

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	11 SEPTEMBER 2014	AGENDA ITEM:	14
TITLE:	BI-ANNUAL WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - REQUESTS FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS 2014(B)		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To provide members of the Sub-Committee with the forthcoming list of requests for waiting restrictions within the Borough that have been raised by members of the public, community organisations and Councillors, since March 2014.
- 1.2 To recommend that the list of issues raised for the bi-annual review is fully investigated and Ward Members are consulted. Upon completion of the Ward Member consultation, a further report will be submitted to the Sub-Committee requesting approval to carry out the Statutory Consultation on the approved schemes.

APPENDIX 1 - Requests for waiting restrictions review programme 2014(B)

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Members of the Sub-Committee note the report.
- 2.2 That the requests made for waiting restrictions as shown in Appendix 1 be noted and that officers investigate each request and consult on their findings with Ward Members.

2.3 That, should funding permit, a further report be submitted to the Sub-Committee requesting approval to complete the Statutory Consultation on the approved schemes.

### **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 It is recommended that the list of issues raised for the Bi-annual review as shown in Appendix 1 is fully investigated and Ward Members are consulted. This part of the waiting restriction review enables Ward Councillors to undertake informal consultations, which ensures any new restrictions have the support of residents and are reflective of what the community have requested, prior to the commencement of statutory consultation. This may mean that requests may be amended or removed if they are not appropriate or have no councillor/resident support. They are then subsequently removed from the list and no further action is taken.

4.2 For requests that are approved to be taken forward to statutory consultation, a further report will be submitted to the Traffic Management Sub Committee, seeking approval to carry out statutory consultation with accompanying drawings of the proposed schemes.

### **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 That persons requesting waiting restrictions be informed that their request will form part of the bi-annual waiting review programme (A or B) and are advised of the timescales of the project.

6.2 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 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 from within existing transport budgets.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 None