

Central Bedfordshire Council

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETING

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Petition – Hockliffe Road, Leighton Buzzard, Resident’s Parking Scheme

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Purpose of this report

To report on the petition to implement ‘Residents Only’ parking restrictions along a section of Hockliffe Road, Leighton Buzzard.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Traffic Management Meeting is asked to:

1. **Note the Petition**
2. **Reject the petition request to implement ‘Residents Only’ parking restriction scheme.**

Issues

Background Information

1. Central Bedfordshire Council received in January 2019 a petition to introduce ‘Residents Only’ parking restrictions on Hockliffe Road, Leighton Buzzard, outside No.96-78.
2. The petition was received from the residents of Hockliffe Road. The petition stated several types of non-resident vehicles utilising the existing on-street parking bays. These include residents of Pelham Mews, the staff and customers of the Veterinary and vehicles that have been present for extended periods without any identified owners.

3. Hockliffe Road is a busy two-way road serving as a main access route into Leighton Buzzard.
4. There is a local Veterinary Clinic opposite the above addresses, with an existing off-street carpark, capable of accommodating 7-8 customer/staff vehicles.

Options for consideration

5. The installation of waiting restrictions other than residents only permit would adversely affect the residents of no.96 – 78.

Reason/s for decision

6. The proposal to implement a resident's only parking permit scheme is rejected for the following reasons:
 - a. The length of the parking bay outside no.96 – 78 is approximately 50m which is sufficient for the number of residential properties.
 - b. The Veterinary has a minimum of 9 parking spaces which is adequate for the business/ property.
 - c. The residents of the Pelham Mews properties have sufficient parking within their compound.

Council Priorities

7. Not applicable.

Corporate Implications

8. None.

Legal Implications

9. None.

Financial and Risk Implications

10. None.

Equalities Implications

11. None.

Conclusion and next Steps

12. The petition proposals are recommended to be rejected as the residents permit holders only scheme cannot be justified based on the current parking bay length and the number residential properties.

Appendices

Appendix A: Petition Signatures

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Appendix A: Petition Signatures

We the undersigned petition the council to implement a residents only parking scheme to a distinct area of unrestricted on-street parking on Hockliffe Road, LU7 3FN.

We are continually inconvenienced by the very limited on-road parking available on a distinct portion of Hockliffe Road, due to non-residents using the unrestricted parking within the area.

A number of non-residents take up a large portion of the parking available on Hockliffe Road, resulting in residents of the street unable to park their cars within the on-street parking facilities available. This has caused massive inconvenience to the residents of the houses opposite some who are not as mobile as others and also families with very young children and shopping trying to get parked near to their houses to unload.

Non-resident parking vehicles on Hockliffe Road include:

- Local Veterinarian – The Vets has a carpark that can accommodate 7-8 cars plus another driveway area that could accommodate 2 cars. The issue has arisen that the owners of the Vets and some of the employees have started parking (3-4 cars) in the spaces outside the houses to deliberately leave the car park vacant for customers. The problem we have is that the owners and the employees are there all day from 08:00 to 20:00.

- Pelham Mews – Residents of Pelham Mews often park their cars outside the houses on Hockliffe Road even though there is adequate parking for these cars within Pelham Mews.

The council should be informed that there are also a number of vehicles that have been stationary for extended periods of time with no identified owners.

Due to the issues mentioned above, we believe a large portion of the parking issues arising in this area are caused by individuals not using the parking that has been assigned to them (Pelham Mews) or is available to them (Vets).

I would like to urge the council to review this petition in favour of the local residents and prioritise the implementation of a resident's only parking scheme to the LU7 3FN (No. 96-78) section of Hockliffe Road - as already in place in similarly affected areas in Leighton Buzzard / Linslade.

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