
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting

Date: 11 April 2018

Subject: Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre Car Park, Mentmore Road
Leighton Buzzard – proposal to make an Off-Street Parking
Places Variation Order

Report of: Paul Mason, Assistant Director Highways

Summary: This report informs the Executive Member for Community Services that the proposal to introduce a 3-hour time limit on parking within the Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre car park off Mentmore Road Leighton Buzzard attracted no objections.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the proposal to introduce a 3-hour time limit on parking within the Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre car park off Mentmore Road Leighton Buzzard be implemented as published.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Linslade

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS
<p>Council Priorities: The proposal supports the following Local Transport Plan objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (B) Reduce the impact of commuting trips on local communities.• (F) Ensure access to a range of leisure, cultural and tourism facilities for residents and visitors alike by a range of modes of transport. <p>Financial: The costs of this scheme will be met from the Leisure Services budget.</p> <p>Legal: None from this report.</p> <p>Risk Management: None from this report.</p>

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.

Budget and Delivery:	
Estimated cost to CBC: £2,500	Budget: n/a
Expected delivery: subject to agreement but no later than March 2019.	

Background and Information

1. This proposal was introduced to address the issue of commuters using the Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre car park.
2. The proposal was formally advertised by Public Notice in February 2018. Consultations were carried out with the emergency services and other statutory bodies, Ward members and Leighton-Linslade Town Council. Copies of the Public Notice, reproduced at Appendix A, were posted on street.

Representations

3. Two comments were received in response to the advertised proposal, copies of which are provided at Appendix B. Both raise a concern that a 3-hour limit could inconvenience leisure centre users.

Officer comments

4. The concern regarding a 3-hour time limit is not considered a major issue by the onsite management team. Classes are typically 60 minutes in duration. Back-to-back sessions would therefore leave ample time for participants to shower and change.

Appendices:

A – Public notice, draft order and proposal drawing.

B – Comments



PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO MAKE AN OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES VARIATION ORDER RELATING TO TIDDENFOOT LEISURE CENTRE, MENTMORE ROAD, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Reason for Variation Order: The proposed Variation Order is considered necessary in the general interests of relieving and preventing congestion of traffic. More specifically, it is related to the provision and regulation of off-street car parking facilities in Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre, Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard.

Effect of the Order:

To amend the Central Bedfordshire Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2011 as follows:-

- To add the Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre Car Park, Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard to the Order.
- To allocate car parking spaces within the car park in which the duration of parking will be limited to 3 hours, with no return within 1 hour, between 8am and 6pm. These timed restrictions will apply on weekdays only. There will be no cost to park during those hours. Outside of the specified hours, parking will be unrestricted.
- To allocate disabled blue badge-holder parking spaces within the car park in which the duration of parking will be limited to 3 hours, with no return within 1 hour, between 8am and 6pm. These timed restrictions will apply on weekdays only. There will be no cost to park during those hours. Outside of the specified hours, parking will be unrestricted.

Further Details may be examined during normal office hours at the address shown below, viewed online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices or tel. 0300 300 4866.

Comments should be sent in writing to the Traffic Management team at the address below or e-mail traffic.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by 16 March 2018. Any objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

Order Title If made will be "Central Bedfordshire Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation) Order 201*"

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Marcel Coiffait
Director of Community Services

20 February 2018

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (VARIATION) ORDER 201*

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL in exercise of their powers under Sections 6, 32, 33, 35, 35A and 35C and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police for the County of Bedfordshire in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby direct as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as “Central Bedfordshire Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation) Order 201*” and shall come into operation on the xxth day of (month) 201*.
2. As from the date upon which this Order comes into operation, the provisions of the “Central Bedfordshire Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2011” shall be varied as follows:-
 - (i) Add the following to Article 2. (a):-

“employee permit” means a permit issued by or on behalf of the Leisure Centre Operator pursuant to the provisions of Article 9.(k)”;
 - (ii) Add the following to Article 9:-

“9. (k) Any person whose normal place of work is Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre may be issued with a employee parking permit by the contracted leisure centre operator with the consent of the Council in respect of that vehicle. The permit will be issued in the name of the applicant for their use only on a specified vehicle and there is a limit of one permit per employee. Such a permit shall allow the vehicle to be left in the car park for an unlimited period of time during those periods when a time limit on parking is in operation.”
 - (iii) Add the following to the List of Schedules:-

Schedule 7 – Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre Car Park, Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard

1 Parking place(s)	2 Class(es) of vehicle permitted to wait	3 Position(s) in which a vehicle must wait	4 Days and hours of operation of parking place(s)	5 Maximum period for which a vehicle may wait	6 Controlled hours and scale of charges
<p>Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre Car Park, Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard</p> <p>(see plan L02-016)</p>	<p>a) Motor cars, the overall height of which does not exceed 2.1 metres</p> <p>b) Motor cycles</p>	<p>Wholly within a marked bay, subject to the provisions of Article 3(b)</p>	<p>All days</p> <p>All hours</p>	<p>Three hours with no return within one hour except for employee permit holders.</p> <p>No parking is permitted at any time on double yellow lines. (Article 3(g))</p>	<p>8am to 6pm on weekdays days only.</p> <p>£nil for 3 hours, after which period penalty charges will apply, except for employee permit holders</p>

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Central Bedfordshire Council
this xxth day of (month) 201*

THE COMMON SEAL of THE)
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL)
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:)

Signed

Statement of Reasons

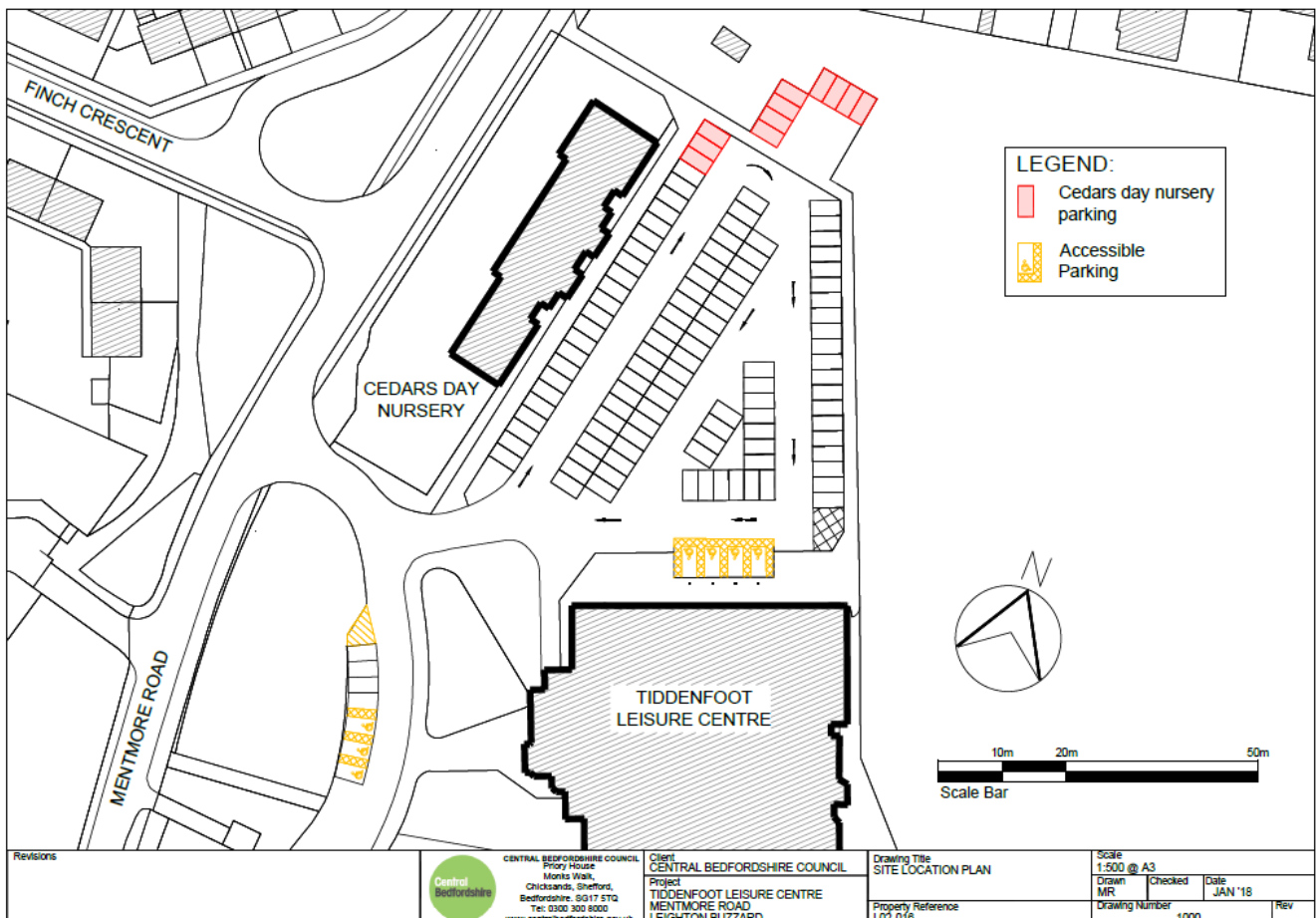
The proposed Variation Order is considered necessary in the general interests of relieving and preventing congestion of traffic. More specifically, it is related to the provision and regulation of off-street car parking facilities at Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre, Leighton Buzzard.

Within the Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre car park there are designated parking areas for general use. The use of these spaces will be limited for up to 3 hours between the hours of 8am and 6pm on all days. This is to ensure a regular turnover of parking and prevent use of the car park by commuters. Employee permit holders will be able to use these spaces without time limit or penalty.

Disabled blue badge holders and employees of the Cedars Day Nursery will be able to park in spaces designated for their use as shown on the attached plan L02-016.

The Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre car park and conditions of use will be added to the Central Bedfordshire Council Off-Street Parking Places Order 2011 which regulates all Council-run off-road car parks in its administrative area.

Further details can be found on the attached draft Off-Street Parking Places Variation Order, Public Notice and Plan L02-160.



Appendix B: Comments

From: Mark Saccoccio [<mailto:Mark.Saccoccio@leightonlinlade-tc.gov.uk>]
Sent: 02 March 2018 11:43
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: TIDDENFOOT LEISURE CENTRE CAR PARK, MENTMORE ROAD, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Dear Sirs,

At its meeting held Wednesday 28th February, the Planning and Transport Committee raised no objection to the proposed parking order variation. The one comment that the Committee did make was that any scheme shouldn't compromise those who are legitimately attending the centre for more than the allowed 3 hours. How this is managed is a matter to be agreed between CBC and the leisure centre operators.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Saccoccio

Mark Saccoccio BSC (Hons) MRTPI CiLCA
Town Clerk

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 February 2018 15:27
To: Traffic Consultation
Subject: Tiddenfoot leisure centre parking

Hi, I use the leisure centre 4 times a week, on two occasions, I do a double session, which because of the time between classes, does mean, i would be in the car park for approximately 3 1/2 hours. I would not have the opportunity to move my car and return in an hour.

How, would I stand with regards to this, if a time limit of 3 hrs was imposed.

There are many members who do back to back sessions

Whilst I realize something does need to be done regards parking, it does seem unfair to penalize genuine users of the carpark.

It does seem strange that we don't have this problem when the schools are on holiday!!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Mrs [REDACTED]