

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	15 JANUARY 2015	AGENDA ITEM:	11
TITLE:	ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee a review of the current traffic management measures in the vicinity of All Saints Junior School. This review follows representations made by Ward Councillors about increased vehicular movements in the area and Officers have also been asked to investigate a one way system on Maitland Road.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval to carry out a Statutory Consultation on a proposed school keep clear marking on Brownlow Road in the vicinity of All Saints Junior School.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 - Maitland Road and Brownlow Road location plan

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That in consultation with the Chair of the Sub-Committee, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out a statutory consultation and advertise the proposed school keep clear restriction in Brownlow Road as shown in Appendix 1 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 consultation be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.5 That Officers investigate in detail the proposal for a one-way restriction in Maitland Road and report the results of the review to a future Sub-Committee.

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 All Saints Junior School, which opened in September 2012, is situated on Brownlow Road, opposite the existing All Saints Infant School.
- 4.2 There are currently two school keep clear markings on the eastern side of Brownlow Road for All Saints Infant School in order to protect access, egress and visibility for users of the school. All Saints Junior School does not currently benefit from the same facility and it is therefore proposed to install a school keep clear marking on the western side of the road.
- 4.3 Officers were approached by Councillor Terry and Councillor Gittings to investigate the possibility of making Maitland Road one way. It was suggested the entrance into Maitland Road be from Tilehurst Road due to current visibility constraints. Officers will investigate this request in detail and report the results of the review to a future Sub-Committee.

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 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 resultant traffic regulation order will be made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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 The funding comes from S106 monies secured to mitigate the transport impacts of the new All Saints Junior School along Brownlow Road which was approved by Planning Applications Committee on 9th November 2011.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.