

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

<b>TO:</b>	<b>TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>11 SEPTEMBER 2014</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>CIVIC OFFICES ACCESS ROAD AND ASSOCIATED PARKING BAYS - APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE A FORMAL PARKING SCHEME.</b>		
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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 a managed parking scheme for the access road and parking bays at the new council civic offices.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 - drawing showing access road and parking bays associated with the new civic centre

**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 consultation and advertise a managed parking scheme for the access road and parking bays associated to the council new office 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 As a part of the move to the new Civic Offices there is a need to consider formal waiting restrictions on the access road and associated parking bays to the new office.
- 4.2 Simmonds Street which forms part of the access road to the new Civic Offices already has some double yellow line provision on one side of the road mainly to deter parking from junctions. Discussion with the land manager of Simmonds Street indicates a desire for a formal parking scheme that will benefit the area. To be consistent with other on-street parking within the town centre consideration is being given to on-street pay & display. This makes better use of the parking space available to the benefit of town centre shoppers, disabled drivers, residents and casual visitors to the new Civic Centre.
- 4.3 At the end of Simmonds Street there are parking bays within land associated with the new Civic Offices. These parking bays will need to be formally managed to cater for various needs of the new building operation (e.g. access to the community car share scheme and nursery drop-off).
- 4.4 Although the access road is not part of the public highway it is treated as such due to the number of properties that require access from it. With agreement of the land owners formal waiting restrictions can be applied and there are a few cases in Reading where this already happens (e.g. the road network around the current Civic Centre and Reading Railway Station).
- 4.5 The Sub-committee is asked to agree to further consultation with the land owner, the chair of the Sub-Committee, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors to agree to a formal parking scheme. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services then be authorised to carry out statutory consultation and advertise a formal parking scheme for the access road and parking bays associated to the council new office.

### 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.

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 It is expected that the cost of a managed parking scheme will be shared between the land owners.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 None