

**READING BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	25th JUNE 2014	AGENDA ITEM:	10
TITLE:	BI-ANNUAL WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - STATUTORY CONSULTATION		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To seek approval to carry out statutory consultation and implementation, subject to no objections being received, on requests for or changes to waiting/parking restrictions.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 - Bi-Annual Waiting restriction review programme list of streets

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Members of the Sub-Committee note the report.
- 2.2 That in consultation with the chair of the Sub-Committee, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out statutory consultations and advertise the proposals listed in Appendix 1 in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 2.3 That subject to no objections received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.4 That any objections received following the statutory advertisement be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

2.5 That the Head of Transport, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals.

2.6 That no public enquiry be held into the proposals.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

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

4. THE PROPOSAL

4.1 The council regularly receives correspondence from the public, councillors and organisations that have a desire for the council to consider new or alteration to formal waiting restrictions. Requests are reviewed on a 6 monthly basis commencing in March and September of each year.

4.2 This review has typically involved the investigation and consultation on a number of individual requests. The purpose for carrying out a bi-annual review is to ensure best value as the statutory processes involved are lengthy and expensive.

4.3 In accordance with the report to this Sub-Committee on 13th March 2014, consultation with Ward Councillors has been completed, and the resultant proposals where councillors are happy to proceed with schemes to take forward to the statutory consultation process are listed in Appendix 1.

4.4 This report seeks the approval of the Sub-Committee to carry out the Statutory Consultation in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

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 Any Statutory consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Any proposals for waiting restrictions are advertised under the Traffic Management Act 2004 and/or the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as required.

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 has carried out a equality impact assessment scoping exercise, and considers that the proposals do not have a direct impact on any groups with protected characteristics.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The works will be funded by existing Transport Budgets.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Traffic Management Sub-Committee 13th March 2014