

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

<b>TO:</b>	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
<b>DATE:</b>	3 NOVEMBER 2015	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	8
<b>TITLE:</b>	PETITION FOR A RESIDENTS PARKING PERMIT SCHEME IN CARDINAL CLOSE AND THE LAY-BY IN WOLSEY ROAD - UPDATE REPORT		
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To update the Sub-Committee on a petition submitted to September meeting asking the Council to introduce a resident parking zone in Cardinal Close and the parking layby in Wolsey Road.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the request to consider a formal parking scheme and consult with residents be progressed through the current 6-monthly waiting restriction review.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

#### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

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

#### 4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 A petition was received at the September 2015 meeting of the Sub-committee asking the Council to introduce a resident parking zone in Cardinal Close and the parking layby in Wolsey Road.

The wording of the petition reads: *'We the undersigned call on Reading Borough Council to implement a Residents parking zone in Cardinal Close and the parking lay-by at the end of Wolsey Road'*.

The petition included a survey of residents asking how many permits would be required. In carrying out the survey residents were made aware of the residents parking permit rules and the limit of two permits per household. This information is helpful in establishing a business case for providing a resident permit scheme and will be considered as a part of the officer review.

- 4.2 Officers have already met with the lead petitioner prior to the petition being submitted to discuss the particular problem faced by residents. All requests for resident parking schemes have their own unique problems that a delivered scheme will intend to resolve. However, this area is particularly challenging for residents who park on-street. Whilst Cardinal Close has some off-street parking in the form of garage blocks these were built many years ago and do not cater for the size of the modern car. The garage areas are particularly tight and parking in front of any garage would cause access problems for other residents. There is evidence of commuter parking for Reading railway station and local business parking that impacts the typical Mon-Sat working week. In addition to this and what creates an element of uniqueness Wolsey Road leads to the River Thames tow path. This generates leisure parking at weekends and in the evenings resulting in a continuous demand for kerb-side parking that residents are competing with.

- 4.3 To take this request forward it is recommended that it is considered and progressed through the current 6-monthly waiting restriction review where the typical review processes will then be followed. The currently review commenced with the list that was approved at September TM Sub-committee. Officers are now looking at each request and will report findings to ward councillors prior to Christmas and feedback to the lead petitioner. Approval to take proposals forward for statutory consultation will then be reported to the Sub-committee in January 2016 as a part of the wider 6-monthly review.

#### 5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 Service Priorities contained in the Corporate Plan 2015 - 2019.

- Safeguarding and protecting those that are most vulnerable.
- Keeping the town clean, green and active.
- Providing infrastructure to support the economy.
- Remaining financially sustainable to deliver these service priorities.

## **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

- 6.1 The lead petitioner will be informed of the findings of the Sub-Committee.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

## **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 None arising from this report.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 Petition report - TM Sub September 2015