

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	11 SEPTEMBER 2014	AGENDA ITEM:	5 (C)
TITLE:	RECREATION ROAD - PETITION TO TACKLE TRAFFIC SPEEDING RELATED ISSUES		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition from some Residents of Tilehurst requesting that the Council investigates and resolves traffic safety issues in Recreation Road and Blundells Road.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 - location plan.

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 traffic management, speed calming measure and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

#### 4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 A petition containing approximately 100 signatures from residents of Tilehurst has been received requesting that the Council investigates and resolves traffic safety issues in Recreation Road and Blundells Road.

*The petition reads - "We, the undersigned residents of Tilehurst hereby call on Reading Borough Council to investigate ways of making our roads safer and slowing down the traffic that uses Recreation Road and Blundells Road as rat runs to avoid the traffic lights in School Road. Recreation Road serves entrances to both Blagrove Nursery and park so there are often parents with small children crossing the road. Our preferred options are for a 20mph limit along our roads and one-way plug at the junction of Blundells Road and Norcot Road.*

*Other ideas (e.g. speed humps and better enforcement) may also be worth considering but the numbers of cars and the speed they travel along our streets is not acceptable to residents and we want the council to act to calm the traffic, to prevent cars using our roads as a rat run and to make our streets safer for everyone. We call on the council to review the issue of traffic along Recreation Road and to present plan for improving road safety along this dangerous road."*

- 4.2 The issues raised within this petition 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.