

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

<b>TO:</b>	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
<b>DATE:</b>	14 JANUARY 2016	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	6
<b>TITLE:</b>	PETITION FOR A RESIDENTS PARKING PERMIT SCHEME IN LOWER HAMILTON ROAD - UPDATE REPORT		
<b>LEAD COUNCILLOR:</b>	COUNCILLOR TONY PAGE	<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To update the Sub-Committee on a petition submitted to September TM Sub-committee requesting the council to consult with residents over a residents parking permit scheme for Lower Hamilton Road.
- 1.2 At November TM Sub-committee meeting it was recommended that parking within Hamilton Road be investigated as a part of the current 6-monthly waiting restriction review and a scheme be brought to this meeting following local consultation. However, since November, a further petition has been received from residents of Crescent Road for parking restrictions. These are neighbouring streets and it is clear that they cannot be looked at in isolation therefore it is proposed to investigate and consult both streets at the same time and within the next waiting restriction review.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 In light of a petition being received from residents of Crescent Road that the request to consider a formal parking scheme for both Hamilton Road and Crescent Road be investigated as part of the next 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 requesting the council to consider a formal parking scheme and consult with residents on a residents parking permit scheme for Lower Hamilton Road.

*The wording of the petition reads: 'We are concerned about the parking situation in lower Hamilton Road and recently held a consultation with all the residents to discover their views on sending a petition to the Council about some form of residents parking scheme, or similar, which will address the problems we have. We would be grateful if the Committee would consider this petition and hold a consultation in the area to look at the problems and consider ways forward.'*

*Hamilton Road is long and narrow, as compared with many other roads in the Borough, and cannot accommodate vehicles parked on both sides (4-wheels in the road) as well as through traffic in single file. The result has been a growing use of pavement parking, which is now considered the norm. The impact of this is particularly hard on pedestrians, especially children, anyone who is slow, has a mobility or balance problem, as well as parents with buggies and people in wheelchairs. The other impact on many car owners here is the difficulty they often have in entering and leaving their properties by car because of vehicles obstructing their entrances. There has also been an instance when the fire engine has not been able to get up the road unimpeded.'*

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## **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 & TM Sub November 2015**