

Central Bedfordshire Council

30 November 2021

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETING

A00150 – The Green, Clophill – One-way working

Report Officer: Lisa Wright, Principal Highways Officer
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This report relates to a decision that is Non-Key

Purpose of this report

To report on the consultation to implement of one-way working in the bus turn around at The Green, Clophill.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Executive Member is asked to:

1. implement the One-way Scheme on The Green as advertised.
2. maintain the existing 5 parking spaces adjacent to bus stop on The Green.
3. review the location and extent of the existing Disabled persons parking bay and carry out a Statutory Consultation if required.

Background/Issues

1. Concerns have been raised by Public Transport Operators and The Parish that buses are having access issues in the turning area on The Green adjacent to The Flying Fox Public House. Parking is obstructing the two-way flow of traffic and bus movements.

Scheme Proposals

2. It is proposed to implement One-way working along this section of The Green to improve the flow of traffic and access for buses.
3. A copy of the drawings showing the proposal is available in Appendix B.

Options for consideration

Statutory Consultation

4. In September 2021, Central Bedfordshire Council formally advertised its proposal to introduce one-way working in The Green, Clophill advertised for 21 days as per the usual Statutory Consultation process.
5. All Statutory Consultees were notified and invited to comment in writing to Highways.Consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or the postal address by the deadline shown.
6. The Police and emergency services received a copy of the consultation along with Ward Members and the Town Council. A copy of the Notice was posted to residents immediately affected by the proposals and displayed on site. A copy of the Public Notice is available in Appendix A, along with the drawing in Appendix B.

Comments

7. The Police responded and did not express any concerns about the proposals. This response is shown in Appendix C.
8. The Parish Council responded, shown in Appendix D and is summarised below.
9. The Clophill Parish support the scheme to alleviate the known issue of congestion for large vehicles (particularly buses) caused by poor and inadequate parking.
10. However, they are concerned that there are currently 5 marked parking spaces adjacent to the bus stop and the scheme proposes a reduction to 4 parking spaces and requests that the bus stop should be moved a few metres towards the Flying Horse PH leaving enough space for 5 car parking spaces at the same angle.
11. The current 'disabled' parking bay outside the shop does not comply with current design standards for disabled parking bays. The bay is often occupied by non-Blue Badge holding drivers and is an obstruction to vehicles reversing out of the main parking bays when it is occupied.

Responses received

12. No Public responses were received to the Highways.Consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk mailbox.

Key Reason(s) for decision

13. Following the support received it is recommended that the one-way system is installed as advertised.
14. The scheme will be slightly amended so the layout of the existing 5 bays will remain in place and the bus stop will be slightly shortened to accommodate and maintain the existing level of parking.
15. Officers will review the position and extent of the existing Disabled Person Parking Bays. Any amendments to this bay will require a further statutory consultation to be

undertaken. This will be done in conjunction with the detailed design of the One-Way Scheme.

16. Although any representations will need to be reported to the Traffic Management Meeting for final approval it is not considered that this would delay the overall implementation of the scheme.

Council priorities

17. The works will meet objective J of the Local Transport Plan – reduce the number of people being killed or seriously injured.
18. The works will meet objective SO9 of the Local Plan - Reduce the reliance on the use of the car by improving facilities at bus and train stations
19. The proposals demonstrate Central Bedfordshire Council is an efficient and responsive council.

Corporate Implications

20. None

Legal Implications

21. The Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligations on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road network. Authorities are required to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken in performing the duty.

Financial and Risk Implications

22. Delivery of the Scheme will be incorporated in the construction of the Clophill Roundabout improvements that are scheduled as part of the 22/23 Annual Programme of works. Co-ordinating the works will reduce impact on surrounding Highway Network.

Equalities Implications

23. The proposals are not expected to disproportionately disadvantage or benefit individual members of the community.
24. Engagement involved a letter drop to local residents and local stakeholders directly affected by the scheme, site notices being displayed and publication in the local press providing opportunity to comment.

Sustainability Implications

25. This scheme does not materially impact CBCs Sustainability Plan and objectives; the primary purpose being to ensure the safe and efficient use of the public highway.

Conclusion and next Steps

26. It is recommended that the One-way working is installed as advertised with the above amendment to maintain 5 existing limited stay parking bays and shorten the bus stop.

27. A further review of the existing disabled bay will be undertaken, subject to Statutory Consultation and approval and prior to implementation as part of the wider scheme.

Appendices

Appendix A: Public Notice

Appendix B: Drawing

Appendix C: Police Response

Appendix D: Parish Response

Appendix E: Public Responses

Background Papers

None

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Appendix A: Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE



CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE A ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ORDER AROUND THE GREEN, CLOPHILL

Reason for proposal: The proposed Order is considered necessary for facilitating the passage of traffic on the road and for preserving or improving the amenity of the area. The proposal is part of a scheme to reduce traffic conflicts and improve the management of parking.

Effect of the Order

To introduce One-way Traffic on the following road in Clophill:-

1. Flying Horse Loop, from High Street (opposite the Co-op) to the junction with The Green – vehicles permitted to travel in that direction only.

Notices and Plans may also be 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 highways.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by 30 September 2021. Any objections must state the grounds on which they are made **and must quote unique reference number A00150**. If you want to send in your comments in writing please send them to the address shown below FAO Emily Hirst.

Please note that any comments received will be redacted of personal information and uploaded onto the Central Bedfordshire Council website as part of a report on the scheme a few days before the proposal is discussed at the relevant Traffic Management Meeting, where it will remain in the public domain. If you do not wish for your comments to be part of the report please state this explicitly within your response.

Order Title: If made will be "Central Bedfordshire Council (The Green, Clophill) (One-way Traffic) Order 2021"

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Jill Dickinson
Assistant Director of
Community Services

09 September 2021

Appendix C: Police Response



Proposed introduction of One-Way traffic around The Green, Clophill.

Reference A00150.

<p>This Authority has considered the proposals as outlined in your email with attachments and offers the following comments for further consideration.</p> <p>Comments</p>	
<p>This Authority has considered the proposed introduction of a one-way traffic system around 'Flying Horse Loop' at The Green, Clophill. The scheme, reference number A00150, as detailed in the public notice dated the 9th September 2021, together with the reason given, is accepted by this authority therefore no objection will be offered.</p>	<p>X</p>

Name: - ...**Stephen Welham.**

Address Traffic Management Office.

Traffic Management Unit,

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Hertfordshire Road Policing Unit,

Joint Protective Services,

Halsey Road,

Kempston, Beds.

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Signed: - S. P. Welham
BCH408332.

29th September 2021.

Appendix D: Parish Response

A00150 The Green, Clophill – One Way



Clophill Parish Council <clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk>

To Highways Consultation

Cc Chairman of Clophill Parish Council

Reply

Reply All

Forward



Wed 29/09/2021 17:20

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The proposed scheme was debated at the Clophill Parish council meeting on Tuesday 28th September and the council resolved to respond as follows:

- The principle of the scheme is supported in order to alleviate the known issue of congestion for large vehicles (particularly buses) caused by poor and inadequate parking.
- There are currently 5 marked parking spaces. The scheme proposes a reduction to 4. This is not acceptable bearing in mind the current congestion that already exists and the reason for it.
- The loss of one space is to the proposed insertion of hatching to deter parking on or close to the bus stop. We suggest the bus stop should be moved a few metres towards the Flying Horse PH leaving enough space for 5 car parking spaces.
- The proposed bay angle to the kerb is more acute than at present. This will make it more difficult to reverse than at present in order to follow the proposed one way direction. If the bays remain at their current angle 5 cars can still be parked.
- The current 'disabled' parking bay outside the shop does not comply with current design standards for disabled parking bays. The bay is often occupied by non-Blue Badge holding drivers and is an obstruction to vehicles reversing out of the main parking bays when it is occupied. This should either be:
 - 1. Removed entirely
 - 2. Moved into the corner adjacent to the patch leading to the footbridge over the A507 (where there is current nondescript hatching)
 - 3. Upgraded in accordance with current [current standards.](#)

We believe an onsite meeting with a representative from Highways to discuss and address our practical concerns detailed above would be beneficial to both parties. Please confirm your availability for this.

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Kind Regards

Heather Myott

Clerk to Clophill Parish Council

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[Clophill Parish Council Website](#)

Appendix E: Public Responses

None received.