

**READING BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE & SPORT**

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	12 MARCH 2015	AGENDA ITEM:	9
TITLE:	WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - OBJECTIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW 2014 (B) & REQUESTS FOR WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW 2015 (A)		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To inform the sub-committee of objections received in respect of the traffic regulation order, which was recently advertised as part of the waiting restriction review programme 2014B. This involved proposed implementation and amendments of waiting restrictions at various locations across the Borough, and it is for Members to conclude the outcome of the proposal.
- 1.2 To provide members of the Sub-Committee with the forthcoming list of requests for waiting restrictions within the Borough that have been raised by members of the public, community organisations and Councillors, since September 2014.
- 1.3 To recommend that the list of issues raised for the bi-annual review is fully investigated and Ward Members are consulted. Upon completion of the Ward Member consultation, a further report will be submitted to the Sub-Committee requesting approval to carry out the Statutory Consultation on the approved schemes.
- 1.4 APPENDIX 1 - Summary of letters of support and objections received to WRR2014B along with officer comments.

APPENDIX 2 - Requests for waiting restrictions review programme 2015A

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Members of the Sub-Committee note the report.
- 2.2 That objections noted in Appendix 1 are considered with an appropriate recommendation to either implement, amend or reject the proposals.
- 2.3 That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to seal the resultant Traffic Regulation Order and no public inquiry be held into the proposals.
- 2.4 That the objectors be informed of the decision of the Sub-Committee accordingly.
- 2.5 That the requests made for waiting restrictions as shown in Appendix 2 be noted and that officers investigate each request and consult on their findings with Ward Members.
- 2.6 That, should funding permit, a further report be submitted to the Sub-Committee requesting approval to complete the Statutory Consultation on the approved schemes.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision of waiting/parking restrictions and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PROPOSAL

Objections to Traffic Regulation Order - 2014B

- 4.1 Approval was given at the Traffic Management Sub-committee in September 2014 to carry out investigations at various locations, in relation to waiting restriction requests, made by councillors and residents.
- 4.2 Investigation was carried out and a recommendation for each scheme was shared with ward councillors in November 2014 for further comments.
- 4.3 A further report went to the Sub-committee in January 2015 to seek approval to carry out statutory consultation. The statutory consultation process took place between 12th February 2015 and 5th Mar 2015 for a period of 3 weeks. Full details of the objections and any correspondence in support of the proposals are attached to this report (Appendix 1).
- 4.4 The Sub-committee can agree, overrule or modify any objection to a lesser restriction that originally proposed. Where there is agreement to an objection the recommendation shall be to remove the proposal from the programme.

Where an objection is overruled, the proposal will be to introduce the proposal as advertised and where the proposal is modified to a lesser restriction this shall be noted and advertised accordingly.

Bi-annual waiting restriction review - 2015A

4.5 It is recommended that the list of issues raised for the Bi-annual 2015A review as shown in Appendix 2 is fully investigated and Ward Members are consulted. This part of the waiting restriction review enables Ward Councillors to undertake informal consultations, which ensures any new restrictions have the support of residents and are reflective of what the community has requested, prior to the commencement of statutory consultation. This may mean that requests may be amended or removed if they are not appropriate or have no councillor/resident support. They are then subsequently removed from the list and no further action taken.

4.6 For requests that are approved to be taken forward to statutory consultation, a further report will be submitted to the Traffic Management Sub Committee, seeking approval to carry out statutory consultation with accompanying drawings of the proposed schemes.

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 That persons requesting waiting restrictions be informed that their request will form part of the bi-annual waiting review programme (A or B) and are advised of the timescales of the project.

6.2 Any 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 proposals for waiting restrictions are advertised 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, victimization 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 has carried out a equality impact assessment scoping exercise, and considers that the proposals do not have a direct impact on any groups with protected characteristics.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The works will be funded from within existing transport budgets.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Traffic Management Sub-Committee reports

APPENDIX 2 - REQUESTS FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS 2015A

Ward	Street	Requested by	Summary of request
Abbey	Chatham Street roundabout	Network Management	Request to introduce no waiting at any time in the Chatham Street roundabout service road to deter commuter parking
Abbey	Luscinia View, Napier Road	Management agent	Request to review existing limited waiting bay to allow better access for refuse vehicle.
Battle	Battle Square	Residents	Inconsiderate parking is taking place in front of private garages causing obstruction. Request for waiting restriction to deter inconsiderate parking.
Battle	Elm Lodge Avenue	Neighbourhood initiatives officer	Request to extend no waiting at any time across OM House access.
Battle	Wood Green Close	Resident	Request for resident parking scheme to deter non-resident parking
Caversham	Ardler Road/Hardy Close/Brackston Close	Resident	Request to introduce waiting restriction around the junctions
Caversham	Amersham Road	Resident	Request to introduce no waiting at any time around its junction with Clonmel Close.
Caversham	Gosbrook Road	Network Management	Request to extend existing no waiting at any time to increase capacity for traffic queueing to turn left onto George Street
Caversham	Nelson Road	Resident	Request to introduce no waiting at any time to deter parking across private access.
Caversham	St John's Road	Neighbourhood initiatives officer	Request for no waiting at any time around its junction with Gosbrook Road, Montague St and Nelson Road to improve driver visibility.
Caversham	Star Road	Resident	Request for footway and verge parking ban
Caversham	Marsack Street	Resident via MP	Request for resident permit to deter non-resident parking and waiting restriction at the junction to improve visibility
Caversham	Priest Hill/St Anne's Road	Resident	Request for waiting restriction on the south side to improve visibility leaving private driveway.

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Ward	Street	Requested by	Summary of request
Church	Wellington Avenue/Northcourt Ave	Resident	Request for waiting restriction to deter inconsiderate parking near driveway and junction during university term time
Church	Birdhill Avenue	Ward Councillor	Request to extend waiting restriction around its junction with Cressingham road
Church	Staverton Road	Ward Councillor	Request to introduce no waiting at any time around the bend to enable access for emergency vehicles and improve forward visibility for drivers.
Church	Totnes Road	Resident via Ward Councillor	Parking is taking place at the end of Totnes Road leading into Ashburton Road. Request to introduce waiting restriction around the blind exit.
Kentwood	Rodway Road	Ward Councillor & Resident	Request for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting restriction opposite the entrance of Riverside Care Home to allow large vehicle access. - Resident permit parking to deter commuter parking
Kentwood	Thirlemere Avenue	Resident	Request for waiting restriction on the bend and across traffic humps to improve driver's forward visibility
Kentwood	Juniper Way	Resident via MP	Request for footway/verge parking ban
Minster	Carmelite Drive	Resident	Request for waiting restriction at its junction with Southcote Road to improve visibility.
Minster	Tintern Crescent	Residents	Request for waiting restriction around the blind corner outside No.11.
Norcot	Edgar Milward Close	Resident via MP	Request to introduce Resident Permit to deter non-resident parking
Norcot	Usk Road/Wye	Resident	Inconsiderate parking at the junction and across dropped kerb is causing safety

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	Close		concerns. Request to introduce no waiting at any time at the junction
Norcot/ Southcote	Cockney Hill	Resident	Request for waiting restriction review to deter double parking during school pick up and drop off.
Park	Heath Road	Ward Councillors	Request for no waiting at any time around entrance of Manor House Court to improve visibility
Park/ Redlands	Eastern Avenue	Ward Councillors	Request for no waiting at any time on the east side with marked bay on the west side of Eastern Avenue
Peppard	Grove Road	Ward Councillor	Request for no waiting at any time at its junction with School Lane.
Peppard	Harlech Avenue	Resident	Resident feels the newly introduced waiting restrictions around the bend may be excessive and request for a review to remove/shorten the existing restriction.
Peppard	Woodlands Grove	Resident	Request for waiting restriction opposite private drive to allow for better access
Redlands	Corbridge Road	Ward Councillor	Request to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extend existing layby to create extra parking - Extend existing no waiting at any time on the southeast corner to ease passage of buses
Redlands	Newcastle Road	Ward Councillor	Request to review existing parking arrangement at the end of Newcastle Road.
Redlands	Redlands Primary School area	Redlands Primary School	Request to review existing waiting restriction to improve road safety around the school
Redlands	Marlborough Avenue	Residents	Residents have shared their ideas at a ward councillor workshop, proposal to work up these ideas.

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Southcote	Southcote Lane	Resident	Request for waiting restriction around its junction with Priory Point access and through pedestrian island.
Southcote	Penroath Avenue	Resident	Request for waiting restrictions to deter non-resident parking
Southcote	Hawley Mews	Resident via Ward Councillor	Request for waiting restriction to deter commuter parking during the weekdays.
Southcote	Honey End Lane	Residents via MP	Request to remove existing school keep clear (No stopping Mon-Fri 8am-5pm).

Thames	Darell Road	Ward Councillor	Request for no waiting at any time around the junction of Woodcote Road and Darell Road
Thames	Blaenant	Resident	Request for review of waiting restriction to deter parking at the junction and on footway
Thames/ Caversham	Albert Road/The Mourn	Ward Councillor	Vehicles are parked at sharp bend causing inconvenience and road safety concerns. Request for no waiting at any time at the junction.

Tilehurst	Felton Way	Resident via Ward Councillor	Request for waiting restrictions at the junctions with Chapel Hill where dangerous and inconsiderate parking is taking place
Tilehurst	Armour Road	Resident via Ward Councillor	Request to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Convert existing 30 mins limited waiting bay to no waiting at any time. - Create parking bays on the South Side.
Tilehurst	Bramble Crescent	Resident via Councillor	Request for no waiting at any time around the junction of Bramble Crescent and Gratwicke Road
Tilehurst	Bran Close	Ward Councillor	Request for waiting restriction around the bend to improve forward visibility
Tilehurst	Chichester Road	Ward Councillor	Request for waiting restriction at its junction with Aylesham Close
Tilehurst	Sanctuary Close	Resident via	Request to review waiting restriction to deter inconsiderate and dangerous parking

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Tilehurst	Beverley Road	Resident via Ward Councillor	Request to extend existing no waiting at any time around its junction with Westwood Road
Tilehurst	Westwood Road	Resident	Request for no waiting at any time around the junction of Westwood Road and Hartslock Road
Tilehurst/ Norcot	Dee Road	PCSO	Request to extend existing no waiting at any time from its junction with Elvaston Way to the Bus Clearway.

Whitley	Lyefield Court	Resident	Request for waiting restrictions along the passing bay.
Whitley	Denbury Gardens	Resident via Ward Councillor	Concern of parking on the junction with Brayford Road. Request of no waiting at any time.
Whitley	Lexington Grove	Residents	Request for waiting restriction review to resolve inconsiderate parking issues.
Whitley	Whitley Wood Road	Residents	Request to investigate and review the newly introduced waiting restrictions near the corner of Northumberland Avenue.