

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

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	16 SEPTEMBER 2015	AGENDA ITEM:	9
TITLE:	WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - OBJECTIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW 2015 (A) & REQUESTS FOR WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW 2015 (B)		
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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 2015A. 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 March 2015.
- 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 WRR2015A along with officer comments.

APPENDIX 2 - Requests for waiting restrictions review programme 2015B

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.
- 2.4 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 - 2015A

- 4.1 Approval was given at the Traffic Management Sub-committee in March 2015 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 May 2015 for further comments.
- 4.3 A further report went to the Sub-committee in June 2015 to seek approval to carry out statutory consultation. The statutory consultation process took place between 20th August 2015 and 10th September 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 - 2015B

- 4.5 It is recommended that the list of issues raised for the Bi-annual 2015B 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