
Meeting: Delegated Decisions by the Executive Member for Community Services on Traffic Regulation Orders
Date: 13 September 2016
Subject: Clifton Road, Shefford – Petition for Waiting Restrictions
Report of: Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways
Summary: This report is to note the receipt of a petition submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council and suggest a way forward

RECOMMENDATION(S):-

That the contents of the petition be noted and that the lead petitioner be informed of the outcome of the meeting.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: Shefford
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS
<p>Council Priorities: The petition is in relation to the safe and efficient use of the highway network</p> <p>Financial: None from this report</p> <p>Legal: None from this report</p> <p>Risk Management: None from this report</p> <p>Staffing (including Trades Unions): None from this report</p> <p>Equalities/Human Rights: None from this report</p>

Community Safety:

None from this report

Sustainability:

None from this report

Budget and Delivery:	
Estimated cost: £1,500	Budget: Minor Traffic & Safety
Expected delivery: Spring 2017	

Background and Information

1. A petition has been received, signed by 28 people, requesting the Council to introduce parking controls or waiting restrictions in Clifton Road to ease traffic problems. The original submission contained 208 signatures, but some pages were rejected because the reason for signing was not shown on that sheet and, hence, those who signed might not have known what they were supporting.
2. The length of Clifton Road identified is between property no.44 and the Ivel Road junction. The petition points out that the road is used by larger vehicles, including buses, and the level of on-street parking creates difficulties for them. The double sided parking also creates an obstruction to pedestrians, including those travelling to and from schools.
3. Initial observations would suggest that there are moderate levels of on-street parking on this stretch of Clifton Road. This is partly due to the fact that some homes, particularly on the north side, have little or no off-road parking. There would appear to be some justification for considering waiting restrictions, but they would need to be tailored to the individual circumstances that exist on this road.
4. The Council is also aware of complaints about obstructive parking in the adjacent Victoria Road, which is probably used for parking by residents of Clifton Road. Any proposals for parking restrictions in Clifton Road will need to take account of the added parking pressure that this might place on Victoria Road.
5. It is recommended that an assessment of the current parking situation be undertaken with a view to drawing up waiting restriction proposals for publication as part of the next batch of parking restrictions to be published in this area of Central Bedfordshire. It is hoped that this can be undertaken in the next 2-3 months, but implementation of any restrictions is unlikely to take place until Spring 2017.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Petition and accompanying correspondence

Appendix B – Location plan

Appendix A

I would like to bring to your attention the extreme parking problems along Clifton Road. The conditions of double parking are extremely hazardous and dangerous as this is a main bus route and school buses also use this route. There are also many large tanker lorries which use this route. The problems begin at No. 44 Clifton Road and continue along to the junction of Ivel Road.

There are cars parked both sides of the street, many of which are parked on the pavement leaving no room for school-children both from Samuel Whitbread Academy and Robert Bloomfield Schools. Also mothers with children in prams and disabled people in wheelchairs have no access on the pavement and risk entering the roadway to pass.

This is a very dangerous situation and I, personally, have witnessed many near misses.

The residents and myself feel that yellow lines along this area would resolve the situation as it would be enforceable by a mobile camera. We feel that the situation must be resolved before there is a fatal accident.

I, Tony Brown, Councillor of Central Bedfordshire Council, support this petition and add my signature,

I, _____, Councillor of Shefford Parish Council, support this petition and add my signature,

Petition for Parking Controls (Waiting Restrictions) on Clifton Road, Shefford

This correspondence is a major concern with the congestion of vehicles in Clifton Road which starts at the beginning of Ivel Road continuing to number forty four Clifton Road. The outstanding issue being from the roundabout of the junction of Clifton Road and Hitchin Road to the above number, as this is the narrowest part. Due to this being a major bus route for the Hitchin to Bedford route and the Samuel Whitbread Academy bus route, I would strongly recommend that double yellow lines be installed upon both sides of the road.

Another concern is the issue of the Neville Funeral Service where the vehicles from the adjoining properties continually park, causing extreme congestion and unnecessary hazards for both drivers and pedestrians. I would strongly recommend that double yellow lines are installed here in addition to the lines on Clifton Road.

Request for parking control (Waiting Restrictions)
Petition to ease traffic problems along Clifton Road.
Please Sign. / 2008 7.7.16

Appendix B

