



## **North West Chilterns Community Board**

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Response to Warrendene Road Petition to resolve HGV parking</b>
<b>Date:</b>	26/02/2021
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<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Ridgeway East
<b>Local members affected:</b>	D Carroll S Broadbent G Peart C Harriss

### **Summary**

A petition has been submitted by the residents of Warrendene Road who have had ongoing problems with HGVs parking and waiting along the road and verges. This issue is due to a local business that is using the area as a waiting area before entering the depot. This has been recorded at times of up to nine lorries along a small stretch of road. They are increasingly concerned that this impacts road safety especially during peak traffic flow and school times. The noise and air pollution caused by these queuing HGVs is also a serious cause of concerns

### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended that further conversations take place with the local business to try and resolve this. The council has made initial contact and they have indicated that the local business is keen to meet with local councillors, in order resolve the issue. These discussions would also make sure they are complying with the planning restrictions and operator's licence in place. Jim Stevens has indicated that he is happy to be leading this with support from council officers.**

**At the same time, the parking services team will draft possible solutions for Highway Code supported waiting and parking restrictions and informal consultation with residents should take place.**

**Reason for decision:**

Warrendene Road is a busy road and HGVs parking here would be a risk to road users as well as pedestrians, there is evidence that the verges in these locations are being damaged by parking at a cost to the council. The introduction of restrictions on the public highway would affect residents as well as the local business so to try and influence driver behaviour before looking at implementing restrictions would be more cost-effective and supports both residents as well as the local business. Any restrictions on the Highways could also affect residents and visitors.

**Legal implications**

Section 122 (for permanent orders) and section 14 (for temporary orders) of the Road Traffic Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire Council to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).

**Other implications/issues**

Equality and Diversity Issues – Equality Act of 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics, and in respect to many roads should improve access.

**Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views (if relevant)**

Informal consultation to take place with residents via parish or community board if discussion fails to resolve the problem.

Any agreed formal restrictions at informal consultation stage would then need funding secured to be put through a full public consultation in line with the local authorities' traffic orders procedure for England and Wales.

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