

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

| | | | |
|------------------|---|--------------|--|
| TO: | TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE | | |
| DATE: | 15 JANUARY 2015 | AGENDA ITEM: | 5(a) |
| TITLE: | PETITION FOR A ZEBRA CROSSING OUTSIDE ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ON DEE ROAD | | |
| LEAD COUNCILLOR: | TONY PAGE | PORTFOLIO: | STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT |
| SERVICE: | TRANSPORTATION & STREETCARE | WARDS: | NORCOT |
| LEAD OFFICER: | CRIS BUTLER | TEL: | 0118 937 2068 |
| JOB TITLE: | ASSISTANT NETWORK MANAGER | E-MAIL: | Cris.butler@reading.gov.uk |

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council to install a zebra crossing outside English Martyrs Catholic Primary School on Dee Road.

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 pedestrian crossing facilities and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 A petition containing 900 signatures has been received asking the Council to install a zebra crossing outside English Martyrs Catholic Primary School on Dee Road.

The petition reads - "KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE - Objective:- to make a safer, accessible, child friendly road to ensure the safety of our children! When crossing a VERY busy road to access our school, whilst the road is currently 20mph, drivers go excessively faster than this causing frequent near misses.

It is of great concern that one day a child, parent or pedestrian will be seriously hurt

Aim:- For a zebra crossing to be installed outside English Martyrs 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.