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**Meeting:** Traffic Management Meeting  
**Date:** 3 November 2016  
**Subject:** Cedar Close, Oliver Street and Russell Drive, Ampthill – Petition requesting action to address on-street parking

**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:** It is recommended that a parking restriction proposal be published in conjunction with other restrictions in the Ampthill area during the 2017/18 financial year and that the lead petitioner be informed of the outcome of the meeting.

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**Public/Exempt:** Public

**Wards Affected:** Ampthill

**Function of:** Council

#### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

**Council Priorities:**

The petition is in relation to the safe and efficient use of the highway network.

**Financial:**

Work will be funded from minor traffic management and parking budgets.

**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

<b>Budget and Delivery:</b>	
Estimated cost: £2,500	Budget: Minor Traffic Management
Expected delivery: During 2017/18 financial year	

**Background and Information**

1. A petition has been received, signed by 56 people, requesting the Council to address inconsiderate parking at the Cedar Close junctions with Oliver Street and Russell Drive, Ampthill. The petition states that there have been near misses and requests yellow lines.
2. The petition was submitted by Ampthill Town Council which would suggest that they support the request, although this is not stated.
3. In common with many residential streets there is a high level of on-street parking, particularly at certain times and it is likely that on some occasions this will obstruct the free movement of traffic. These issues are very common, so it is difficult for the Council to justify the cost of introducing formal waiting restrictions in all such situations. However, in this case the request is for restrictions targeted at specific junctions aimed at addressing road safety concerns. Hence, there would appear to be justification for considering restrictions.
4. The Executive Member will recall that, whenever possible, the Council seeks to process requests for small scale parking controls in area-based batches in the interests of cost effectiveness. It is suggested that this approach be adopted in this situation. The current budget and staff resource for this work is fully committed, but it will be possible to pursue this in the 2017/18 financial year.
5. If approved and implemented, the restrictions will be reviewed after 5 years to determine whether they should be retained, modified or removed.

**Appendices:**

- Appendix A – Petition and accompanying correspondence
- Appendix B – Location plan

## Appendix A

### **PETITION FOR YELLOW LINES MARKINGS IN CEDAR CLOSE, AMPHILL**

THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF CEDAR CLOSE FEEL THAT INTENSE PARKING NEAR OR ON THE BENDS AT THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT FROM OLIVER STREET AND ALSO FROM AND TO RUSSELL DRIVE CAUSE A LACK OF VISIBILITY FOR PEOPLE ENTERING AND EXITING. THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS WHEN VANS AND CARS HAVE ACTUALLY PARKED ON THE BENDS. ALREADY THERE HAVE BEEN NEAR MISSES AND WE WOULD REQUEST YELLOW LINE MARKINGS FOR SAFETY.

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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a petition drawn up and signed by over 50 residents in Cedar Close, Amphill requesting yellow lines on both Oliver Street and Russell Drive around the ends of Cedar Close.

The residents would be extremely grateful if you could give this your attention.

I would be very grateful if you could keep us informed of any actions regarding this so we can keep the residents informed.

Yours sincerely

  
Nicola Powell  
Administration Assistant  
Amphill Town Council

# Appendix B

