

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	15 JANUARY 2015	AGENDA ITEM:	6
TITLE:	PETITION UPDATE - REDLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To update the Sub-Committee on progress made since the receipt of a petition from some parents requesting a safer route to Redlands Primary School.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision of waiting restrictions, traffic management and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 A petition was submitted to the November 2014 Traffic Management Sub Committee. This read *"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 Following receipt of the petition the council has appointed a school crossing patrol officer. The school crossing patrol commences at the beginning of the spring term. The school crossing patrol officer will be situated on the zebra crossing at Addington Road.
- 4.3 This location was chosen as the majority of pupils reside to the north of the school location and those travelling by foot have to cross on Addington Road. This area has also been promoted as part of the Eastern Area 20mph scheme.
- 4.4 School Keep Clear Markings are present outside the immediate vicinity of the school, to protect the safety of the children during school pick up/drop off time. In addition the section of Lydford Road nearest the school has a prohibition of driving along with associated bollards. Due to the density of dwellings and associated parking, any further restrictions would result in an overall loss of kerb side parking space which would have an impact upon the residents.

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 council has worked with the school community to find candidates to fill the vacancy for the school crossing patrol.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None

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.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The funding comes from existing road safety funding for school crossing patrols.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Traffic Management Sub Committee November 2014.