



Report to Amersham & Villages Community Board

Date:	28 July 2022
Title:	Petition - High Street/Whielden Street, Old Amersham Parking
Contact officer:	Mark Davis, Parking Operations Manager
Ward(s) affected:	Penn Wood & Old Amersham
Recommendations:	That the content of the petition be noted and the Community Board to consider whether they wish to support the petition

Summary

- 1.1 A paper petition was received by the Council on the above subject on 31 March 2022, with 116 signatures. The content of the petition is as follows:

“Do you have difficulty parking your car(s) near your property? Since the changes in School Lane/Mill Lane the western end of the High Street is becoming like the rest of the High Street i.e. a free public car park.

Not only are cars parking up and going away on holiday (sometimes for over a month) or commuters leave two/three cars and get into one to go to the station, but now builders' vans and trucks are staying over Bank Holidays and weekends. This results in fewer parking spaces for residents, some of whom are elderly or have young children and have to park further away from their front doors. The electric chargers in the High Street are sometimes inaccessible as non-electric cars are in front of these all day. Although we realise these roads are public highways and cars need to park for short periods for shopping and the school etc, some vehicles are blocking up spaces all day or longer. Although we have had several parking consultations in the past nothing has improved, and in fact the situation is getting worse. Shopkeepers are losing business because customers can't park so it affects us all. Do you feel that public parking limits are needed for visitors and/or some form of permits for residents?”

Content of report

- 1.2 The Community Board would have to agree funding for the development and implementation of such a scheme
- 1.3 The petitioner is requested to complete a 'Parking Control Request Form' which is available at the following link:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/parking-control-request/>

- 1.4 The petition may be referred to in Section 4 of the form ("What local support have you gathered so far?"); should the Community Board support the petition, this may also be included in this section of the form.

Legal implications

- 1.5 Buckinghamshire County Council as a traffic authority is required to comply with primary legislation when introducing waiting, loading and parking restrictions. The Road traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 set out the legal procedures we must follow prior to any restriction being placed on the public highway.

