

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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| TO: | TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE | | |
| DATE: | 10 MARCH 2016 | AGENDA ITEM: | 10 |
| TITLE: | WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING IN PARTS OF LOWER CAVERSHAM - SURVEY RESULTS - UPDATE | | |
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee an update to the request for residents permit parking in parts of Lower Caversham following a survey carried out by Councillor Richard Davies.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the request to consider residents permit parking within part of Lower Caversham be investigated within the next 6-monthly waiting restriction review and the findings reported back to a future meeting of the Sub-committee.
- 2.3 That an informal consultation is initially carried out prior to statutory consultation and the findings be reported to the June 2016 meeting of the Sub-Committee.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision for permit parking and waiting restrictions is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Following on from a decision of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee in September 2015 Councillor Richard Davies conducted an informal survey within parts of lower Caversham. The purpose of the survey was to find out the level of support for a residents permit parking scheme and other restrictions in the area.
- 4.2 The roads surveyed included: Marsack Street, Nelson Road, Montague Street St, John's Road, Brackstone Close, Ardler Road and Washington Road.
- 4.3 The results were as follows: Households Consulted : about 300 in favour of a residents permit parking scheme with 54 Against and a further 23 replying that they did not know.
- 4.4 With such a significant response in favour of residents permit parking officers are now preparing a concept scheme for informal consultation which will also include information on what the scheme means for residents and their visitors. The informal consultation is intended to include the streets within the square of South View Aveune (whole length), Briants Avenue, Gosbrook Road & Washington Road. Consideration will also be given to the existing limited waiting bays on Gosbrook Road by Christchurch Meadow.
- 4.5 The informal consultation will be conducted during the period between the March 2016 meeting of the Sub-Committee and the June 2016 meeting. This will allow the Sub-Committee the opportunity to consider the results and decide whether or not to carry out formal consultation over the summer.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 This proposal supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and contributes to the Council's strategic aims, as set out below:
 - 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.

8.2 The Council will carry out an equality impact assessment scoping exercise prior to submitting the update report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None arising from this report.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.