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**Meeting:** Traffic Management Meeting

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Subject:** Church Road, Harlington – Proposed installation of “No Waiting At Any Time” parking restrictions.

**Report of:** Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways

**Summary:** This report seeks the approval of the Executive Member for Community Services to implement proposed “No Waiting at Any time” restrictions in Church Road, Harlington.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the proposed ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restriction in Church Road, Harlington be published as implemented.

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**Public/Exempt:** Public

**Wards Affected:** Toddington

**Function of:** Council

**CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

**Council Priorities:**

This scheme supports the following objectives within the Central Bedfordshire Council Local Transport Plan (LTP):

- J - Reduce the risk of people being killed or seriously injured.
- B – Reduce the impact of commuting trips on local communities

**Financial:**

This scheme will be funded from the LTP Integrated Schemes budget for 2018/19.

**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: £1,500	Budget: LTP Integrated Schemes
Expected delivery: July 2018	

**Background and Information**

1. Action was requested by Harlington Parish Council who initially raised safety concerns over commuter parking along a section of Church Road, between the cross roads and St Mary's Church causing visibility issues for approaching drivers and pedestrian conflicts.
2. Church Road from the crossroads to the tight bend at St Mary's Church is parked on regularly. However, issues at this location are not exclusive to commuter parking Monday – Friday as there are issues at weekends.
3. The parking in this location causes conflicts with drivers trying to maneuver around the vehicles as well as negotiate the bend, this regularly puts vulnerable road users at risk as the footway is extremely narrow at this location.
4. There is a school crossing patrol at the crossroads end of Church Road close to where the vehicles are parked and a large number of Primary School Children use this as a route to school, coming from the southern end of the village.
5. It was also noted that there are issues in the bell mouth of Lincoln Way. More crucially, at the start of Barton Road leading to past Pretoria Cottages parking is also a common occurrence at all times and causes limited visibility for drivers travelling along this section. The carriageway here is close to a bend and also an uphill gradient which contributes to the issue.

**Proposals**

6. In response to the concerns raised, resulting site visit by officers and due to the nature of the road proposals were drafted for "No Waiting At Any Time" along Church Road, extending into the bell mouth of Lincoln Way (both sides) and continuing along a section of Barton Road, past Pretoria Cottages up to a point where visibility improves.

A short section of Church Road adjacent to the Church was omitted from the proposals as residents from the opposing properties use the area to park. This currently causes no issues however any restrictions installed here would mean the area is enforceable and no parking would be permitted in that area.

7. The proposals were formally advertised by Public Notice in April 2018. Consultations were carried out with the Emergency Services and other statutory bodies, Ward members and the Parish Council. Residents located in close proximity to the proposed restrictions were individually consulted by letter.

## **Representations**

8. A total of 16 representations were received, with no formal response from the Parish Council.  
7 were in favour, 6 were against and 3 did not state clearly either way but gave queries.
9. Queries and objections raised mainly concerned:
  - a) Parked cars serve as traffic calming to slow vehicles, removing these will increase speeds. Request made for traffic calming.
  - b) No waiting at any time will be too restrictive and remove the right for residents to unload shopping or pick up/drop off.
  - c) Parking will just be removed to other areas of the village
  - d) The proposals give no weekend or evening parking.
  - e) Single Yellow lines would be more appropriate
  - f) Residents in Barton Road will have nowhere to park

## **Officers Response**

- a) The proposals aimed to address safety issues on a main route through the village where parked vehicles cause driver and pedestrian conflicts and there is limited forward visibility for traffic approaching the area.  
Drivers should drive according to the conditions, within the posted limit.  
Should there be evidence of a speeding problem this will be prioritised accordingly.
- b) No Waiting restrictions indicated by double yellow lines apply to the carriageway, pavement and verge. You may stop to load or unload or while passengers board or alight. Or for loading and unloading as long as there is no obstruction caused.  
Disabled blue badge holders displaying a valid badge can park on double yellow lines for up to 3 hours as long as they are not causing an obstruction.
- c) These proposals address a safety concern on a main artery through the village. Moving parking from the main route where traffic flows are heavier to other areas will reduce risks of conflicts.

Any further parking issues brought to the Authority of which we are not already aware of will need to be considered and addressed as part of a study of the entire village.

- d) Parking along both Barton and Church Road at any time causes safety concerns at all times. A section of Church Road adjacent to the Church was left for residents parking as they have no other off-street parking. There is ample parking available in other areas of the village including the Village/Parish Hall car parks for weekend events.
- e) Other restrictions were considered however due to the nature of the road the intention was not provide any parking due to the safety issues associated.
- f) Residents in Barton Road have off street parking to the rear of their properties and it is only recently parking at this location has been causing issues.

## **Conclusion**

10. The proposals be implemented as published. A wider study of the entire village maybe appropriate at a later date should the Parish Council support it.

## **Appendices:**

Appendix A – Public Notice

Appendix B – Copy of letter to those affected by proposals

Appendix C – Representations

Appendix D- Site Pictures

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Central  
Bedfordshire

## CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND NO PARKING AT ANY TIME IN SUNDON ROAD, WESTONING ROAD, CHURCH ROAD, LINCOLN WAY & BARTON ROAD HARLINGTON.

### Reason for proposal:

The restrictions are intended to:

- i) Address indiscriminate parking on: Church Road, Lincoln Way & Barton Road, in the interest of road safety and maintaining vehicular access, including for emergency vehicles.
- ii) facilitate the passage of traffic on Church Road & Barton Road
- iii) Avoiding danger to persons or other traffic and/or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising
- iv) The restrictions will make sure Westoning Road, Sundon Road & Lincoln Way junctions and other access are not obstructed by parked vehicles.

The restriction will ensure that junctions and other accesses are not obstructed by parked vehicles.

### Effect of the Order:

#### 1. To introduce No Waiting Restriction At Any Time (24 hours) on:

- a) Sundon Road from the northern flank wall of number 8 Sundon Road, extending for 12m meeting to the south-westerly kerb line of Church Road.
- b) Westoning Road, from the south-easterly boundary of number 1a Church Road for 5.5m to meet the south westerly kerb line of Church Road.
- c) Church Road, northern side from the south western kerb line of 1a Church Road, extending for approximately 312m to the eastern boundary of number 39 Church Road.
- d) Church Road, southern side, from the south western kerb line opposite 1a Church Road for approximately 150m to opposite 23 Church Road.
- e) Church Road from the eastern flank wall of St Marys Church for approximately 120m to a point taken from opposite the centre of the Lincoln Way junction
- f) Lincoln Way, both sides from the eastern boundary of number 39 Church Road in a north easterly direction for approximately 21m.
- g) Barton Road, eastern side, from the south eastern kerb line opposite 39 Church Road continuing in a south easterly direction for approximately 190m to the eastern flank wall of 35 Barton Road
- h) Barton Road, western side, from a point taken opposite the centre of the Lincoln Way junction continuing in a south easterly direction for approximately 120m to opposite the eastern flank wall of 35 Barton Road

Further Details may be examined during normal office hours at the address shown below, viewed online at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices).

Comments should be sent in writing to the Traffic Management team at the address below or e-mail [traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) by 17th May 2018. Any objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

Order Title: If made will be "Central Bedfordshire Council (Bedfordshire County Council (Civil Enforcement Area and Special Enforcement Area No.49) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) Order 2018"

Central Bedfordshire Council  
Priory House  
Chicksands,  
Shefford SG17 5TQ  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Marcel Coiffait  
Director of Community Services

## Appendix B – Residents Letter



The Householder  
Church Road  
Harlington

Date: 20<sup>TH</sup> April 2018

### Important information about parking in your road

Dear Sir or Madam

As you are aware there have recently become are parking issues from the crossroads up to the St Marys Church entrance in Church Road ~~and also~~ in Barton Road on the bend.

~~Both of these~~ locations are causing safety issues not only regarding visibility for drivers but also, especially in Church Road conflicts with pedestrians as vehicles mount the footway.

In Church Road, this seems to be caused by commuter parking, however we recognise there are also issues at weekends.

Driver conflicts are common in Barton Road. ~~And the Lincoln Way junction is also~~ regularly parked on.

As a result, in the interests of safety Central Bedfordshire Council are proposing to introduce:

***No Waiting AT ANY TIME in Church Road, Barton Road and into the bell mouth of Lincoln Way. ~~Westoning Road & Sundon Road.~~***

The Council will shortly be publishing statutory notices and undertake formal consultation on the proposed restrictions.

Please find below a drawing outlining the proposals. The notice will be displayed on site at the time of publication.

If you wish to make any formal comments, they should be submitted in writing as explained in the notice to: [Traffic.Consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Traffic.Consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) during the consultation period ~~of~~ 28th April - 17 May2018.

Please state which area you are referring to clearly.

Results will be collated after this time and you will be informed of the next steps of outcome should you make comments.

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— Proposed No Waiting at any time  
(double yellow lines)

Yours faithfully

## Appendix C - Representations

Dear Sir or Madam,

In regard to the proposed 'No waiting at any time areas in Harlington'.

For the record, I live on Barton Road and am chiefly commenting on there, although I extend this to all the areas, have 1 car and that is stored in my garage to the rear of the property, so I have no need to park on the street. There is no doubt that there is a problem with parking in Harlington, although I would dispute your contention that there are serious issues beyond commuter parking. People do park in Harlington to use the station at weekends too. It seems to be that the severity of the parking problems can be traced directly to when British rail introduced higher charges and camera recognition systems at the station.

A 'No waiting at any time' zone seems somewhat short-sighted. Firstly, this means that we are no longer permitted visitors, shopping deliveries etc. In an area with a number of elderly and infirm residents this will seriously impact on their independence. Secondly, where do you think resident's vehicles are going to go? They are not just going to disappear. The car parks at the Village Hall and both Public Houses will end up filled with vehicles or they will be parked in streets with no yellow lines / on grass verges. This is hardly going to improve village life. Thirdly I would have thought you would have welcomed the limited resident parking as traffic calming measures, bearing in mind that people fly along Barton Road on their way to the motorway at well above the limit. Fourthly, will you be reducing the Council Tax for the houses that these yellow lines are impacting.... they will clearly reduce the house prices; how will you be compensating people for that? And lastly don't you think that the money would be better spent fixing the massive pot hole along Barton Road that is becoming so large that cyclists will start disappearing down it soon.

I cannot support this idea, it needs further thought put into it. Have you considered single yellow lines covering 08:00 to 18:00 so that commuter parking is covered but resident parking is less impacted for example? Or 'resident only' parking areas? You are making a rod for your own backs anyway as if you do not enforce the lines regularly commuters will soon do the maths of getting a ticket divided by the number of days without a ticket versus the cost of parking in British Rail's car park every day. Station road is already regularly packed with cars along the lines there during the day so that shows how well it works in stopping parking. Have you got enough Traffic Wardens to enforce these lines? Otherwise the lines will just be a waste of yellow paint.

May 10th 2018.

Proposal to introduce waiting restrictions and no parking at any time in Sundon Road, Westoning Road, Church Road, LincolnWay and Barton Road Harlington.

I welcome this proposal for the reasons stated in your public notice and would like to add some further comments.

1. The section of Barton Road marked in the diagram is narrow and also has a slight uphill curve.
2. Overtaking parked cars is often difficult and in some cases dangerous as there is often no way a driver can see approaching vehicles.
3. All the houses have garages and standing at the rear which although small can accommodate two cars with astute parking and planning.
4. Parking in the road on a permanent basis has only happened in the last few years - sometimes I have seen cars parked all the way from the cemetery gates.
5. The consequences of this parking are seen especially during the rush hour - traffic jams as overtaking cars meet cars coming in the opposite direction, delays to other traffic as it waits for the congestion to clear, hooting by passing motorists who know that parking is available at the back, distressed drivers who simply do not know how to manoeuvre out of the confusion, arguments and even downright abuse.

Amazingly drivers from Luton have even mentioned to me the difficulties of this section of road !

6. On a less important note - the random nature of this parking - I have had cars left in front of my house for months whilst a garage remains empty at the back.

As the home owner at [REDACTED] Harlington I wish to object to the proposed No waiting at any time for the following reasons;

1. Residents of 13,15,17,19,21,23 and 25 Church Road have NO OFFSTREET PARKING. They would have no where to park other than the layby that belongs to St Marys Church which does not provide enough spaces/ should be used by Church visitors. They are not allowed to use the Parish Hall car park and the Village Hall car park is closed by bollards until 9am so not practical if you need to get to work !
2. The Village Hall Car Park is not large enough to cope with most village activities so parking often overflows. How would preventing parking on nearby roads help the community ? Where would funeral/wedding guests park ?
3. This measure will not solve the problem of commuter parking as they will simply move to other roads in the village.
4. Whilst inconvenient the parking has slowed traffic down on what has previously been a rat run through the village. Traffic calming measures would be a better alternative.

My [REDACTED] Barton Road. She is rather frail and needs dropping off/picking up at her door. Where would carers/health visitors park ? This row of cottages has very limited offstreet parking , where would residents park ?

This proposal seems an ill thought out knee jerk reaction to a longstanding problem of commuter parking. Preventing residents from parking will not help and the commuters will simply move the problem to other roads in the village.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir

I live at [REDACTED] and wish to comment on your proposal to introduce double yellow lines along our road. I would prefer to leave things as they are as parked cars certainly slows down the traffic and if your argument is one of safety then having the parked cars is a very satisfactory solution.

I have been told that traffic coming across from Hitchin and Barton is being directed because of their sat Nays along our road because it is the quickest route to the M1.

If we have single yellow lines with no waiting between 10am and midday during the week - like they have in some parts of London this will deter the commuters hoping to park outside our houses.

I am over [REDACTED] and need the convenience of people dropping me home after shopping and popping in when they wish.

[REDACTED]

9 May 2018

Traffic Management Team  
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Dear sirs,

re: **Proposed parking restrictions in Church Rd, Barton Rd, Lincoln Way, Westoning Rd & Sundon Rd.**

Thank you for your letter dated 20 April 2018 in respect of the above proposed parking restrictions.

Whilst I agree in principle to the proposed changes, I would like to make the following comments:

- 1) There has only been a problem since commuters have chosen to park in Church Rd creating real dangers during busy weekday rush hours.
- 2) If all parking is removed as shown at all times, **there is a distinct possibility that the road will become a racetrack.** There are many proven instances of this of which I'm sure CBC traffic engineers will be well aware. **This is more likely to occur at evenings and weekends.**
- 3) Resident parking in Barton Rd is a problem but could be relieved if only some parking restriction was introduced.
- 4) There is no compromise for occasional weekend parking for access to the church, parish hall, estate agent and others.
- 5) If no compromise is offered, the double lines may be disregarded which I appreciate could be enforced but is of no one's interest to call out parking wardens or police - probably at weekends.

I would like to suggest that double yellow lines are introduced but with a compromise single yellow line on 3 limited locations in Church Rd and Barton Rd as shown (approximately) on the attached plan. This would allow parking between 5pm and 9am and at any time on weekends and bank holidays. The benefits of this option are:

- a) There would be no parking during rush hours.
- b) This limited compromise would clearly suggest that thought had been given to reasonable occasional parking. There is more chance that this would be heeded by villagers and visitors.
- c) Residents in Barton Rd would have somewhere nearby for their cars but still ensure there was a defined passing space.
- d) I'm not sure of the law in relation to parking on single yellow lines but it may assist with deliveries during the day for dropping off and collecting.
- e) **It would also alleviate the distinct unintended consequences of the road becoming a racetrack which inevitably would require the introduction of unwanted traffic calming solutions.**

Whilst this is a very minor change which may appear trivial I think it would resolve current dangers and clearly show that thought has been given to the points above. I hope this proposal is adopted and look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

Dear Sirs

I am writing further to your proposals for 'No Waiting AT ANY TIME in Church Road, Barton Road' in Harlington. Although I agree the parking causes issues around this area, as landlords of number [REDACTED] we feel this proposal feels too much and time boxed waiting restrictions with single yellow lines would suffice. This would allow deliveries to be possible and make it easier for visitors.

Thank you in advance for considering our comments.

Kind Regards  
[REDACTED]

Dear Sirs/ Madam,

Regarding your proposal of no waiting at any time on Church Road/ Barton Road, Harlington. As a resident of [REDACTED] I object strongly to your proposal for the above mentioned roads in Harlington.

We have no vehicular access to the rear of our properties so how are we supposed to unload shopping, receive deliveries, drop off elderly relatives to our homes?

As for the safety aspect how does having a clear road which drivers can race through the village on help protect anyone? We have a children's play area across from Barton Road how are they supposed to cross safely?

On a previous occasion when the road was clear, I have had a car end up a foot from my front door in my front garden after he came round the bend too fast, clipped the kerb and mounted the pavement!! If anyone had been walking on the footpath they would have been killed.

Instead of catering for angry drivers racing to and from the M1 why don't you make sure drivers use the sign posted route for the M1 which goes around the village and not through it.

As for the problem with commuter parking all you need to do in the affected areas is make them a no parking zone for 2 hours of the day so people can't leave their cars for a whole day.

I agree that the junction of Lincoln Road should have yellow lines but not all the way along Barton Road in front of residents houses.

Please consider the wishes of the residents of the parish that you represent, not speeding drivers who come through our village.

Regards, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am the tenant at number [REDACTED] Harlington, in the middle of the proposed scheme, and I would like to add my comments to the proposal. This is after having discussed it with neighbours and visiting the Parish Council meeting held on the subject.

I strongly object to the No Waiting AT ANY TIME proposal as I feel it is excessive, certainly for the stretch of Barton Road outside the cottages, and would adversely impact the lives of residents.

The main issues with the "AT ANY TIME" part, is that we as residents, are being punished for no crime. I have elderly neighbours who rely on the support of others who park outside their house to take them places, do things for them and offer company. There are also regular deliveries to these properties which would be hampered by such a scheme, for example the Royal Mail van parks outside my house every day.

Residents also often unload heavy shopping from their car outside their houses before moving their cars to the normal places. Again, [REDACTED] of the younger, sprightlier residents and I find it invaluable - How my less able neighbours would cope without that option, I don't know.

Whilst we do have parking to the rear of the properties, there is not enough space to allow for residents and visitors to be denied the ability to occasionally park on the road. This is compounded by the garages we have being very small by modern standards, and not all properties having rear access to the parking area.

I do support some level of waiting restriction for the whole length of the proposal, as I understand the benefits for traffic flow, but I feel that only peak times need to be restricted on Barton Road. As a resident who works from home regularly, I would say that these are Monday to Friday, 0700-0900 and 1600-1800. For the stretch of Church Road nearest the station, I would support this being extended due to the station parking "overflow"; the crossroads area can be dangerous at the best of times.

I hope that you wil take these comments, and those of my neighbors, on board when deciding whether to implement the proposal as designed.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Re: The proposed changes to the Parking on Barton Road

As a resident of Barton Road for more than 30 years I **enjoy** the fact that some residents are parking their cars outside their homes because

- 1) it has considerably slowed up the through traffic
- 2) cut down the amount of huge lorries that use Barton Road as the preferred route to get to the motorway
- 3) know that my visitors can park outside my home
- 4) I am able to unload shopping etc from my car to my front door

I would be really opposed to any changes to this arrangement.

All this was said at the Parish Council meeting.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

I am writing with reference to the proposed waiting restrictions and no parking in Harlington in Church Road, Barton Road, Lincoln Way, Westoning Road and Sundon Road.

We live along Barton Road and feel the installation of double yellow lines will be too restrictive and not allow residents to be dropped off/picked up or deliveries of groceries and post/parcels made etc.

Could you e-mail back to me clarification of what double yellow lines would actually entail in this situation?

If however double yellow lines are installed in Church Road to deter indiscriminate parking, these vehicles will only look for the next available space ie Barton Road.

Would single yellow lines with waiting restrictions be more favourable in this instance?

Whilst we appreciate you looking into the parking problems along Barton Road, speed is also an issue along this stretch.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED]

Hello,

I want to provide some feedback regarding your proposals to change the parking restrictions in Harlington. Whilst I believe that there are challenges with the level of parking along both Church Road and Barton Road, I am concerned about removing all cars from this area. Already, we have motorists driving far too fast along the Barton Road heading towards Sharpenhoe. The cars parked outside the cottages at the start of Barton Road provide a natural barrier to slow traffic, meaning that cars are not speeding when they turn into the main stretch of Barton Road. This is particularly relevant for the houses that are closest to the corner.

Can we change the proposal to be a restricted time for parking - thus preventing cars from being parked there all day but still allowing for cars to be in place for drop-offs/deliveries etc?

Many thanks



Hi,

We support the proposal for no waiting any time on Church Road / Barton Road.

This initiative resolves a critical safety problem and we have no concerns with the approach.

Regards,



1  
Good Afternoon

I received your letter about NO Waiting for a number of roads in Harlington, including the road I live in, Church Road, where I have been a resident for about 15 years

In general a great idea

I do have a concern or suggestion I feel with the roads clear, traffic which already takes the bends to fast as it is will be allowed to do so with ease.

So feel it would be wise to out in a sleeping policeman at either end.

The road is crossed by those with dogs, people attending church and small children going to the park or crossing for school

This being the case sad though it is the traffic blocking the road restricts the speed

Please can you consider this as block roads are better than death or injury



**Response to the letter received from the Traffic Management team with regard to the Consultation related to the issuing of a parking Order for Barton Rd in Harlington.**

**AMENDED VERSION -2**

I have read the proposals regarding the introduction of parking restrictions along Barton Road with interest.

I totally agree and support the proposal in that the incessant parking of cars along the stretch from Lincoln Way up the hill is a huge safety concern, as cars have to pull out into the middle of the road to then only have a limited vision up the hill.

There are numerous verbal altercations between drivers, and I have also been verbally abused by passing drivers.

However, I do have one important reservation regarding exactly what 'No waiting at any time' actually means. I am getting older and need to unload from my car out the front on a regular basis for shopping etc. If I have to carry the shopping from my garage around the back of the cottages, through the parking area and down a very long garden, this will place a huge burden on me medically. I am hoping that the definition of double yellow lines includes a right to unload in front of my property?

Of course with all parking restrictions there are knock on effects.

Currently some of the traffic through the village speeds, especially along the straight part of Barton Road that overlooks the valley. Also surprisingly many vehicles still manage to speed coming the other way, and there have been several accidents over the years, especially when icy as cars slide off the road. We also suffer from very large lorries coming through the village from the M1 to get onto the A6. Although there are limiting signs substantial numbers of lorries just ignore this and so cause havoc, especially near the bends. There are also comparatively high volumes of cars that pass through the villages on the way to work and school, and back again in the evenings.

As an associated measure could warning signs powered by solar energy be erected at the end of the straight section at both ends that display the speed the cars are travelling, rather than just the current one at the start of this section as you enter the village which just indicates to slow down if you are going more than 30. I am sure the other type would be far more effective on drivers.

Lastly the commuter parking which currently blights our village, and these new 'no parking roads' will simply move the parking to somewhere else. I can for see that all the current available parking around the shops in Lincoln Way will be in constant use, and other roads such as Lincoln Way, Monmouth and Brian Rd, which already have numbers of cars parked will then suffer in the same way. This again causes more problems for local residents, as many elderly residents need to be able to use the local shops, and are unable to walk very far and carry back to their homes.

Unfortunately I don't have an answer to this apart from wondering why an enterprising individual, or the Parish Council doesn't investigate land available in the village to enable parking at a cheaper rate than at the Station.

As a Community we certainly though don't want to lose the railway line, so have a dichotomy as to the best way forward!

Please forward this for inclusion in the documentation going forward for consideration.

I would appreciate clarification upon the question of whether unloading will be permissible with the double yellow lines please.

Yours sincerely,



Sir,

I write support the proposed parking restrictions in Harlington.

These are urgently required on the grounds of safety. I have had several near misses as drivers have to drive around blind bends on this section on the wrong side of the road.

Further, on Tuesday this week my wife was almost hit by a van that had swerve and mount the pavement to avoid hitting a vehicle that was overtaking parked cars on Church Road.

These problems have been the result of the wearing out of the solid white lines on this section that previously stopped this parking.

Now that you are aware of potentially life threatening dangers on this road I am sure that you would find it difficult not to introduce these measures.

Yours faithfully,



Dear CBC

I have received a letter about your proposed introduction of No Waiting At Any Time in Church Road, Harlington. I have a number of comments to make:

1. Firstly, I totally support your proposal and the reasons for doing so. As a resident of Church Road I frequently witness the results of inappropriate parking, which include RTAs, cars mounting the footway, near misses with pedestrians, and irate drivers losing patience. I have campaigned with Harlington Parish Council for yellow lines for some time so I am frankly delighted by your initiative.

2. Harlington has become a popular cut-through route and part of the problem you have identified is a result of considerable increases in through-traffic. My own informal survey suggests that there may be peak-flows of up to 1000 vehicles per hour. My suspicion is that traffic has increased as a result of increased local house building (eg Dunstable / Silsoe / Barton / Biggleswade), and also new roads such as the A5 link road to M1 J11a. So, alongside yellow lines, may I also ask that you consider chicanes or other traffic calming measures to control speeds and help preserve the **residential** nature of the village?

3. The last point is that the 7.5 tonne restriction which is signed on the Harlington to Barton-le-Clay route is not being observed. This, of course, is adding to the traffic problems because of the tight corners around St Mary's Church and round to Barton Road, quite apart from being a real danger to other cars and the railway bridge (on the Toddington Road). I have already been in touch with the police because of issues (including RTAs which have blocked the road), but they seem unwilling to take further action. I think the only long-term solution is for ANPR cameras to record and fine transgressors. Please can you consider this too.

Kind regards



Harlington

## **Double yellow line proposals for Church Road, parts of Barton Road and Lincoln Way, Harlington.**

My name is [REDACTED] Harlington. For much of that time I have worked from home and my office overlooks the bend and junction with Lincoln Way.

The following comments are made from my frequent observations over this sustained period.

1. The proposals will no doubt address the problems of parking and traffic flow, particularly outside the Parish Hall in Church Road, and part of Barton Road outside the cottages.
2. However, the current parking serves to slow down the traffic and help prevent speeding. The removal of these parked vehicles will enable traffic to increase their speed which can be excessive for the roads concerned.
3. It will also make it easier for LGVs greater than 7.5 t GVW to traverse the village even though they should not be coming through Harlington unless delivering. Frequent continental vehicles (recently one monster from Turkey) are unlikely to be delivering locally. To the best of my knowledge the Police have done nothing to enforce the 7.5 t limit that ranges from Barton, Streatley, Upper Sundon, through Harlington to the A 5120
4. I have witnessed several vehicles travelling eastwards along Church Road and failing to make the bend at the junction with Lincoln Way. Vehicles, including motorbikes, have ended up embedded in the hedge, fence and railings to the cemetery on that bend. In one spectacular episode the car was going so fast on a Sunday morning that it made the bend but mounted the pavement and gardens of the cottages in Barton Road and came to rest 3 cottages down just outside their front window.
5. Traffic travelling in the westerly direction has to face an adverse camber to the same bend and one vehicle impaled itself on my garage. Having failed to take the bend, he crossed the road, up the kerb, through the hedge and dropped down the bank to end up embedded in the corner of my garage. I, and anyone else in its path, could have been killed. Conditions were dry and clear.
6. The double yellow lines are therefore only part of the solution. There is a need for corresponding traffic calming measures to be installed at the same time, and more assiduous enforcement of the 7.5 t limit.
7. My driveway entrance is frequently used by vehicles stopping to drop off passengers, get their bearings or make local deliveries. In addition, the grass margin by the sign for Lincoln Way is frequently parked upon, leaving ruts and witness marks, and blocking clear visibility into Lincoln Way for eastbound traffic in Church Road.
8. I would wish to see either Trief kerbing from the east of my (and No 41's) drive entrance to the limit of the double yellow lines in Lincoln Way, or substantial concrete planters positioned in the grassed area around the Lincoln Way road sign to prevent parking on this grass. This road sign has already been wiped out by westbound traffic attempting to enter Lincoln Way at too high a speed, mounting the kerb, traversing the green margin and flattening the sign.
9. In the morning and after school, there are many school children walking along Church Road/Lincoln Way and the potential increase in speed could result in more vehicles potentially mounting the low kerb to the pavement or 'not making' the bend (in either direction), thus putting children at risk.
10. The above problems are exacerbated in winter when snow/icy conditions make the bend treacherous, and on some occasions has resulted in vehicles breached across my driveway as a result of losing control.
11. Coincidentally at the time of writing, there are no cars parked outside the properties in Barton Road and it is noticeable that westbound traffic speed has increased by about 3 - 5 mph

**Proposed installation of Waiting Restrictions various roads - Harlington**

<p><b>This Authority has considered the proposals as outlined in your communication and offers the following comments for further consideration.</b></p> <p><b>Comments</b></p>	
<p><b>This Authority has considered the proposal as outlined in your email with attachments dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, together with the reason(s) given. The proposed installation of waiting restrictions is accepted by this authority, therefore no objection will be offered.</b></p>	<p><b>X</b></p>

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26<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Appendix D



