

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS & LEISURE COMMITTEE		
DATE:	1 APRIL 2014	AGENDA ITEM:	4A
TITLE:	PETITION REQUESTING A COMMUNAL BIN AT AMITY STREET AND CHOLMELEY ROAD		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the HNL Committee the receipt of a petition from some residents living in part of Amity Street and Cholmeley Road.
- 1.2 Attached as Appendix 1 is a location plan and at Appendix 2 a copy of petition.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the HNL Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the issue is investigated and a future report be submitted to the HNL Committee for consideration.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision of waste collections is specified within Environmental Protection Act 1990.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 A petition containing 21 signatures has been received from some residents in Amity Street and Cholmeley Road requesting a communal bin.

The petition reads - *"We are the residents living in part of Amity Street and Cholmeley Road, Reading. We wish to bring our inconvenience and hygiene concern issue to your notice. We are advised to place rubbish*

bags each week for collection. The rubbish bags are being laid in the footpath even in rainy time. This not only gives ugly picture to our streets, but also raises hygiene concern.

None of us want rubbish bags being laid over the footpath. Hence, we submit this petition with a request for a communal bin."

4.2 The issues raised within this petition are to be fully investigated and a future report is to be submitted to the HNL Committee for consideration.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 To enhance and maintain our natural and urban assets, making Reading an attractive place to be, while tackling the causes and impact of climate change.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 The lead petitioner will be informed of the findings of the Committee.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None arising from this report.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 In addition to the Human Rights Act 1998 the Council is required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:-

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

8.2 The Council will carry out an equality impact assessment scoping exercise prior to submitting the update report to a future meeting of the Committee.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None arising from this report.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.