

PUBLIC NOTICE

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE THREE TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ON A6 BEDFORD ROAD (DEADMANS HILL), MAULDEN / CLOPHILL.

Reason for proposals: The proposed Orders are in connection with the proposed Woodlands Visitor Centre, which is being developed by The Greensand Trust and Central Bedfordshire Council. The impact of this project is likely to increase public use of the A6 Maulden Wood Lay-by, off the A6 Bedford Road, Maulden / Clophill and thus exacerbate existing safety concerns regarding slow moving traffic crossing the dual carriageway.

Therefore, Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to make three Road Traffic Regulation Orders, to satisfy the safety requirements of the planning permission, as follows:

Effect of the Orders: -

A. To close the gaps in the central reservation on the A6 Bedford Road (Deadmans Hill) Maulden / Clophill at the following locations:

1. From a point 195 metres south east of the southern flank wall of property No 40 Oxleys Cottages, West End Haynes.
2. From a point 603 metres south east of the southern flank wall of property No 40 Oxleys Cottages, West End Haynes.

The proposed gap closures are required to improve entry to and exit from the A6 Maulden Wood Lay-by, off the A6 Bedford Road, Maulden / Clophill.

B. To introduce a One Way Traffic Order on the A6 Maulden Wood Lay-by as follows:

To prohibit motor vehicles being driven in a southerly direction along the A6 Maulden Wood Lay-by, off the A6 Bedford Road, Maulden / Clophill which extends from a point 195 metres south east of the southern flank wall of property No 40 Oxleys Cottages, West End Haynes to a point 603 metres south east of the same point.

This proposal is required to regularise the existing one way system on the lay-by.

C. To introduce prohibition of U-Turns on the A6 Bedford Road (Deadmans Hill), Maulden / Clophill as follows:

1. To prohibit any vehicle being driven in a northbound direction along the A6 Bedford Road (Deadmans Hill) Maulden / Clophill to make a U -Turn so as to proceed in the opposite direction at a point 92 metres south east of the southern flank wall of property No 40 Oxleys Cottages, West End Haynes.
2. To prohibit any vehicle being driven in either a northbound or southbound direction along the A6 Bedford Road (Deadmans Hill) Maulden / Clophill to make a U -Turn so as to proceed in the opposite direction at a point 879 metres south east of the southern flank wall of property No 40 Oxleys Cottages, West End Haynes.

3. To prohibit any vehicle being driven in a southbound direction along the A6 Bedford Road (Deadmans Hill) Maulden / Clophill to make a U -Turn so as to proceed in the opposite direction at a point 1803 metres south east of the southern flank wall of property No 40 Oxleys Cottages, West End Haynes.

The proposed prohibition of U-Turns will not apply to emergency service vehicles.

The proposed prohibition of U-Turns are required because these manoeuvres would not be safe at the above locations if the proposed Woodlands Visitor Centre is constructed.

Further Details: of the proposed Orders, plans and a statement of reasons for making the Orders may be examined during normal office hours at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford and at Clophill Post Office and Stores, 4 The Green, Clophill. These plans will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal. Phone Debbie Poynton on 0845 3656088 for further details.

Objections: should be sent in writing to the Orders and Commons Registration Officer, Countryside Access Service, Central Bedfordshire Council, PO Box 1395, Bedford MK42 5AN (e-mail: chris.heard@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk), stating the grounds on which they are made by 18th December 2009.

Order Titles: if made will be "Central Bedfordshire Council (A6 Bedford Road (Deadmans Hill),_Maulden / Clophill) (Prohibition of U-Turns) Order 200*"; "Central Bedfordshire Council (A6 Bedford Road (Deadmans Hill), Maulden / Clophill) (One Way Traffic) Order 200*" and "Central Bedfordshire Council (A6 Bedford Road (Deadmans Hill), Maulden / Clophill) (Closure of Gaps in Central Reservation) Order 200*".

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19th November 2009

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR THE MAKING OF THREE TRAFFIC REGULATION
ORDERS ON A6 BEDFORD ROAD (DEADMANS HILL), MAULDEN / CLOPHILL**

INTRODUCTION

Central Bedfordshire Council has drawn up proposals for three traffic restrictions in connection with the proposed Woodlands Visitor Centre, which is being developed by The Greensand Trust and Central Bedfordshire Council. The impact of this project is likely to increase public use of the A6 Maulden Wood Lay-by, off the A6 Bedford Road, Maulden / Clophill and thus exacerbate existing safety concerns regarding slow moving traffic crossing the dual carriageway.

LENGTHS OF ROADS CONCERNED

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Details are shown on drawing ref. BH/305268/DR/1200/003.

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SUPPORTING DATA

The proposed gap closures are required to improve entry to and exit from the A6 Maulden Wood Lay-by, off the A6 Bedford Road, Maulden / Clophill.

The proposed One Way Traffic Order is required to regularise the existing one way system on the A6 Maulden Wood Lay-by, off the A6 Bedford Road, Maulden / Clophill.

The proposed prohibition of U-Turns are required because these manoeuvres would not be safe at the above locations if the proposed Woodlands Visitor Centre is constructed.