

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	16 SEPTEMBER 2015	AGENDA ITEM:	15
TITLE:	OBJECTIONS TO ADVERTISED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (WALDECK STREET & SWAINSTONE ROAD) & INFORMAL CONSULTATION RESULTS FROM GRANGE AVENUE AREA		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To note the responses received to the advertised Swainstone Road & Waldeck Street Traffic Regulation Order and to report the results of the informal consultation carried out within the Grange Avenue area.
- 1.2 Members must agree on either to implement the proposed schemes within Waldeck Street & Swainstone Road as advertised or not to proceed with implementation.
- 1.3 Members must decide on whether based on the results of the informal consultation carried out within the Grange Avenue area to proceed to formal statutory consultation for a residents parking scheme within this area.
- 1.4 Appendix 1 - Advertised drawings as part of Swainstone Road and Waldeck Street 2015 Traffic Regulation Order.  
Appendix 2 - Responses received in relation to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order.  
Appendix 3 - Responses received in relation to informal consultation carried out within the Grange Avenue area.

## **2. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee note the report.
- 2.2 That objections and comments of support for schemes, noted in Appendix 2 are considered by members and a recommendation is made to either implement or reject the proposals.
- 2.3 Should a decision be made to implement the proposals, that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to seal the Swainstone Road and Waldeck Street Traffic Regulation Order 2015, and no public inquiry be held into the proposals.
- 2.4 That the objectors be informed of the decisions of the Sub-Committee accordingly.
- 2.5 Should the Sub-Committee decide to proceed with a residents parking scheme within the Grange Avenue area, then in consultation with the Chair of the Sub-Committee, Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and local Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out statutory consultation on a traffic regulation order.

## **3. POLICY CONTEXT**

- 3.1 To secure the most effective use of resources in the delivery of high quality, best value public service.
- 3.2 To make travel more secure, safe and comfortable for all users of the public highway.

## **4. BACKGROUND**

### **4.1 Waldeck Street & Swainstone Road (Katesgrove)**

- 4.1.1 A number of complaints have been received from residents of Waldeck Street and Swainstone Road regarding the difficulty they have with parking within these streets. These roads currently have no waiting restrictions and border the resident parking Zone, 10R, which covers the majority of Katesgrove ward.

4.1.2 Katesgrove ward councillors and residents of these two streets have expressed support for a resident permit scheme due to the difficulty residents have finding kerb side spaces to park and inconsiderate and obstructive parking. Through formalising parking on street inconsiderate around junctions would be eliminated and resident permit holders would have priority on kerb side spaces within these roads. In December 2014, an informal survey was distributed to all properties within these two streets to gauge the level of support from residents for a resident parking scheme and the results from this survey was reported to the January Traffic Management Sub Committee

4.1.3 Statutory consultation on proposals for resident parking within Swainstone Road and Waldeck Street was carried out during July 2015. The comments received are tabled in Appendix 1 for councillor's consideration.

#### **4.2 Grange Avenue Area (Park)**

4.2.1 Following a review of all resident parking areas across the borough as reported to the TMS in November 2014, Park ward councillors wanted to consider an extension of the resident parking scheme within the Grange Avenue area.

4.2.2 During July 2015 an informal survey was distributed to properties within the area. This was done during the summer to gauge the opinion of longer term residents, as opposed to the more transient student population.

4.2.3 An informal survey was distributed to all properties within these streets to gauge the level of support from residents for a residents parking scheme and the results are tabled in Appendix 3.

4.5.3 Members should consider these responses and decide whether a resident parking scheme for these roads should proceed to statutory consultation.

### **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 Informal consultations have been carried out with residents of Waldeck Street & Swainstone Road prior to the statutory consultation process and statutory consultation was 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 as required.

**8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Costs of scheme implementation will be funded through existing transport and parking budgets.

**9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1 Traffic Management Sub-Committee November 2014 & January 2015.