

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	15 JUNE 2016	AGENDA ITEM:	5(F)
TITLE:	PETITION FOR PERMIT PARKING IN HARROW COURT		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council to investigate the introduction of permit parking in Harrow Court.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the petition to introduce permit parking in Harrow Court is considered as 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 Harrow Court, which contains 38 signatures.

4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *'Harrow Court, Bath Road, Reading RG1 6JF is a small cul-de-sac leading to a development of 38 terraced houses with garages in blocks, built 47 years ago. The garages are too small for most modern cars and residents do not have their own drives, with the exception of 2 houses which have a short drive than can accommodate a medium size car. They have to park on the road or in the garage area. Parking has become increasingly difficult for residents who are now competing with commuters and shoppers who park in the road and our garage areas seven days a week.*

We, the undersigned residents of Harrow Court, petition Reading Borough Council to investigate a Resident Parking Permits scheme for our road'.

4.3 The petition provided some context of the parking problems, citing concerns about vehicles parking on the footway, limited parking spaces available for the residents' which is being caused by persons living outside the street or commuting to other parts of the town and emergency access.

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.

4.5 The lead petitioner will be informed of this decision accordingly.

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.