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**Meeting:** Traffic Management Meeting  
**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
**Subject:** Revision of parking restrictions – Bull Pond Lane, Hawthorn Close & Langdale Road, Dunstable.  
**Report of:** Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways  
**Summary:** This report seeks the approval of the Executive Member for Community Services to changes in the waiting restrictions on Bull Pond Lane, Hawthorn Close and Langdale Road, Dunstable.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction in Bull Pond Lane and Hawthorn Close and No Waiting Mon to Fri 8.00 – 9.30 & 2.30 – 4.30 in Langdale Road implemented as published.

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Public/Exempt: Public  
Wards Affected: Dunstable Watling  
Function of: Council

**CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

**Council Priorities:**

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

- B – Reduce the impact of commuting trips on local communities
- C – Increase the number of children travelling to school by sustainable modes of transport
- J - Reduce the risk of people being killed or seriously injured.

**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: March/April 2019	

**Background and Information**

1. These proposals were brought forward in response to parking issues during the morning and afternoon school run period in the vicinity of Queensbury Academy in Langdale Road and Watling Lower School in Bull Pond Lane.
2. The proposals for Bull Pond Lane are planned in conjunction with a wider scheme with the objective of improving safety outside schools.
3. The proposals for Langdale have been designed to better align with morning pick up and drop off times. These changed when the school became an Academy.

**Proposals**

1. The proposal is:

**To revoke the existing No Waiting restrictions; Mon to Friday 8.15 – 9.15 & 3.15 – 4.15 and replace with No Waiting, Mon to Fri 8.00 – 9.30 & 2.30 – 4.30 on:**

- a. Langdale Road, north-east side, from a point approximately 7metres north-west of the property boundary 162 Langdale Road in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 7m east of western property boundary 130 Langdale Road.

**To revoke existing No Waiting restrictions Mon - Fri 10am – 11am replace with No Waiting At Any Time on:**

- a. Bull Pond Lane, south western side, from approximately 1m south east of the projected boundary of 36 Bull Pond Lane in a north westerly direction for approximately 57m, and extending approximately 3m north west of the boundary of number 32 Bull Pond Lane.

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- b. Bull Pond Lane, north eastern side, from the south-eastern boundary of 23 Hawthorn Close extending for approximately 112m in a in a north westerly to approximately 8.5m south east of the boundary of 33 Bull Pond Lane.

**To revoke existing No Waiting restrictions Mon – Fri 8am – 9am & 3pm – 4pm and replace with No Waiting At Any Time on:**

- c. Hawthorn Close, north western side, from the junction with Bull Pond Lane extending for approximately 11.5m in a northerly direction.

4. The proposal was formally advertised by Public Notice in May 2018. Consultations were carried out with the Emergency Services and other statutory bodies, Ward members and the Town Council. Residents located in close proximity to the proposed restrictions were individually consulted by letter. A copy of the Notice displayed on site is available in Appendix A. A Copy of the letter to residents is provided at Appendix B.

## **Representations**

5. Two representations were received in respect of the proposal for Bull Pond Land/Hawthorn Close. A single representation was made for the proposal for Langdale Road. The Police raised no objections to any of the proposals. A copy of each representation is provided at Appendix C.
6. *Queries and objections for Bull Pond Lane/Hawthorn Close concerned:*
  - a. The lack of enforcement of existing restrictions.
  - b. The lack of parking for resident's visitors.
  - c. The impact on speeds outside of the school once the restrictions are in place.
7. *Officers response to these are as follows:*
  - a. Enforcement is a matter for the Parking Team, who have been asked to prioritise schools.
  - b. Residents within the area have off-street parking. The proposals are for no waiting within the vicinity of the school gate. Other restrictions in the area remain unchanged.
  - c. These proposals are brought forward as part of a key priority for the Council, namely to improve 'Safety outside Schools'. One way of achieving this is to restrict parking in the area of the school gate through the use of School Keep Clear Markings and waiting restrictions. Amendments to School Keep Clear markings forms part of a parallel improvement scheme to ensure these are compliant with latest guidance. However, the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' is proposed on the grounds of safety and improving visibility for vulnerable road users when accessing the school on foot. It remains a key priority for Central Bedfordshire Council to improve safety for pedestrians and encourage other sustainable modes of transport including walking and cycling.
8. *Queries for Langdale Road:*
  - a. The current restrictions are appropriate and are not enforced currently.

9. Officers' Response:

- a. Existing restrictions are not fully in accord with the students' arrival times. Current restrictions are from 8.15am. However, the Academy now opens at 8am. In the afternoon children finish at 3 and 4.15pm therefore the proposed restrictions will restrict waiting at these times, as they are in force until 4.40pm. Enforcement is carried out by the parking team within CBC and have been instructed to prioritise locations with known school-run related issues.

**Conclusion**

10. That the proposals will bring benefits in terms of safety and should be implemented as published.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Public Notice

Appendix B – Copy of letter to those affected by proposals

Appendix C – Representations

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## **CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO REVISE WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN BULL POND LANE, HAWTHORN CLOSE AND LANGDALE ROAD, DUNSTABLE**

### Reason for proposal:

- (1) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic and/or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising
- (2) For facilitating the passage of traffic on the road
- (3) Prevent vehicles parking across property access

### Effect of the Order:

2. **To revoke the existing No Waiting restrictions; Mon to Friday 8.15 – 9.15 & 3.15 – 4.15 and replace with No Waiting, Mon to Fri 8.00 – 9.30 & 2.30 – 4.30 on:**
  - b. Langdale Road, north-east side, from a point approximately 7metres north-west of the property boundary 162 Langdale Road in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 7m east of western property boundary 130 Langdale Road.
3. **To revoke existing No Waiting restrictions Mon - Fri 10am – 11am replace with No Waiting At Any Time on:**
  - d. Bull Pond Lane, south western side, from approximately 1m south east of the projected boundary of 36 Bull Pond Lane in a north westerly direction for approximately 57m, and extending approximately 3m north west of the boundary of number 32 Bull Pond Lane.
4. **To revoke existing No Waiting restrictions Mon - Fri 8am – 9am, Mon – Fri 2pm – 3pm & Mon – Fri 3pm – 4pm and replace with No Waiting At Any Time on:**
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  - f. Hawthorn Close, north western side, from the junction with Bull Pond Lane extending for approximately 11.5m in a northerly direction.

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) or tel. 0300 300 5003.

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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

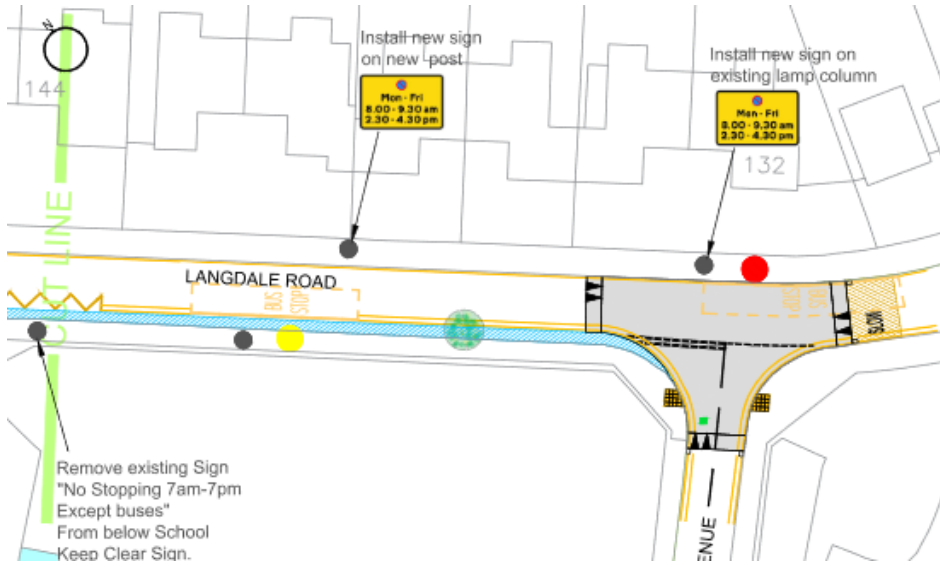
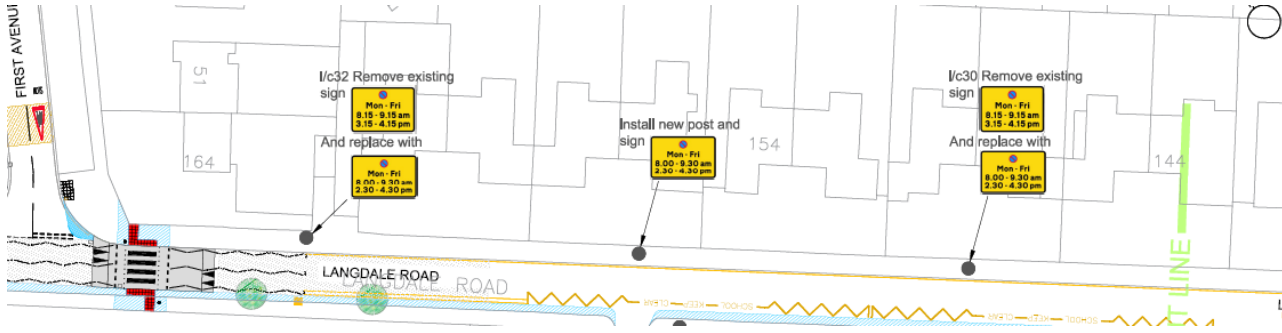
Any objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

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

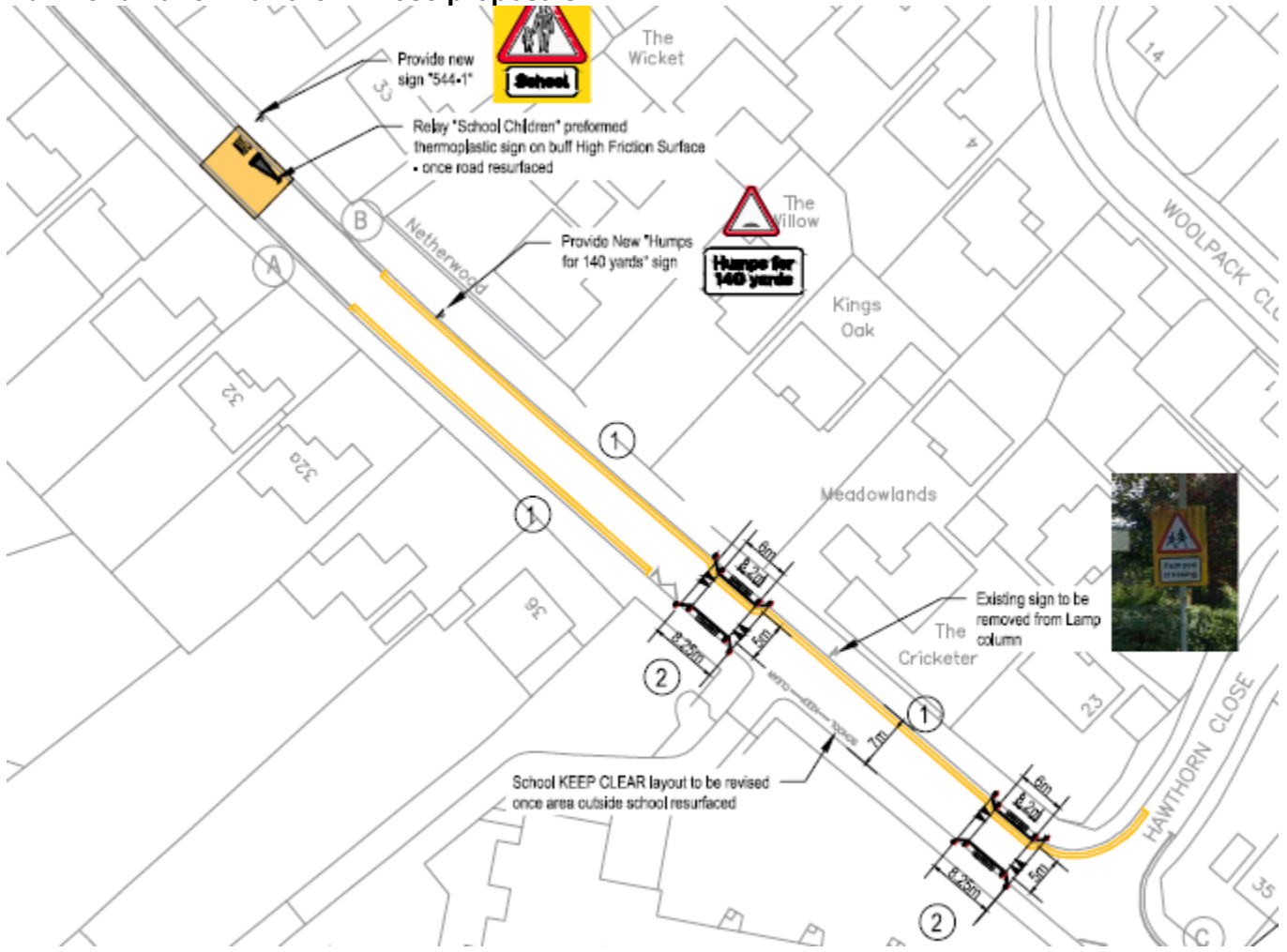
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Priory House  
Chicksands  
Shefford SG17 5TQ

Marcel Coiffait  
Director of Community Services

# Drawing Langdale Road proposals:



# Bull Pond Lane / Hawthorn Close proposals:





**The Property Owner**

Langdale Road  
Dunstable

3/5/2018

Dear Sir or Madam

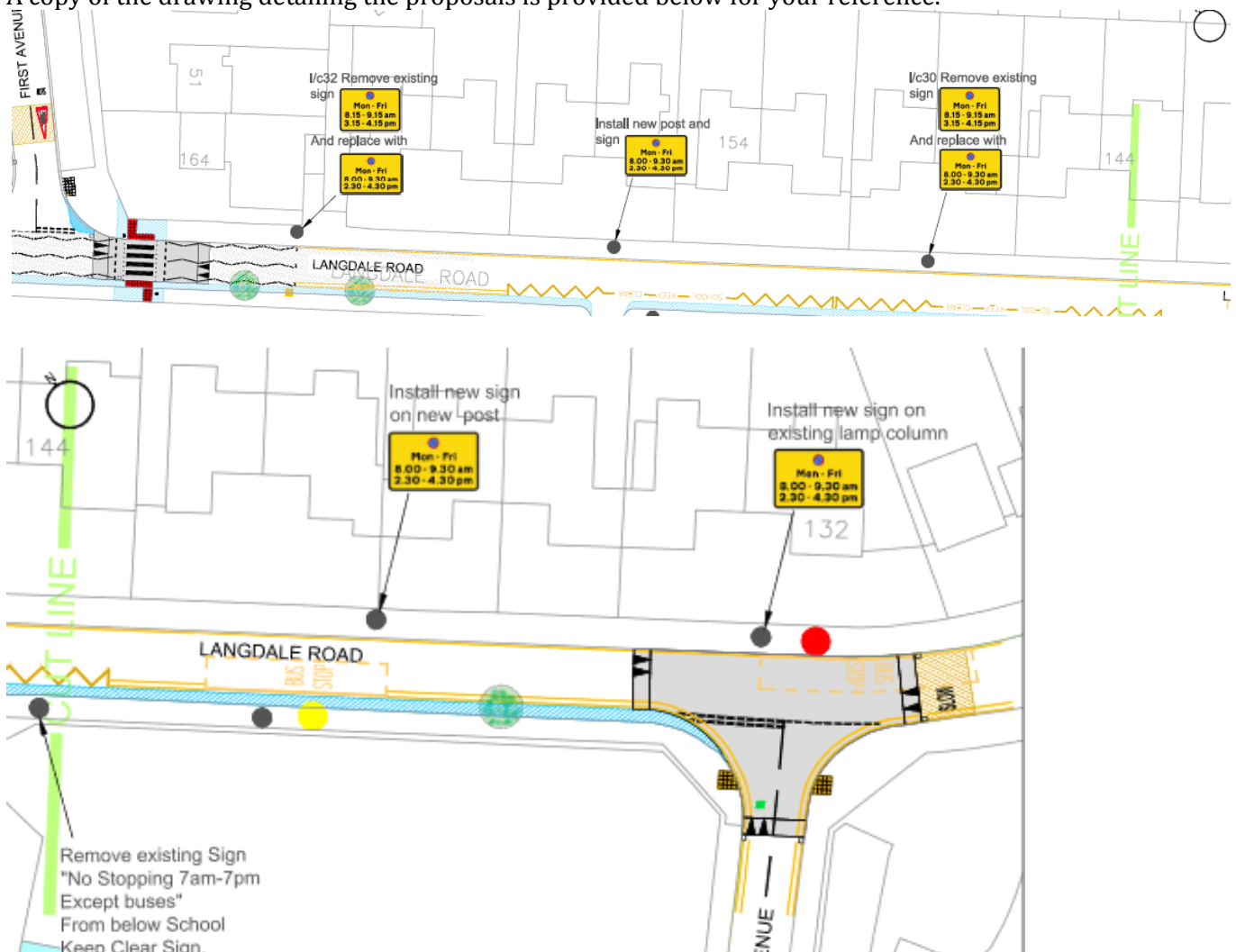
Central Bedfordshire Council will shortly be publishing proposals amendments to a section of waiting restrictions in Langdale Road. Details are below.

**Revisions to waiting restrictions in Langdale Road include:**

- 6. To revoke the existing No Waiting restrictions; Mon to Friday 8.15 – 9.15 & 3.15 – 4.15 and replace with No Waiting, Mon to Fri 8.00 – 9.30 & 2.30 – 4.30 on:

- c. Langdale Road, north-east side, from a point approximately 7metres north-west of the property boundary 162 Langdale Road in a south-easterly direction to a point approximately 7m east of western property boundary 130 Langdale Road.

A copy of the drawing detailing the proposals is provided below for your reference.





A copy of the Public Notice can be viewed on site or at: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/public-statutory/notices.aspx>

We welcome your comments by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and should be sent in writing to: [traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) or by post to the address below.

Yours faithfully

**Central Bedfordshire Council Traffic Management Team**

*Thorn Turn Depot, Thorn Rd, Houghton Regis, Dunstable LU5 6GJ*

**Direct telephone** 0300 300 8049

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**The Property Owner**

Bull Pond Lane  
Dunstable

10/5/2018

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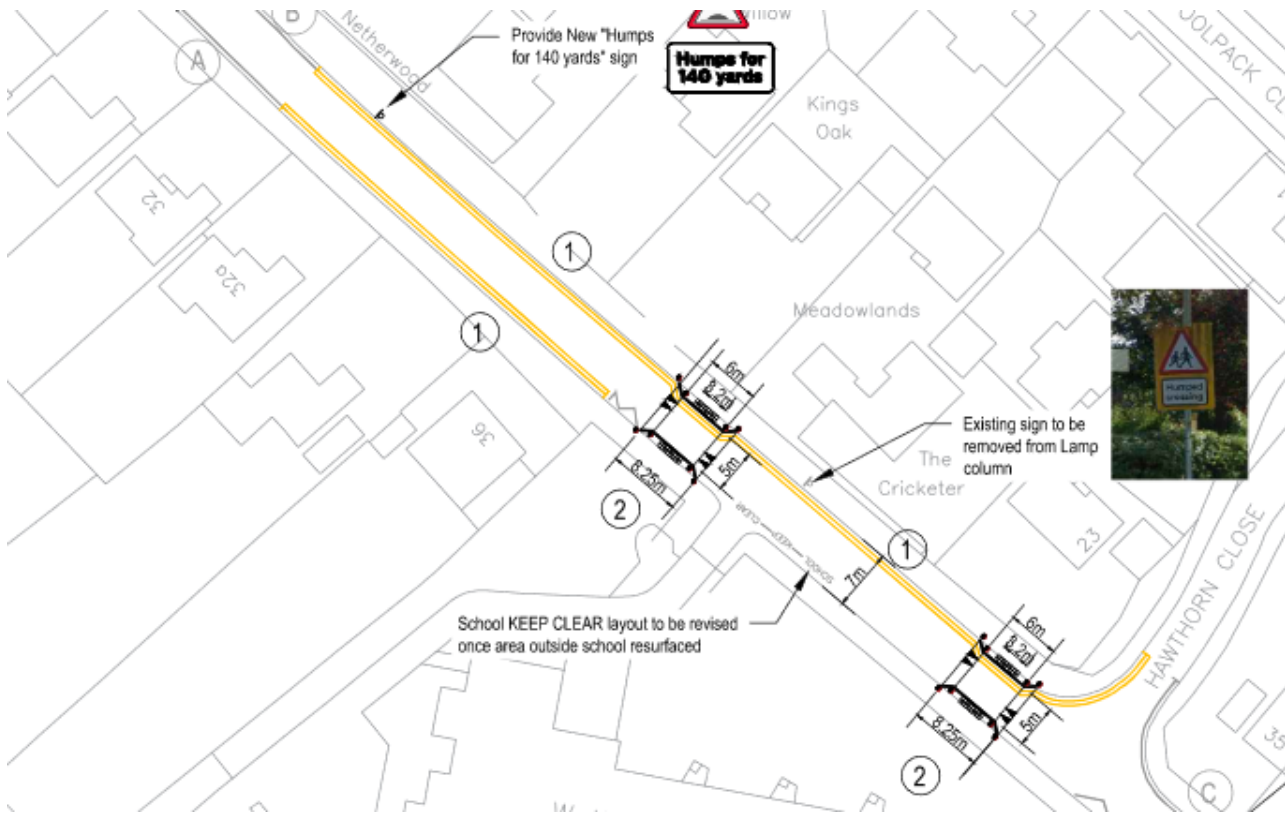
Central Bedfordshire Council will shortly be publishing 2 separate proposals for a number of highway improvement schemes within your area. Details can be viewed on site or at:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/public-statutory/notices.aspx>

These include raised features **and** revisions to waiting restrictions in Bull Pond Lane and a small section of Hawthorn Close and are given below:

1. **A pair of flat top uncontrolled raised crossings at a nominal height of 75mm, extending approximately 8.25m in length and incorporating carriageway narrowing's and extending across the revised road width of 5m, are proposed to be sited at the following locations in Dunstable:-**
  2. Bull Pond Lane, sited approximately 13m south east of the projection of the north western property boundary of 23 Hawthorn Close.
  3. Bull Pond Lane, sited approximately 9m south east of the projection of the south eastern property boundary of 36 Bull Pond Lane.
2. **Revisions to waiting restrictions in: Bull Pond Lane/Hawthorn Close.**
  - g. **To revoke existing No Waiting restrictions Mon - Fri 10am – 11am replace with No Waiting At Any Time on:**
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  - j. Hawthorn Close, north western side, from the junction with Bull Pond Lane extending for approximately 11.5m in a northerly direction.

***Drawings of the proposed features and restrictions in Bull Pond Lane are below:***



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## Appendix C- Representations

### Langdale Road

The present restrictions seem to be adequate to me. Can you please give me the reasons for the change.

More importantly what is being done to stop the vehicles parking illegally opposite the school. At present quite a number of vehicles ignore the restriction signs.

Unless it is more robustly policed by traffic wardens or the police - what you are proposing will just be a waste of money.

I live opposite the school East building and see the problem every day. Particularly the children running across the road to their parents cars.

The whole point of restrictions is to make it safer for everyone, especially the school children.



## Bull Pond Lane/Hawthorn Close

Dear Sirs,

Following receipt of your communication dated 10<sup>th</sup> May '18, received 17<sup>th</sup> May '18, I am writing to contest the requirement for some aspects of the above proposals.

The speed humps, I agree, are required to slow down traffic near to school as the safety of the children is of paramount importance.

I cannot however understand the need to change the current parking restrictions between Hawthorn Close and no. 33 Bull Pond Ln. and from 36 to 32 Bull Pond Ln. to 'No waiting at Any Time'. I appreciate that that during school time, some changes may be necessary, however I'm not aware of any injury incident or near miss in this vicinity due to a problem caused by parked cars. Being an LA governor at Watling School for 6 years and resident in Bull Pond Lane for 15 years I'm sure I would have been aware of such.

Should you wish to revise the parking restrictions to safeguard the children and parents of Watling school I can't argue with that motive however I cannot understand why the residents of and visitors to properties adjacent to these proposals should be severely inconvenienced outside of these hours and at weekends.

In recognition of this potential inconvenience to my neighbours and myself I am requesting that this decision be reconsidered and amended to something more appropriate.

There is also an issue with speeding cars in this area and it's my understanding, as a qualified highway engineer, that parked cars can reduce vehicle speeds, I'm afraid that your proposals would have the reverse effect. |

Clearly there are other reasons for the 'No waiting at Any Time' being implemented which isn't related to the safety school children, I would be pleased if you send me a communication to advise me of these reasons along with any evidence you have that support this requirement.

Yours faithfully,



Forward to Andrew Selous M.P.

Hi

I live on Bullpond lane [REDACTED] where the parking restriction changes are planned to happen. I'm in support of the crossing points and speed humps that are being suggested/planned as this is a great idea. However I ask you to reconsider the double yellow lines that are part of the planned changes. There are little / to no parked cars on that part of the road outside of school drop off/ pickup times. For which there are already waiting restrictions in place just not enforced to any degree that would or does dissuade people parking there within the restricted times. As the restrictions are in place already to combat that, the only people to suffer from the planned parking restrictions are residents that may need visitors to park on the road outside of the school drop off/ pickup times. Maybe Zig Zag (already in place on the opposite side) between the crossing points so that parking restrictions are in place during school hours would be better leaving residents free to park on the road outside of school hours. I also believe that a campaign of enforcing the current restrictions would see an improvement for the safety of children going to and coming from school. Parking enforcement cameras placed in the school grounds could also assist with the enforcement, saving the labour intensive effort of sending an enforcement officer.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]