READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	4 NOVEMBER 2014	AGEN	DA ITEM: 5
TITLE:	REDLANDS SCHOOL - PETITION FOR A SAFER ROUTE TO SCHOOL		
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- 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition from some parents requesting a safer route to Redlands school.
- 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 road safety and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PROPOSAL

4.1 A petition has been received from some parents requesting a review of road safety around Redlands school.

The petition to Reading Borough Council, Redlands School and Thames Valley Police reads -

"Every child should have a safe route to school. Cars stopping and turning close to Redlands Primary School around collection and drop off times are causing road safety issues for children on Blenheim Gardens, Hatherley Road and other roads in the vicinity of the school.

We want the council and police to work together with parents and Redlands Primary School to find a solution to the road safety issues of cars around the school".

- 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.



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