

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	15 JUNE 2016	AGENDA ITEM:	5(A)
TITLE:	PETITION FOR PERMIT PARKING IN ST STEPHENS CLOSE		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council to introduce permit parking in St Stephens Close.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the petition to introduce permit parking in St Stephens Close is considered as a part of the 6-monthly Waiting Restriction Review programme and is reported back to a future meeting of the Sub-committee.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

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 The Council has received a petition from residents of St Stephens Close, which contains 14 signatures.

4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *'We, the undersigned, call upon Reading Borough Council via the traffic sub-committee to provide residents of St Stephens Close/Claydon Court of the Caversham ward area, with a parking scheme including for share used resident permit/no waiting at any time access to St Stephens Close area, as identified in the attached plan below [Appendix 1]. This forms an extension to the scheme already implemented by proposal CA4046, approved on 10th March 2016, for Cardinal Close residents' area.*

This petition supports a proposal to extend this scheme defined on CA4046 to the St Stephens Cl/Claydon Ct residents developing an integrated area parking strategy consistent with Cardinal Close residential area

Keeps access road clear of parked vehicle and allows emergency access to the area

Alleviates transferred parking pressure caused by the newly implemented proposal CA4046

Alleviates future resident parking issues due to increasing area population density

Alleviates future resident parking issues due to planned St Martin's precinct retail changes and increased visitor movements

Supports residents access and egress needs to /from private land

Prevents long term parking by third parties

Prevents daily parking by commuters

Legalises the removal of vehicles parked on private land

Supports short term parking of third parties, for access to nearby facilities'.

4.3 The petition lead provided a brief analysis of the petition results, stating the following conclusions:

- 67% of owners responded, all supported the petition (the gap here is due to the large % of absentee landlords in Clayton Ct)*
- 90% of residents (27 of 30) responded, all supported the petition*
- 88% of owner/occupiers (15/17) responded, all supported the petition (of the 2 person gap one could not grasp the concept).*

4. 4 The Sub-committee is asked to note the petition and officers will report back their response to a future meeting of the Sub-committee.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 This proposal supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and helps to deliver the following Corporate Plan Service Priorities:

- 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.