Street. The lorries cause road damage due to their excessive weight and are dangerous to those using the very slim paths in Pulloxhill.
 7. Living at No.xx I see firsthand the speed at which people come around this bend when no parked vehicles are present, those who are asking for the No Waiting to be put in place with due respect do not.
 8. If this proposal goes ahead then traffic calming measures must surely be implemented before hand?
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20 January 2016

Dear Mr Shaw,

Re: Double Yellow Line Consultation, Pulloxhill

The consultation proposal results from the Parish Council initiative to improve road safety in the village following repeated approaches by village residents. The Parish Council was fully involved in the development of the proposal and supports the implementation of the proposed measures within the timeframes discussed with the Principal Highways Officer.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully
on behalf of Pulloxhill Parish Council

M. Lawrence

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Clerk to Pulloxhill Parish Council