
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting
Date: 7th June 2018
Subject: Clifton Road, Heronslee & Hitchin Road, Shefford – Consider representation to proposed ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restriction
Report of: Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways
Summary: This report seeks the approval of the Executive Member for Community Services for the implementation of a ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restriction at various locations on Clifton Road, Heronslee and Hitchin Road, Shefford.

RECOMMENDATION(S):-

That the proposed scheme be implemented as published.

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

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS
<p>Council Priorities:</p> <p>The proposal supports the following Local Transport Plan objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) Increase the ease of access to emergency vehicles(J) Reduce the risk of people being killed or seriously injured <p>Financial:</p> <p>Funded by monies secured through the Integrated Transport Budget.</p> <p>Legal:</p> <p>None from this report.</p> <p>Risk Management:</p>

None from this report.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None from this report.

Equalities/Human Rights:

None from this report.

Community Safety:

This proposal will improve the safety of road users on Clifton Road, Heronslee and Hitchin Road, Shefford, providing ease of access for the passage of service and emergency vehicles. The scheme will enhance visibility for road users exiting their properties and will reduce conflicts for traffic negotiating around parked vehicles.

Sustainability:

None from this report.

Budget and Delivery:	
Estimated cost: £5,000	Budget: Integrated Transport Budget
Expected delivery: To be confirmed but to be completed no later than April 2019.	

Background and Information

- 1 Ward members outlined concerns relating to parking issues and traffic congestion on Clifton Rd, Heronslee and Hitchin Road, Shefford requesting double yellow lines.
- 2 The proposed scheme is designed to curb indiscriminate parking and improve visibility and reduce congestion by allowing passing areas for traffic using Clifton Road, Heronslee and Hitchin Road. It will also help ensure unobstructed passage for buses, service vehicles and emergency services.

The Scheme Proposal

- 3 This scheme proposal comprises 'No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) on sections of Clifton Rd, Heronslee and Hitchin Road, Shefford. Details of the proposal including a layout plan are provided in Appendices A and B. In addition, to recommend a new bus stop box marking outside no.5 Clifton Road to assist local buses to pick up and set down passengers, in a safe manner.

Statutory Consultation

- 4 The proposal was advertised by Public Notice on the 9th March 2018. Consultations were carried out with the emergency services, other statutory bodies and Shefford Ward Members.
- 5 Local residents were advised of the proposal by letter and Public Notices were posted on Clifton Rd, Heronslee, Hitchin Road, Shefford.

Representations

- 6 A total of 12 representations were received in response to scheme proposal. Of these, 3 expressed support for the proposal, 6 queried the extents and 2 raised an objection. The salient points raised in the responses were as follows:
 - a) That the requirement for the extent of the waiting restriction is unproved.
 - b) That the restrictions should be extended to cover other sections of Clifton Road and Victoria Road.
 - c) That additional measures will be needed e.g. H bars to ensure driveways are not obstructed by parked vehicles.
 - d) That the need to remove kerbside parking space from Clifton Road has not been adequately evidenced and will result in parking demand being displaced.
 - e) That the provision of designated parking bays on Clifton Road will create conflicts and generate congestion.
 - f) That the scheme will be ineffective unless adequately enforced.
 - g) That additional measures are needed to deter vehicles from queuing across junction specifically Victoria Road.
 - h) That the positioning of designated parking bays introduces conflict for vehicles when entering/leaving driveways and garages.
- 11 Copies of individual responses are provided in Appendix C.

Officer Response

- 8 The CBC Highways Officers' response to issues of concern is as follows:
- a) There is sufficient evidence of indiscriminate parking on Clifton Road, Heronslee and Hitchin Road to justify waiting restrictions on those sections where, by nature of the road geometry and limited width, sight lines and traffic flows are impaired.
 - b) The risk of parking displacement onto surrounding uncontrolled sections of road is acknowledged and the situation will be monitored following the scheme's implementation. If required we will consider further parking restrictions as part of a wider area scheme for Shefford.
 - c) We will consider placing H markings across dropped kerbs if requested by a resident if the new double yellow lines are directly affecting them.
 - d) Once the new double yellow lines are introduced it will be on our enforcement list and will have regular visits by our CEOs.
 - e) Double Yellow Lines are proposed on key sections of road to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety.
 - f) Advisory parking bays are proposed and will be marked out to allow level of parking and in combination with the yellow lines should provide sufficient 'Passing Gap' areas for general traffic. The proposed road layout should ensure road speeds are kept low, allowing safe passage at peak traffic times.
 - g) As the number of vehicles entering and leaving Victoria Road is low, (as Victoria Road is in effect a Cul-De-sac) and we did not observe vehicles having issues with vehicles across its junction. Therefore, we do not see the need for keep clear markings at its junction.

Conclusion

- 9 This proposal has support and recommendation is to implement the proposed double yellow lines, and new bus stop box marking.

Appendices:

- Appendix A – Public notices of proposals
- Appendix B – Scheme consultation drawing
- Appendix C – Representations

PUBLIC NOTICE

**CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE
'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' ON CLIFTON ROAD, HERONSLEE AND HITCHIN ROAD
SHEFFORD**

Reason for proposal: The restrictions are intended to address indiscriminate parking on Clifton Road, Heronslee and Hitchin Road in the interest of road safety and maintaining vehicular access, including for emergency vehicles. The restriction will ensure that junctions and other accesses are not obstructed by parked vehicles.

Effect of the Order:

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

Heronslee, Shefford: -

- (i) Outside no.51 Heronslee, at its junction with Southbridge Street, 12m in a northwards direction and 12m in a south westwards direction.
- (ii) Outside no.1 Heronslee, at its junction with Clifton Road, 12m in a northwards direction and 12m in a north eastwards direction.

Clifton Road, Shefford: -

- (iii) The northern side - from the western flank wall of no.27 Clifton Road to eastern flank wall of no.55 Clifton Road.
- (iv) From the eastern flank wall of no.63 Clifton Road in to eastern flank wall of no.75 Clifton Road.
- (v) From the western flank wall of no.3 Clifton Road 5m in eastwards direction to eastern flank wall of no.3 Clifton Road.
- (vi) From the western flank wall of no.12 Clifton Road 6m in eastwards direction to eastern flank wall of no.12 Clifton Road.
- (vii) From the western flank wall of no.87 Clifton Road 5m in an eastwards direction.
- (viii) The southern side – the western flank wall of no.24 Clifton road south eastwards direction to the western flank wall of no.26 Clifton Rd.
- (ix) From the eastern flank of no.38 Clifton Road in a westerly direction to the opposite of western flank of no.71 Clifton Road.
- (x) From the eastern flank wall of no.32, 17m in a westerly direction.
- (xi) From the eastern flank wall of no.22, 20m in an eastern direction.

Hitchin Road, Shefford: –

- (xii) From the eastern flank of no.2 Hitchin Road 22m in a westerly direction.

Further Details may be examined during normal office hours at the address shown below, viewed online at 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 by 4 April 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 201*”

Central Bedfordshire Council
Priory House
Chicksands
Shefford SG17 5TQ
9 March 2018

Marcel Coiffait
Director of Community Services

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA No.49)

(WAITING RESTRICTION) ORDER 2018*

Clifton Road, Heronslee and Hitchin Road, Shefford

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Central Bedfordshire Council under the powers conferred by Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act of 1984"), as amended, and of all other enabling powers after consultation with the Chief officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order.

1. The general effects of this Order will be to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on the lengths of the roads detailed in the Schedule to this Notice.
2. A copy of the draft Order, a plan identifying the area affected by the draft Order and the Council's Statement of Reasons for making the Order can be inspected during the Council's office hours.
3. Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order should send a statement in writing with their objections and the grounds thereof to the address above:
4. To add 'No Waiting At Any Time' on Clifton Road, Heronslee and Hitchin Road : -

SCHEDULE

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Statement of Reasons

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Appendix B

Drawing



KEY:	
	Double Yellow Lines
	Parking Place
	Bus Cage

Appendix C

1 Good Morning To Whom it may concern, My details: [REDACTED] Clifton Road, Shefford Bedfordshire, [REDACTED].

I am emailing with regard to the proposed parking changes planned for Clifton Road, Heronslee and Hitchin Road. I do agree with the attached proposal which will hopefully ease congestion but have serious health and safety concerns regarding the impact of pushing street parking further up along Clifton Road, and the repercussions of safely pulling out of our property onto the main road. There are frequently vehicles parked outside our property. On occasions, when vehicles are parked either side of our drive, this seriously hinders visibility of oncoming traffic and as vehicles often speed up as they leave the mini roundabout simply pulling out onto Clifton Road can be very dangerous. I am concerned that this occasional inconsiderate parking will become a permanent fixture. Factors to consider:

- Small length of kerb stone between numbers 91 and 93 which is really too small for a vehicle but due to the presence of a kerb stone this space does get used which partially blocks both driveways which makes it dangerous when pulling into or exiting Clifton Road without making contact with the parked cars or vehicles travelling on the road.
- Due to the shortage of parking space the kerb space between 93 and 95 has 3 cars occasionally parked within this space which also leads to overhang on the dropped kerb for these 2 properties. Proposed resolution would be to have a H Bar marked outside of my residence ([REDACTED]) which would reduce the parking space on both sides and so reduce the chances of accidents when exiting and arriving at my property. I look forward to hearing back from you. Kind regards [REDACTED]

2 From: [REDACTED] Date: 3 April 2018 at 13:51:17 BST

To: public.consultation@centralbedfordshirecouncil.gov.uk

Cc: Marcel.Coiffait@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk, nadine.dorries.mp@parliament.uk

Subject: Proposed no waiting time Hitchin Road, herons Lee and Hitchin Road

Dear sirs , I have just been made aware of this notice I have been i dialogue with the council for over 2 years about parking on Victoria Road and how it blocks the access to my drive. The proposed no waiting sanctions have complete disregard for the residents of Victoria Road and will indeed push more vehicles to park here. This is just moving the problem and will create yet more stress and disputes on Victoria Road. I am already a long way down the road of pursuing a claim and will either be seeking redress via my MP, the Ombudsman or legal challenge.

I don't understand why within the same notice you could not have resolved my issue and reinstated c4 feet of parking restriction across the opposite side of my driveway. So please take this letter as a formal objection of the notice. Please also take this letter as a request to amend the notice to include a parking restriction opposite [REDACTED] Victoria Road to allow access to and from the driveway

I would be grateful for a reply or an audience with someone to discuss directly please

Thank you, [REDACTED]

3 Hi, We received a letter about A ' No waiting at any time' proposed to be sited at Heronslee, Clifton road & Hitchin road, Shefford. GPB/180309.

We do not object to the Double Yellow Lines. Our concern is that we have our operators licence for our lorry, at [REDACTED], Clifton Road. The problem will be pushed further down past our property, which will prevent me from turning right, out of my driveway. Occasionally, people park opposite to the right of my drive, which stops me from turning right. Double yellow lines on both sides would have to be

extended past our property, towards the High street, up to Stephen Hings opticians to prevent this problem. We would be grateful, if you would look into this problem. Yours faithfully, [REDACTED]

4 I am in agreement with the decision to put double yellow lines at the junction of Heronslee and Clifton Road. It has become increasingly difficult to see round the vehicles parked at the junction and there has been several near misses. Regards, [REDACTED]

5 To the Traffic Management Team, I am writing to object to the proposed "No Waiting At Anytime" on Heronslee, Clifton Road and Hitchin Road, Shefford. I am a resident of [REDACTED] Clifton Road and this will affect me negatively. I currently tend to park outside my house but if your proposal goes through I will no longer be able to. This means I will need to cross the busy road with my young child to get to my car whenever I want to drive anywhere. I feel this is dangerous and not something I want to have to do, especially given that there is nowhere safe to cross.

I also object to this proposal because there are many residents who will have nowhere to park and they have to park somewhere. The houses on these roads are mostly over 100 years old and were not designed with parking areas. It is not the fault of residents who own these houses that Shefford has become more busy over the years.

You may suggest parking in Victoria Road or other roads nearby but this will not work because there are not many other roads available and they will soon fill up if you ban this much current parking. There simply will not be enough space for everyone.

Cars have been allow allowed to park on these roads, outside their own homes, for many many years. It makes no sense to me at all that after all this time it would suddenly be allowed to change.

These are the many reasons I object to this proposal. I'm sure many other people feel the same. Too many people will be adversely affected if you go through with this and it will cause chaos in our area. From [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Clifton Road.Tel, [REDACTED].

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From: "Insight Automated Notification (PLEASE DONT REPLY)" <no-reply@symology.co.uk>

Reply-To: John Chandler <John.Chandler@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>

Date: Thursday, 22 March 2018 at 17:20

To: Paul Salmon <Paul.Salmon@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Customer Service Action INVESTIG Recorded on Request 308377

CRNo	00308377
Action code	INVESTIG
Action Due Date/Time	22/03/2018 00:00
Action Description	EL18:Your enquiry has been passed to the appropriate team within our Highways department
Action Initiated by	John Chandler
Address	CLIFTON ROAD
Address 2	SHEFFORD
Location	Outside, a house [REDACTED]
Request Description	Proposed double yellows will make a difficult traffic situation impossible
Request Recorded Date/Time	06/03/2018 13:18
Request Type	O NM - NEW ROAD MARKINGS
Customer Name	[REDACTED]
Customer Telephone Number	
Customer E-mail	[REDACTED]

7 Dear [REDACTED], Many thanks for your email. We have noted your comment and would review all responses after the consultation period. Kind Regards

8 From: [REDACTED], Date: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 at 09:22, To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Special enforcement Area 49 Order 201

My main concerns are parking his tonight round here. We have people parking in Victoria Road work round here. Also because there is in adequate parking in Olivers court they are looking for parking spaces elsewhere. I am a carer for my wife and sometimes find it stressful game parked now. And like I've already pointed out that only two bays outside the house it will be a rarity if I'll get parked there. Yours sincerely, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Clifton Road

9 From: [REDACTED], Reply-To: [REDACTED], Date: Wednesday, 14 March 2018 at 13:27

To: Traffic Consultation, Subject: No waiting at any time, Clifton Road, Heronslee and Hitchin Road.

Dear Sir/Madam, this is more of a statement than an objection to the above mentioned proposal, as I fully understand the reasons why (finally after seven years) the proposal is being made. I have lived at number [REDACTED] Heronslee for just over seven years since the estate was built. We, as residents, have asked from the beginning to have double yellow lines at the entrance to Heronslee purely from a safety aspect, as it is so dangerous to see what is on the main road, when either entering or exiting, when cars are parked in that area opposite numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. However, the cars parked in that area were never residents of the estate and often people who lived on Southbridge Street who didn't have driveways for access or garages too small for modern sized cars. Guess where these car owners will park their cars now when this proposal comes into force? Probably outside my house, along with every dog walker and fishing enthusiast who is too lazy to park elsewhere. As I have already mentioned, this is not an objection as I am aware that I wouldn't have a leg to stand on, but perhaps if it had been implemented years ago we would have already sorted out the inevitable 'huffing and puffing', that is going to occur with inconsiderate parkers, when I was much younger and able to put up a better fight...! Oh the joys of modern day living where every household now has to have a minimum of two (but often more) cars. Perhaps I'd better think about moving, which would be a shame because it's so nice around here. Thanks for listening and letting me moan.

With kind regards. [REDACTED]

10 Dear Sir / Madam, I am the owner of [REDACTED] Clifton Road, Shefford and fully support the 'No Waiting at any time' restrictions which you are proposing to put in place. Having lived in Shefford for many years, the traffic and congestion on Clifton Road and via the mini roundabout at the Woolpack has gradually got worse and we often find ourselves grid locked just trying to get past the silly amount of parked cars and completely inconsiderate parking by most people. This is also dreadful during 7:45 and 8:15 on weekday mornings as the buses and cars attempt to get through to access the school. However, I do have some questions please that I'd like someone to answer for me if possible. Can you please clarify for me:

- Will there be actual spaces marked out for a certain number of parked cars on Clifton Road or will the whole road be double yellow lines? From the drawing it looks as if there will be spaces marked out but unfortunately as a resident who lives here and sees this road at all times, I do not think this will help the situation as the problem is the number of parked cars, which already only park on one side (most of the time) I'm still not sure how this will help with congestion? Where you have marked out spaces is where people park already so not sure how this going to make the situation any better?

- How will this be policed? Will someone be checking for parking on the double yellow and issuing tickets?

- At the same time of doing the double yellows, can I request that you also put yellow criss cross hatched grid on the entrance to Victoria Road? Unfortunately many people block the entrance to Victoria Road whilst waiting to get past the parked vehicles and if we are trying to get in the road via the main road, this causes a huge amount of congestion and it becomes grid locked....

- When are you proposing to do this?

Thank you, [REDACTED], Owner, [REDACTED] Clifton Road, Shefford

11 Dear [REDACTED], Thank you for your email. Kind Regards

Traffic Management Team, Community Services Central Bedfordshire Council Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ On 13/03/2018, 19:26, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I live at [REDACTED] Clifton road and support this proposal whole heartly. My husband is disabled and I gave many problems with access to and from my property. We have had to call an ambulance in a number of occasions and it is always s concern how they will access our property with vehicles sometimes parked on the speed hump and overlapping our dropped kerb. This is normally from visitors to neighbouring properties. We cannot afford to have access blocked which will stop emergency help to my husband.

I know this has been opposed in the past but it is really causing a risk to life because of parking. It is also incredible dangerous as I have poor visibility leaving the property and often have my 10 year old in the car.

Kindest regards [REDACTED] Clifton road

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Dear Sir,

We refer to your communication dated 9th March 2018, regarding the introduction of "No Waiting Restriction At Any Time (24 hours)" on Heronslee, Clifton Road and Hitchin Road, Shefford. We were initially delighted at this development, but this turned to great disappointment when we looked at the drawing of the proposed layout and noted the inclusion of 2 parking places directly opposite the already restricted exit from our garage.

It is already extremely difficult to get in and out of our garage onto the road as cars are often parked nearby. However, it will become even more so with 2 designated parking places which appear from the drawing to be directly opposite our garage access. Access will also be made more difficult for our neighbours at no. 36, no.87 and everyone trying to exit Oliver's Court. In fact, it has the potential to become very dangerous as visibility will be restricted by the parked cars on what is generally a very busy road where the speed limit is rarely observed.

The siting of the 2 parking places opposite our garage and the 3 outside nos. [REDACTED] Oliver's Court are going to reduce visibility to dangerous levels. Also, the proposed parking places are situated on the narrowest part of Clifton Road, close to a busy roundabout. Accidents will be inevitable. Why not re-plan the parking places further down Clifton Road towards Clifton where the road is much wider?

Yours faithfully,