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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting held on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 7.05pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Open Forum		There were several members of the public present who wished to observe and discuss agenda item P15/07 (14/02939/MAF). It was agreed they would comment during that agenda item rather than during Open Forum. Further members of the public (including the retiring tree warden) were also in attendance to observe and comment during Full Council. No press were in attendance and so the meeting continued without further adjournment.	Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) and Local Government Act 1972 s100.			
Present		Cllrs Quirk, Chalmers, Doggrell, Lloyd, Price and Wheeler. In Attendance: Sue Playford (Clerk).				
Absent		BBCllr Prescod had informed the Clerk earlier that day he would attend the meeting, but did not show.				
Agenda no	Agenda item title		Resolution	Action	Power	
P15/01	Apologies for absence. None.				Local Government Act 1972, Sch12 p40.	
P15/02	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. Cllr Quirk wished to note for the record a local and pecuniary interest in agenda item P15/07 (14/02939/MAF) but added this was no greater than anyone else’s present at the meeting. He took part in the debate and vote.				Local Government Act 1972, s117.	
P15/03	Report from outside organisations – for information only. None.				N/A.	
P15/04	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk). Bedford Borough Council – Dean & Shelton Parish Council and Wyboston, Chawston & Colesden Parish Council. Bedford Borough Council has designated Dean & Shelton Neighbourhood Area and		No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.	

	Wyboston, Chawston & Colesden Neighbourhood Area. In each case the Neighbourhood Area is the whole civil parish. Further information and a copy of the Council's decision statements, including a map of the Neighbourhood Area can be viewed on the Council's website at: www.bedford.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning and at the Customer Service Centre, Horne Lane, Bedford. - Bedford Borough Council - Application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area – Colmworth Parish Council. The proposed area is the whole civil parish. Further information and a copy of the application, including a map of the proposed Neighbourhood Area, can be viewed during office hours at the Customer Service Centre, Horne Lane, Bedford and on the Council's web site at www.bedford.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning. Anyone wishing to comment on the Neighbourhood Area application must do so before 5.00pm on 16 February 2015 by writing to Paul Rowland, Assistant Director (Planning), Bedford Borough Council, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP or by sending comments in an email to planningpolicy@bedford.gov.uk. All comments received will be publicly available and attributed to source. - Proposed Temporary Road Closures – Green Lane & Stewartby Lake Road, Stewartby. For carriageway resurfacing work. Green Lane – from Brickworks Lane, Stewartby to Woburn Road, Wootton; Stewartby Lake Road – from Green Lane for approximately 30 metres. Closures are anticipated to be in operation between 9am and 3.30pm on 8 weekdays from Monday 23rd February 2015 to Wednesday 4th March 2015. Specific dates will be advertised nearer the time – where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing. - Correspondence received from a resident regarding the length of the new bus stop opposite the Fox & Duck PH and resulting parking issues in that area when the stop is in use. (It should be noted only Grant Palmer will make use of this now on an infrequent basis as Stagecoach have amended their route which no longer includes this stop). - Correspondence received from a resident raising concerns that a grid previously protecting a drainage pipe entrance has been removed within the recently cleared ditch behind Lorraine Road, which could lead a small child or animal being carried under Lorraine Road green. (The Clerk has reported this to The Crown Estate in the first instance).	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	
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		Cllr Quirk to provide the clerk with photographic evidence of location, to be passed to The Crown Estate.	Clerk to take forward.	
P15/05	Minutes of the previous meeting.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: - Cllr Price.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12 p 41.

	Members of the Planning & Environment Committee were asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on the 26 th November 2014.	Seconded: - Cllr Lloyd. Resolved by all present.		
P15/06	Matters arising from the minutes to include Issues log review – for information only. • P11/47 - Overgrown alleyway Lorraine Road/Hoo Close. Remedial works are due to be completed in the coming weeks. Clerk has been informed works are complete to the brook and ditch but that the fencing has yet to be replaced. She has also been asked by a local resident to take forward with the Borough Council the overgrown hedgerow on the footpath side. • P12/142 & 14/85 – Pond near Keeley Lane. Resolved 26th November 2014 (P14/247) to take no further action. Move to close. • P13/40 – Poor state of roads and footpaths within the village. Works have been carried out at several sites within the village including Church Road, Squires Road and Russell Way. BT have since dug up part of the footpath in Russell Way and are due to return to make good. Patch work has been carried out in other areas. Cllr Doggrell and the Clerk will be revisiting all areas. Ongoing. • P13/87 – Transfer of ownership of Lorraine Road Green. Moved to Full Council. • P14/50 – Identification of Parish Council/Borough Council street lights. Records differ between the two organisations and the Clerk and Cllr Quirk will be working to resolve this, and a meeting was held with the Borough Council, who confirmed their records were out of date. Bedford Borough Council has made a proposal with costings for them to adopt all street lights. That adoption remains ongoing but it was resolved 10th December 2014 (FC14/196) to replace failing columns at Hall End (two) and Potters Cross (three). • P14/84 & P14/152 – Parking problems/yellow lines proposals. Please see agenda item P15/10. • P14/125 & P14/137 – Lime tree at Lorraine Road cemetery. Now incorporated within item P14/250 below. • P14/151 – Possible purchase of additional land to extend Lorraine Road cemetery. Resolved at planning meeting on 30th July 2014 that Cllr Quirk provide the Clerk with the information required by The Crown Estate. Ongoing. • P14/248 – Replacement programme of trees within the parish. Please see agenda item P15/11.	No further comments received.		N/A.

	P14/250 – Revisit tree inspection report. Resolved 26th November 2014 (P14/250) to appoint Bartlett Tree Experts to undertake a visual inspection of all trees within the parish for which the parish council has responsibility.			
P15/07	a) Planning Applications. 14/02717/MAR – Land North of Fields Road - erection of community centre, sports pitches, play facilities and MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping layout and scale pursuant to outline approval 11/01502/EIA. (The Clerk requested and was granted an extension to the original deadline of 8th January to 15th January 2015). 14/02810/FUL – Acrey Fields House, Woburn Road – erection of new storage unit. (The Clerk requested and was granted an extension to the original deadline of 1st January to 15th January 2015. Please note this falls within the parish of Marston Moretaine. 14/02939/MAF – Land at Hall End Road adjacent to Church End Road – construction of 58 dwellings, including 17 on-site affordable housing units together with ancillary car parking, private amenity space and landscaping and associated highway, access and infrastructure works. (The Clerk requested and was granted an extension to the original deadline of 2nd January to 15th January 2015). 14/03087/FUL – 72 Hall End Road – single storey side extension to garage, porch to front and pitched roofs to all existing flat roofs. b) Planning Approvals. None. c) Planning Applications withdrawn. 14/02591/FUL – Adjacent to 19 Bedford Road – erection of detached dwelling with integral garage. This council had previously recorded NO OBJECTION. d) Planning Refusals.	Please refer to Appendix 1. Resolved to note for the record, but not within the parish. Proposed: Cllr Wheeler. Seconded: Cllr Chalmers. Resolved by all present. Please refer to Appendix 1. Resolved no objections. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Chalmers. Resolved by all present. No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file. Clerk to keep on file. Clerk to keep on file. Clerk to keep on file.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

	None. e) Planning - other. None.			
P15/08	To request above applications be considered by the Full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough Council.	Resolved to call in application 14/02939/MAF. Proposed: Cllr Price. Seconded: Cllr Doggrell. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.
P15/09	To consider representation of the Council at the Full Planning Committee meeting of Bedford Borough Council discussing the above applications.	Resolved that Cllrs Lloyd and Quirk both represent the parish council at the relevant Borough Council Planning Committee meeting. (Several members of the public in attendance also confirmed their intention to do the same). Proposed: Cllr Price. Seconded: Cllr Doggrell. Resolved by all present.	Cllrs Lloyd and Quirk to take forward.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.
P15/10	To consider a formal proposal from Bedford Borough Council's Highways department, with regard to plans to introduce parking restrictions at various sites within the village.	Cllr Doggrell detailed that whilst the parish council had not previously supported the Borough Council's wish to impose restrictions in Squires Road, he felt the dangerous corner warranted the proposal. The Clerk then detailed comments received from a resident regarding the proposals for restrictions in Neale Way. He supported them but had requested the parish council consider a request to the Borough Council that they be extended to include the junction between Neale Road and Mephram Road. Members had previously not supported the original proposal and felt this	Clerk to take forward.	Stakeholder consultation.

		request too would not solve the parking issues, but move them to another area. They also felt the issue was not one of safety so were unwilling to support the request. After further discussion it was resolved the parish council adhere to its previous responses with the exception of Squires Road (which it now supported). Please refer to Appendix 2. Proposed: Cllr Price. Seconded: Cllr Lloyd. Resolved by all present.		
P15/11	To consider advice from Bedford Borough Council's Arboricultural Department regarding replacement trees for St. Mary's (extension) and Lorraine Road cemeteries.	The retiring tree warden was in attendance and expressed her initial views on the choices of replacement trees on offer. Resolved the Clerk pass the information to her for her input and decision. Proposed: Cllr Price. Seconded: Cllr Doggrell. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10.
P15/12	To consider a response to Bedford Borough Council's Rights of Way Department regarding their seasonal vegetation clearance contract.	Due to the meeting overrunning, resolved to carry this agenda item forward to the next meeting. Proposed: Cllr Price. Seconded: Cllr Doggrell. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Highways Act 1980, ss 43 & 50.
P15/13	To resolve that under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) and Local Government Act 1972 s100 any members of the public or press present please leave, in order that the following item(s) may be discussed.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(2) and Local Government Act 1972, s100.
P15/14	To consider a (draft) report from Bedford Borough Council's Highways Department regarding a speed limit assessment along Hilly Lane.	Due to the meeting overrunning, resolved to carry this agenda	Clerk to take forward.	Stakeholder consultation.

		item forward to the next meeting. Proposed: Cllr Price. Seconded: Cllr Doggrell. Resolved by all present.		
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Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

P15/07

14/02717/MAR – Land North of Fields Road – erection of community centre, sports pitches, play facilities and MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping layout and scale pursuant to outline approval 11/01502/EIA.

Cllr Wheeler began by raising concerns over the positioning of 2 sports pitches within the school grounds and potential access issues outside of normal school hours by the public. He also wished to record an earlier meeting which he attended with the site manager from Midas (contracted to undertake the build) who were not aware of the parish council's wish to have the 4g synthetic pitch moved to that location from the Fields Road South proposal. He was due to attend a further meeting in the coming week and would raise the 4g pitch issue.

Cllr Lloyd pointed out the 2 sports pitches in question were 5 and 7-a-side and were always sited within school grounds. Those available to the public were 9 and 11-a-side. He added the 4g pitch could be located between the ditch and A421 as that area of land was set aside for the parish council. He added the community centre was not what the parish council wanted – a nursery or crèche would have had greater benefit for the village. The Borough Council had dictated the hall be used for sports even though the configuration did not meet badminton specifications. He had concerns that, should the parish council assume its management, it would struggle to keep it financially viable during week days, at the very least. He also queried why a BMX track (as originally intended) was no longer a feature.

Cllr Quirk then read Cllr Wallace's comments as he was not a member of the planning committee – namely that;

- Tables, chairs and white goods for the community centre needed further clarification as they did not feature in the latest documentation and the specification was unclear;
- Clarification as to who would be responsible for maintaining the MUGA (now based outside the school grounds);
- Establish why the BMX track no longer featured in the plans;
- Press for a firm decision on who will be responsible for the maintenance of the community centre and committed sums.

After further discussion it was resolved that the parish council **object** to the proposal based on the following grounds:

It remained unclear who would maintain the community centre – members were concerned that its current configuration would make it difficult to keep financially viable – the design met with the Borough Council's wishes but not community needs;

The proposal did not detail the specifications for tables, chairs and white goods for the community centre;

The plans did not detail who was responsible for the MUGA;
The plans no longer featured a previously detailed BMX track, which is still required.

Proposed: Cllr Wheeler.
Seconded: Cllr Lloyd.
Resolved by all present.

14/02939/MAF – Land at Hall End Road adjacent to Church End Road – construction of 58 dwellings, including 17 on-site affordable housing units together with ancillary car parking, private amenity space and landscaping and associated highway, access and infrastructure works.

The Clerk had received several objections to the above application ahead of the meeting which were circulated with the agenda.

One resident opened talks by stating he had written to the Borough Council's planning department and the parish council (circulated to all members as mentioned above). His wish was for the parish council to object once more to the development – detailing the grounds mentioned in his letter. He understood the development would go ahead regardless but stated the issue was now to minimise the impact on local residents and the village as a whole. Transport issues remained a priority and he was keen to ensure that the existing hedgerow and trees remain in situ between his/neighbouring properties in Studley Road and the new development. The current plans detailed their removal – creating an imposing scene which would be neither sympathetic to the area or in keeping with a rural setting. He also had concerns that a proposed fence between the development and Studley Road properties was too close. He also sought the parish council's assistance in lobbying the Borough Council's planning committee ahead of any meeting at which this proposal would be determined.

He then went on to say his letter of consultation was received in early December, at which point he contacted Jim Caffrey (Principal Planner, Bedford Borough) to arrange a meeting. Jim had wanted to meet mid-January however the meeting subsequently took place in December, at the resident's property. Jim informed the resident it was his intention to support the application.

Another resident then voiced her concerns that the area had been chosen at all for development. Traffic issues in the area were well known and the road leading away from the village towards Keeley Lane was itself no more than a lane – very narrow for large amounts of traffic. She felt resident's feelings and comments were not being heard – adding the proposed development was not in keeping with the area.

The plans were then discussed with one resident stating they were an improvement on the originals, but still impractical nonetheless. The proposed new boundary fence was less than a foot from the existing fence (he also reiterated he was against the proposal to remove the

existing hedgerow and trees). The two fences would be 9 inches apart, impossible for residents to paint or repair them. He wanted to see a bigger buffer between Studley Road and the new development.

Cllr Quirk then referred to the Allocations & Designations Plan (copy dated 2010) at which time the parish council had objected to the proposed development. Nonetheless, the proposal was signed off as part of the plan by the Borough Council in 2013. He added Central Government was keen to see development on a high scale throughout the country and the time to object in this instance had passed. The parish council could still make a reasonable objection to the plans in part if appropriate, but housing would happen. He added if the developer believed the parish council was being unreasonable, it could launch legal proceedings (which the parish council would be unable to budget for).

Cllr Quirk had examined the hydrological survey – adding for the record his house was likely to be the first to flood, due to its low-lying position. He had asked the developers who would take responsibility and was told he would need to launch legal proceedings in that event.

Cllr Quirk then raised concerns that no safe route to school was detailed on the proposals. He believed there were ongoing issues with the proposed footpath from Studley Road through the new development, involving the landowner.

A resident voiced her concerns about the balancing pond. It was likely to have steep sides and she was concerned a small child could fall in. At this point the Clerk stated she had received a separate set of plans for that proposal (14/03047/FUL) – these had been received too late for this meeting so would feature on the next planning meeting (28th January 2015). The same resident then added she was aware of bats in the area and had been given advice from the Bat Protection Society which stated their habitat had to be preserved.

Michael Gleeson (Executive Principal, Wootton Upper School) then introduced himself, stating he was in the process of arranging a meeting for residents to discuss all issues – not least parking at the school and congestion during drop off/pick up times.

Cllr Lloyd had two issues he wished to raise. The first was the positioning of those units backing on to Studley Road. All had gardens back to back with Studley Road gardens with the exception of one unit at the top of the development. He proposed that should be ‘turned around’ also, to create a bigger distance between properties. He also raised concerns over the proposal to situate affordable housing in one area. He was aware of issues at Great Denham where (despite the parish council requesting affordable housing be spread throughout the entire development) the Borough Council had situated all such units in one area. The police were now frequent visitors to that area and Cllr Wheeler added the same was happening within the Berryfields development (off Fields Road). Cllr Lloyd felt a better model would be to make the same initial request as Great Denham and ask for these units to be situated throughout the development.

Cllr Doggrell voiced his concerns over traffic and transport – adding he felt that should be enough to have the application altered. Many were concerned over the safety of school children using Hall End Road.

Cllr Chalmers asked residents present if the preservation of the hedgerow had been discussed at the public consultation (30th October) and several said yes. He stated it was clear their comments and observations had not been considered and asked if the consultation was fit for purpose.

Cllr Price felt the proposal was an overdevelopment of the area and added his concerns over flooding, bat preservation and transport safety issues.

Cllr Wheeler added his wish that the hedgerow remain in place and called for the safe route to school and footpath to be detailed.

After further discussion it was resolved that the parish council **object** to the proposal based on the following grounds:

The plans did not feature a safe route to school;

Ongoing concerns regarding flooding in the area were not fully addressed, not least caused in part by a separate application for the proposed balancing pond received too late to be discussed at the same meeting;

Ongoing concerns over transport and pedestrian safety on Hall End Road were not fully addressed;

It was still considered an overdevelopment of the site;

Habitat for bats in the area needed to be preserved and the wish was for the existing hedgerow and trees to remain;

A better model for affordable housing was needed – better spread throughout the development;

The plans be altered for the one unit whose garden(s) did not join back to back with Studley Road gardens to fall in line with others.

Proposed: Cllr Lloyd.

Seconded: Cllr Wheeler.

Resolved by all present.

All residents (bar the retiring Tree Warden and those wishing to observe and comment at Full Council (FC15/16) then left the meeting at 7.45pm.



PUBLIC NOTICE

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE AND AMEND WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS IN VARIOUS ROADS IN THE PARISH OF WOOTTON, BEDFORD

Reason for Proposal: Bedford Borough Council has received a request from Wootton Parish Council and the Ward Councillor for Wootton to address concerns of inconsiderate parking on and near to road junctions, access points to dwellings and upon blind bends in the road. The proposal aims to improve road safety at the various locations by increasing visibility and improve the flow of traffic. The proposal also includes prohibited verge and footway parking restrictions to ensure footways remain clear for pedestrians to use.

Effect of Order:

1. To introduce 'No waiting at anytime' restrictions on the following lengths of road:

A. Keeley Lane

- (i) On its southern kerb extending a distance approximately 18 metres in a western direction **AND** on its northern kerb extending a distance approximately 12 metres in a western direction from its junction with Bedford Road. [Approved by WPC](#)

B. Grovebury Court

- (i) On both sides of the road extending a distance approximately 23 metres in an eastern direction from its junction with Bedford Road. [Approved by WPC](#)

C. Bedford Road

- (i) On its most eastern kerb extending a distance approximately 16.5 metres in both a northern and southern direction from its junction with Grovebury Court. [Approved by WPC](#)
- (ii) On its eastern kerb extending a distance approximately 43 metres in a northern direction from its junction with The Willows. [Approved by WPC](#)
- (iii) On its western kerb extending from the boundary between property no.125 & 'The Memorial Hall' in a northern direction to the boundary with property no.129 & 'The Memorial Hall'. [Not approved by WPC](#)

D. Hall End Road

- (i) On its western kerb extending a distance approximately 17 metres in a southern direction from its junction with Bourne End. [Approved by WPC](#)
- (ii) On its eastern kerb for a length approximately 17 metres across the private road adjacent to properties no's 60 & 62 Hall End Road. [Approved by WPC](#)

E. Bourne End

- (i) On its southern kerb extending a distance approximately 12.5 metres in a western direction from its junction with Hall End Road. [Approved by WPC](#)

F. Cause End Road

- (i) On its northern kerb extending from Popes Way in an eastern direction to the boundary line between properties no's 22 & 22a [Approved in part by WPC - not by the TBR junction](#)
- (ii) On its southern kerb from the boundary between property no.61 and the

'Methodist Church) extending a for a distance approximately 48 metres in a western direction (to the driveway serving property no.63). [Approved by WPC](#)

G. Mepham Road

- (i) On its northern kerb from the driveway serving property no.1 for a distance approximately 50 metres in an eastern direction **Not approved by WPC**

H. Neale Way

- (i) On both sides of the road upon the bend in the road to the side of property no.28 Neale Way **Not approved by WPC**

2. To introduce 'No waiting and no loading, Mon-Fri, 8am-9am and 3pm-4pm' restrictions on the following length of road:

A. Cause End Road

- (i) On its southern kerb from the boundary between properties no's 1 & 3 for a distance approximately 4 metres in a western direction [Approved by WPC](#)

3. To introduce 'No waiting and no loading at anytime' restrictions on the following length of road:

A. Squires Road

- (i) On its eastern kerb from a point 14 metres south of its junction with Church Road for a distance approximately 8 metres in a southern direction [Initially not approved by WPC but now approved](#)

4. To introduce 'Prohibited verge and footway parking restrictions' on the following length of road:

A. Bedford Road

- (i) On the western side of the road fronting the entire length of 'The Memorial Hall'. [Approved by WPC](#)

5. To revoke the following Order and Consolidate the existing parking restrictions into this Order

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (THE PARISH OF WOOTTON, BEDFORD)
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

Further Details of the proposed Order, a plan and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined during normal working hours at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford. Documents are also available on the www.bedford.gov.uk website. The details will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal. For enquiries concerning this proposal, please contact Johnathon Sahota at Bedford Borough Council on 01234 276213.

Objections should be sent in writing to Diane Hale, Technical Highways Manager, 4th Floor, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP stating the grounds on which they are made by 16th January 2015.

Order Title if made will be:

Bedford Borough Council (The Parish of Wootton, Bedford) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) Order 201*

Date: 11th December 2014

Borough Hall
Cauldwell Street
Bedford
MK42 9AP

Stewart Briggs
Executive Director for Environment and
Sustainable Communities



**BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
(PARISH OF WOOTTON, BEDFORD) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF
WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) ORDER 201***

Bedford Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of their powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4(2) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("The Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Bedfordshire Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby makes the following order:-

Citation and Commencement

1. This order shall come into operation on the * 201* and may be cited as "Bedford Borough Council (Parish of Wootton, Bedford) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) Order 201*"
2. The Bedford Borough Council (Parish of Wootton, Bedford) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) Order 201* Plans including the Key are incorporated into this Order.

Interpretation

- 3 In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them: -

"key" means the key attached to the Plans to be read in conjunction with the Plans;

"wait" and "waiting" refer to the stopping of a vehicle and it remaining at rest for some time whether or not the driver is still in the vehicle;

"load/unload" means in relation to the hours during which loading and unloading is restricted as specified on the Plans;

"restricted hours" means in relation to the hours during which waiting or loading is restricted as specified on the Plans

"School Entrance Markings" means a part of the carriageway outside a school entrance where vehicles must not stop as specified on the Plans.

Except where otherwise stated and referenced in this Order to a number or Schedule is a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order

Restrictions

Waiting

- 4 Save as provided in Articles 7 to 11 of this Order, no person shall except upon the direction or with permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a Civil Enforcement Officer cause or permit any vehicle or a vehicle of a specific class to wait in the lengths of road during the restricted hours as specified on the Plans of this Order.

Loading

- 5 Save as provided in Articles 7 (a), (d), (e), (i) and 11 of this Order, no person shall except upon the direction or with permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a Civil Enforcement Officer cause or permit any vehicle or a vehicle of a specific class to wait or load/unload in the lengths of road during the restricted hours as specified on the Plans of this Order.

Stopping

- 6 Save as provided in Article 11 of this Order no person shall except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, or a Civil Enforcement Officer cause or permit any vehicle to stop or remain at rest in the lengths of road during the no stopping hours as specified on the Plans to this Order unless it is of the specific class.

Exemptions

- 7 Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait in the lengths of road specified on the Plans to this Order so long as may be necessary to enable:-
- a. a person to board or alight from the vehicle;
 - b. the vehicle if cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road to be used in connection with any building operation or demolition, the removal of any obstruction to traffic, the maintenance improvement or reconstruction of any of the lengths of road so referred to or in the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near the said lengths of road of any sewer or main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telegraphic line as described in the Telegraph Act 1878;
 - c. the vehicle to be loaded or unloaded while it is in actual use in connection with the removal of furniture from one office or dwelling house to another or the removal of furniture between such premises and its depository;
 - d. the vehicle, if it is in the service of employed by a universal service provider (as defined in Section 4(3) and (4) of the Postal Services Act 2000), to be used for the purpose of delivering and/or collecting postal packets (as defined in Section 125(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000);
 - e. the vehicle to be used for fire brigade, ambulance, special forces or police purposes;
 - f. the vehicle if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes in any other road to be used of a Local Authority in pursuance of Statutory Powers or duties;
 - g. the vehicle to wait at or near to any premises situated on or adjacent to the said lengths of road for so long as such waiting by that vehicle is reasonably necessary in connection with any wedding or funeral;
 - h. the vehicle is waiting in a location and for a purpose authorised and described on a waiver certificate issued by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this Order provided such permit is clearly displayed in a relevant position on the vehicle;
 - i. the vehicle is waiting only for so long as necessary while a gate or barrier is opened or closed to allow access or departure to or from adjacent premises
- 8 Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait in the lengths of road referred to in the Plans to this Order for so long as it may be necessary for enabling goods to be loaded or unloaded from the vehicle.

- 9 Nothing in Articles 4 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle which lawfully displays in the relevant position a disabled person's parking badge and disc (on which the driver of the vehicle has marked the time at which the waiting began) to wait in the lengths of road referred to in the Plans to this Order.
- 10 For the purposes of Article 9 "disabled persons parking badge" and "parking disc" have the same meanings as in "The Local Authorities" Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons)(England) Regulations 2000"
- a. For the purpose of this Order a vehicle shall be regarded as displaying a disabled person's badge in the relevant position when:
- (i) in the case of a vehicle fitted with a front windscreen the badge is exhibited thereon with the obverse side facing forwards on the nearside of and immediately behind the windscreen and with its front facing forward so as to be legible from outside the vehicle; or
- (ii) in the case of a vehicle not fitted with a front windscreen the badge is exhibited in a conspicuous position on the front nearside of the vehicle and
- (iii) a parking disc in the relevant position when the disc is exhibited thereon with the side which shows the time facing forwards or outwards and immediately behind the windscreen or side window nearest to the kerb
- 11 Nothing in Article 4, 5 & 6 of this Order shall apply to any person causing or permitting a vehicle to stop or remain at rest:-
- (i) if that person is obliged to do so in order to avoid an accident
- (ii) if that person is required to do so by law

Revocations

- 12 Upon the date that this Order takes effect, the following Order shall be revoked:
- BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (THE PARISH OF WOOTTON, BEDFORD)
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

Appendix 2

THE COMMON SEAL of the
BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
Was hereunto affixed this

* day of * 201*

In the presence of:

Executive Director for Environment and Sustainable Communities

Assistant Chief Executive (Governance) and Solicitor to the Council

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed	DATE
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	JS	
APPROVED BY		



Statement of Reasons

Bedford Borough Council has received several requests from the Parish Council and Ward Councillor for Wootton to address inconsiderate parking in various roads within the Parish of Wootton. Therefore Bedford Borough Council sets out a consultation in response to these requests.

Generally, the restrictions are proposed to remove vehicles parking upon blind bends in the road, on and adjacent to road junctions and in areas where access and egress to residential premises is compromised. The proposals incorporate the vicinity of a school where movement of traffic is high and inconsiderate parking affects visibility near to road junctions which raises concern for road safety of all users.

The proposals also include prohibited verge and footway parking outside the Memorial Hall so the footpath remains clear of parked vehicles for pedestrians.