

**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>19</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>LOWER CAVERSHAM WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - INFORMAL CONSULTATION</b>		
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**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The request for waiting restrictions in Lower Caversham to tackle commuter parking has been a long standing item. Previous consultations have been inconclusive but the residents and Ward Councillors have continued to lobby the Council as they feel parking issues continue to worsen.
- 1.2 Following approval by the Lead Member for Transport and the Ward Councillors in June 2014, officers carried out two informal consultations; one for a Resident Parking Scheme in Patrick Road and another for waiting restrictions in St Stephens Close, Cardinal Close & Wolsey Road. Both informal consultations provide options that would best match the on-street demand but maintain road safety.
- 1.3 This report provides the results of the informal public consultation exercise.
- 1.4 Appendix 1 - Results of St Stephens Close, Cardinal Close & Wolsey Road consultation
- 1.5 Appendix 2 - Summary of comments to St Stephens Close, Cardinal Close & Wolsey Road consultation
- 1.6 Appendix 3 - Results of Patrick Road consultation

## 1.7 Appendix 4 - Summary of comments to Patrick Road consultation

### 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 Transportation & Streetcare and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out statutory consultations and advertise the proposed residents parking scheme in Patrick Road as shown on plan reference NM/JIM/PL/LC/001 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 Transportation & Streetcare, 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.
- 2.7 That due to the negative response received to the proposed scheme in St Stephen Close, Cardinal Close and Wolsey Road, that no further action be taken.

### 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 have received many requests from residents and Ward Councillors to review the current on-street parking provision and existing restrictions in individual roads and street in the Lower Caversham Areas, where competition for parking spaces between residents and commuters is high.
- 4.2 The requests have come from residents living in the area to the south of Gosbrook Road between Patrick Road and Wolsey Road and predominantly relate to issues with non-residents parking and visiting the local businesses or the Town Centre.

- 4.3 Rather than treating each request and road separately, it was recommended to complete a review on an area basis to ensure the best solution was found without relocating the parking problems to neighbouring roads.
- 4.4 Two questionnaires were distributed for Lower Caversham Area; one in Patrick Road for a proposed Resident Parking Scheme and another in St Stephens Close, Cardinal Close & Wolsey Road for the proposed waiting restrictions. The consultations ran between 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

#### Patrick Road consultation

- 4.5 Due to the nature of Patrick Road where half of the street benefits from off-street parking, the proposed resident permit scheme will only include property No's 1-21 and No's 6-24.
- 4.6 The results of the informal consultation are shown in Appendix 1. A total of 19 out of 22 household responded to the consultation. 13 out of 19 respondents (68%) are in favour of a Resident Parking Scheme. Of those respondents, 50% of the residents preferred a "Resident only" scheme, whilst the other 50% voted for a "shared use Resident Parking Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm".
- 4.7 Based on the above results, it is recommended to carry out a statutory consultation with a proposal to introduce a resident permit scheme within Patrick Road. In line with the Council's standard model for residents parking schemes, the shared use option will be taken forward.

#### St Stephen Close, Claydon Court, Cardinal Close & Wolsey Road

- 4.8 Two possible proposals were presented to the residents offering solutions to deter all day parking, but still enable residents to park in the evening and over the weekends.
- 4.9 In total, 33 out of 86 household/businesses responded to the consultation, and the majority of the respondents (82%) voted against the proposals and prefer no further action be taken.
- 4.10 Due to the negative response received to the proposed scheme in St Stephens Close, Cardinal Close and Wolsey Road, that no further action be taken.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014