

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	25 JUNE 2014	AGENDA ITEM:	5(C)
TITLE:	PETITION FOR ACTION AGAINST PARKING ON PAVEMENTS ON LOWER BULMERSHE ROAD AND HAMILTON ROAD		
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of two petitions requesting action against vehicles parking on the pavements within Hamilton Road and the lower section of Bulmershe Road.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

#### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision of waiting restrictions and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

#### **4. THE PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 Petitions have been received from some residents of Hamilton Road and lower Bulmershe Road which read "Parking on the pavement in Hamilton Road and lower Bulmershe Road makes it difficult and dangerous for people on foot to walk along it. Please can the council investigate what measures can be taken to stop pavement parking which forces people with buggies, wheelchairs and other vulnerable residents into the road".
- 4.2 The issues raised within the petitions are to be fully investigated and a future report is to be submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

#### **5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

- 5.1 To promote equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all.

#### **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

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

**9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None arising from this report.

**10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 None.