

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	15 JUNE 2016	AGENDA ITEM:	5(C)
TITLE:	PETITION FOR PERMIT PARKING IN AMHERST ROAD		
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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 Amherst Road.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the petition to introduce permit parking in Amherst Road 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 Amherst Road, which contains 12 signatures.
- 4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *'I live on Amherst Road and agree that parking can be a problem. Parking congestion can mean that it is impossible to find a parking space in the evening and pavements are often blocked. We would like the council to investigate the issue of residents' parking in the road'*.
- 4.3 The author provided some context for the petition, citing concerns about vehicles parking on the footways and the limited parking space available for residents, which is being caused by the parking of commercial vehicles and by persons living outside the street or commuting to the other parts of the town.
- 4.4 The petition included a survey for the signatories, to ascertain how many were in favour of introducing permit parking on Amherst Road, how many permits they would require and the number of off-road parking spaces that are available to them.
- 4.5 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.