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**Meeting:** Traffic Management Meeting  
**Date:** 11 April 2018  
**Subject:** Willow Rise, Sandy – outcome of the recent informal parking consultation  
**Report of:** Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways

**Summary:** Report to the Executive Member for Community Services on the results of an informal consultation on extending waiting restrictions in Willow Rise, Sandy.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the extent of the current waiting restrictions in Willow Rise remains unchanged until such time as the authority is ready to introduce a wider parking scheme for Sandy.

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**Public/Exempt:** Public  
**Wards Affected:** Sandy  
**Function of:** Council

<b>CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS</b>
<p><b>Council Priorities:</b> The proposals will improve road safety, traffic management and the amenity in the affected road.</p> <p><b>Financial:</b> This scheme will be funded by the Integrated Transport Capital Works budget 2017/18.</p> <p><b>Legal:</b> None from this report.</p> <p><b>Risk Management:</b> None from this report.</p> <p><b>Staffing (including Trades Unions):</b></p>

None from this report.

**Equalities/Human Rights:**

None from this report.

**Community Safety:**

None from this report.

**Sustainability:**

None from this report.

## **Background and Information**

1. Central Bedfordshire Council received a request from the Ward Councillor to review parking restrictions in Willow Rise Sandy in response to representations from residents. The road is in close proximity to the Network Rail East Coast Mainline railway station. The section of the road that is not covered by a restriction is regularly parked by commuters.
2. In response to the request, Central Bedfordshire Council informally consulted residents on a proposal to extend the current parking restrictions to cover the full length of the cul-de-sac. Residents were consulted in February 2018. A copy of the letter and associated drawing are provided at Appendix A.

## **Representations**

3. A total of 11 representations were received from the 27 addresses. The response shows there is no settled opinion amongst residents and is summarised at Appendix B.

## **Conclusion**

4. It is proposed that any future proposal for changes to waiting restrictions in Willow Rise Sandy should be considered only as part of a wider-area scheme. Such a scheme to have the objective of addressing commuter parking pressures in an integrated manner.

## **Appendices**

A – Residents Letter

B – Collated Responses

## Appendix A: Residents Letter



29/11/2017

*Important information about parking in your road*

**Proposed Extension of no parking/waiting restrictions in Willow Rise, Sandy**

Dear Sir or Madam

Central Bedfordshire Council have received concerns about parking throughout the cul de sac by commuters and so, are proposing to extend the current parking restrictions to cover the whole of Willow Rise.

This would mean no parking/waiting between 10am – 12 noon on the northern side (even numbers) and between 2pm – 4pm on the southern side (odd numbers). A location plan is attached overleaf for your reference which shows the approximate layout of the proposals.

I would be grateful if you could let me have your views, preferably in writing, either by e-mail to [traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) or by letter to the address below. It would be appreciated if you could let me have your views by 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of Marcel Coiffait  
Director of Community Services

**Current:**

10am – 12 noon  
From bell mouth to side of number 2

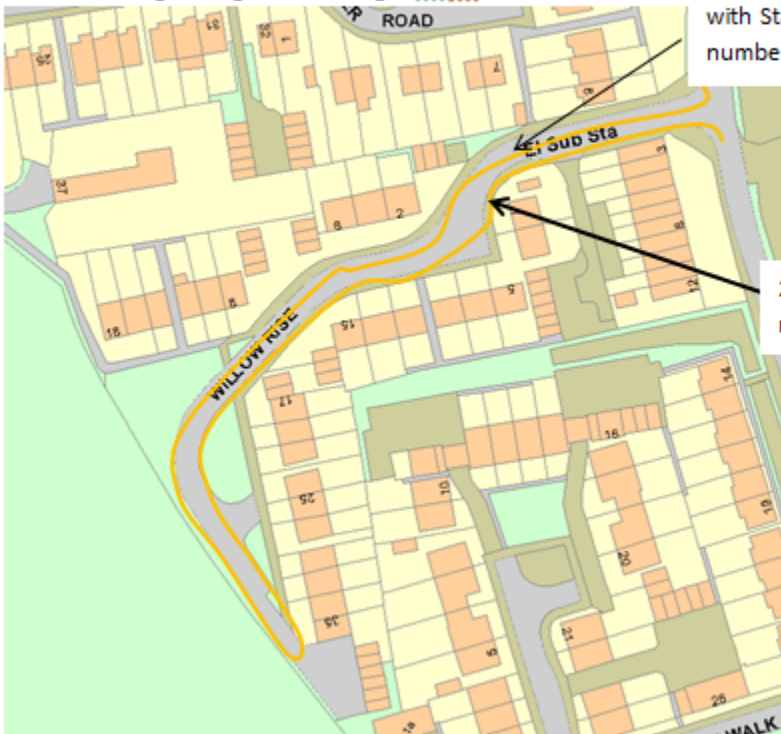


2 – 4pm  
From bell mouth to rear of number 3.

**Proposed:**

Extend existing throughout full length of cul de sac as below.

10am – 12noon from junction with Station Road to opposite number 35



2pm – 4pm from junction to outside number 35

Appendix B:

Willow Rise,Sandy			Request Permits
In support	Not in support	Reasons/notes	
1		in Support	
	1	I have noted for the last 3 weeks the parking of commuters in this road I have also taken pictures, for the last 3 weeks I have noted no more than 3 cars that do not belong to residents. I do not feel this warrants any extension on the parking restriction.	
		Although I strongly agree that the inconsiderate commuter parking needs to be controlled (eliminated), I do feel that extending the current parking restrictions to the whole of Willow Rise, will cause residents an even bigger problem. I would prefer to see a residents permit	1
		it doesn't mention how this will affect resident parking. My partner and I both work shift so could quite often be parked during the times suggested, we obviously dont want to be penalised for parking outside our own house, will there be some sort of residents permit?	1
	1	As a 20+ year resident of willow rise i would like to formally object to the proposal	
1		In support but with numerous questions- above verge parking and some residents do not have anywhere to park at present.	
		Personally I think resident parking permits would be better as we all have more than one car and need to park on the road during the day	1
	1	I would prefer a full roll out of permits to be honest even if we were expected to fund the scheme	
	1	While we are unhappy about commuters parking in Willow Rise, we are not persuaded that the proposed extension of parking restrictions will improve the situation for residents.	
		The answer was easy and still is. PARKING PERMITS	1
1		Happy 100% to support your proposal .	
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