



Report to the North West Chilterns Community Board

Date: 3rd November 2021

Buckinghamshire Council Officer Report

Lorry Parking associated with Country Supplies, Warrendene Road, Hughenden

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report has been written by the Director of Highways and Technical Services and should be read in conjunction with the Supplementary Report dated 3rd November and the Detailed Report dated 16th September 2021.
- 1.2 This report makes recommendations to the Community Board in relation to the issue of lorry parking in Warrendene Road and the Petition that was submitted to the Council by local residents in February 2021.

2. The Residents Petition

- 2.1 The residents Petition requests that a large part of the Country Supplies business, currently operating from Oakleaf Farm, be transferred to the Country Supplies Shana site at Walters Ash. The full text of the Petition request is set out in the Detailed Report.
- 2.2 Buckinghamshire Council has no powers to force Country Supplies to make changes to its current legitimate business operations. Therefore, the Council's role in relation to the resident's Petition is limited to the consideration of the highway and planning implications of the request.
- 2.3 The work undertaken by Jim Stevens and Jackie Binning to investigate the implications of the Petition request are set out in the detailed report that was presented to the Extraordinary Meeting of the Community Board in September and also in the Supplementary Report dated 3rd November 2021.
- 2.4 The work undertaken also looked at other ways in which the lorry parking issues might be solved, in response to the Community Board's Resolution dated 11th March 2021.

- 2.5 Both reports raise serious concerns with traffic (and planning) implications of the Petition request. These implications are displacement of the problems experienced by residents and road users in Warrendene Road to the roads and local community in Walters Ash.
- 2.6 Bradenham Parish Council stated at the Extraordinary Meeting that diverting Oakleaf traffic to Shana would have disastrous consequences both for the national defence effort and the Bucks public and school transportation system.
- 2.7 Hughenden Parish Council's Road Safety Sub Group have also said that displacement of the problems from Warrendene road should not be seen as a solution.
- 2.8 With the above in mind, I **Recommend** to the Community Board that the Petition request cannot be supported by Buckinghamshire Council. A formal decision will be made by the appropriate decision maker within the Council.

3. Other ways in which the parking issues might be eased

- 3.1 The detailed work carried out by Jim Stevens and Jackie Binning and working with the key parties, identified a number of suggestions that might help ease the lorry parking problems.
- 3.2 Jim Stevens is an experienced highways engineer and I have no reason to question the quality or content of the work that he has carried out, which he has shared with my staff over many weeks.
- 3.3 The Detailed Report and Supplementary Report both provide a commentary on the suggested ideas, the views of residents and Jim Stevens view from a technical point of view.
- 3.4 No decisions have been made to date on any of the suggested ideas and I am very aware of the concerns raised by residents to a number of these ideas.
- 3.5 The Community Board will at today's meeting be discussing the next steps and the comments made by residents will be very important in helping the Community Board to determine the next steps.
- 3.6 Should the Community Board wish to progress this matter further, they could consider commissioning additional technical support and advice, including working with the key parties as appropriate.

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