READING BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

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TITLE: BI-ANNUAL WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - WRR2016A

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To seek approval to carry out statutory consultation and implementation, subject to no objections being received, on requests for or changes to waiting/parking restrictions.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 Bi-Annual Waiting restriction review programme list of streets and officer's recommendations and the relevant proposed plans.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Members of the Sub-Committee note the report.
- 2.2 That in consultation with the chair of the Sub-Committee, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out statutory consultations and advertise the proposals listed in Appendix 1 in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 2.3 That subject to no objections received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.4 That any objections received following the statutory advertisement be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

- 2.5 That the Head of Transport, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals.
- 2.6 That no public enquiry be held into the proposals.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 The provision of waiting/parking restrictions and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The council regularly receives correspondence from the public, councillors and organisations that have a desire for the council to consider new or alteration to formal waiting restrictions. Requests are reviewed on a 6 monthly basis commencing in March and September of each year.
- 4.2 This review has typically involved the investigation and consultation on a number of individual requests. The purpose for carrying out a bi-annual review is to ensure best value as the statutory processes involved are lengthy and expensive.
- 4.3 In accordance with the report to this Sub-Committee on 10th March 2016, consultation with Ward Councillors has been completed, and the resultant proposals where councillors are happy to proceed with schemes to take forward to the statutory consultation process are shown in Appendix 1.
- 4.4 This report seeks the approval of the Sub-Committee to carry out the Statutory Consultation in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

5. RESIDENT PERMIT SCHEMES

- 5.1 There has been an increase in demand for parking in residential areas of Reading in recent years and the Council has seen a dramatic rise in the number of requests for resident permit (RP) parking schemes.
- 5.2 The review process for RP schemes is lengthy, requiring extensive investigation, consultation (both informal and statutory) and administrative preparation to design, prepare for, introduce and enforce the restriction.
- 5.3 There are a number of RP schemes that have been reported to the Sub-Committee, which are awaiting further investigation. These include Grange Avenue area (Park), Little John Lane area (Battle) and Lower Caversham area (Caversham). This work is due to be carried out in the summer 2016.
- 5.4 Furthermore, a total of 5 petitions in request of RP scheme have been submitted to this June meeting of the Sub-Committee. These include: Amherst Road, Melrose Avenue, Rowley Road, Harrow Court and St Stephens Close Area.

- 5.5 The Council's Resident Permit team has reached its capacity and the recently approved RP schemes for Edgar Milward Close and Cardinal Close in March TMSC has added further pressure, which is resulting in delays to the desirable implementation dates.
- 5.6 With the current level of resources, the Council is unable to process any further RP schemes until the delivery of the existing schemes is completed.

6. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

6.1 To promote equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

7.1 Any Statutory consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Any proposals for waiting restrictions are advertised under the Traffic Management Act 2004 and/or the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as required.

9. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The Council has carried out a equality impact assessment scoping exercise, and considers that the proposals do not have a direct impact on any groups with protected characteristics.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The works will be funded by existing Transport Budgets.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 Traffic Management Sub-Committee 10th March 2016

Ward	Street	Requested by	Summary of request
Abbey	Milford Road	Business	Request to review parking restrictions and request of APM to deter obstructive and all day parking.
			Officers comments and recommendations: This is an industrial area where access for HGVs is regularly required. The majority of the businesses have parking to accommodate their staff and work vehicles.
			Parking is currently taking place on both sides of the road causing inconvenience to both pedestrians and drivers. Businesses have expressed a desire for the Council to introduce waiting restrictions to deter all day parking and limit parking to one side of the road, as shown in drawing WRR2016A/AB1.
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Battle	Battle Square	Ward Councillors & Residents	Request for parking review of the entire Battle Square, following the recently introduced waiting restrictions in parts of Battle Square.
		Association	Officers comments and recommendations:
			Further to the recently introduced waiting restrictions in parts of Battle Square, residents have requested a further parking review to include the whole of Battle
			Square to deter inconsiderate and dangerous parking. It is therefore recommended that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions be introduced as shown in drawing WRR2016A/BA1
Battle	Loverock Road	Business	Parking on both sides of the road is causing problem for HGV traffic. There have been requests for parking restrictions or a one-way traffic flow.
			There have been additional requests for waiting restrictions around accesses to business units.
			Officers comments and recommendations: Loverock Road is in an industrial estate with a high volume of HGV traffic. Vehicles parking on both sides of Loverock Road causes traffic flow issues. It is

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			therefore recommended that 'no waiting at any time' be introduced on the north side of Loverock Road as shown in drawing WRR2016A/BA2
Battle	Wood Green Close	Resident	Request for 'no waiting at any time' restrictions around the turning head.
			Officers comments and recommendations:
			Waiting restrictions were introduced in Wood Green Close to improve access to
			garages in 2015. A resident has requested that Wood Green Close be kept under
			review and will be in contact with the Transport team should further restriction
			be required around the turning head. Our record shows no further report of
			parking issues since the introduction of waiting restriction. It is therefore
			recommended that no further action be taken.
Caversham	Hemdean Road	Resident via	Request to extend the existing Resident Permit Parking zone onto Hemdean Road, to
		Ward	include properties No.134 to No.152.
		Councillor	
			Officers comments and recommendations:
			Due to this part of Hemdean Road being free from any formal waiting restrictions, a further increase of managed parking at this point will create additional parking
			pressures for residents further north. Our recommendation is to take no further
			action, but to keep the area under review.
Caversham	Marsack Street	Resident	Request for waiting restrictions around junctions, to deter dangerous parking.
			Officers comments and recommendations:
			Marsack Street forms as part of the resident permit scheme review. A
			consultation for proposed waiting and permit parking restrictions will be
			conducted with residents shortly.
Church	Winton	Resident	Request to consider the introduction of a footway/verge parking ban on Winton Road
	Road/Brybur Close		and installation of waiting restrictions around junctions to improve visibility.
			Officers comments and recommendations:

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			Footway and verge parking bans are currently on trial in parts of Reading as an area wide scheme only, to try and anticipate any displacement effects. Such requests will be deferred until the impact of verge and footway parking ban is fully appreciated. However, parking within 10 metres of the junction is contrary to the highway code and causes visibility issues. It is therefore recommended that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions be introduced as shown in drawing WRR2016A/CH1
Church	Ennerdale Road	Ward Councillor	Waiting restrictions similar to the one being proposed on Wellington Avenue should be considered on Ennerdale Road, especially around the junctions. Officers comments and recommendations: Following site visits, parking was observed within 10m of the junctions, which causes road safety concerns. It is therefore recommended that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions be implemented, as shown on drawing WRR2016A/CH2
Katesgrove	Park View	Housing Association	Request for a parking review, to deter non-resident parking. Officers comments and recommendations: There is no evidence to suggest that non-resident parking is taking place within Park View. Upon visiting the street, officers have engaged with residents, all of whom suggested that there is no parking issue within the development. Although some residents do park on street at night this is not raised as a safety concern. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken.
Katesgrove	Charndon Close	Neighbourhood Officer	Charndon close is to be adopted as part of the public highway. Request to restrict parking on all junctions within the Close. Officers comments and recommendations: Charndon Close has recently become part of the public highway. There has been a long standing parking issue here and local residents have requested introduction of a permit parking scheme, even prior to the road adoption. A recent introduction of resident permit in Waldeck street has further increased parking pressure in Charndon Close and it is therefore recommended to extend

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			resident parking onto Charndon Close. However, the difficulty would be deciding which properties would be entitled to a parking permit within Charndon Close.
Katesgrove	Elgar Road South	Business	Request for double yellow lines to be installed on corners to prevent accidents.
			Officers comments and recommendations: The cause of concern is speeding related rather than a visibility issue. It is therefore recommended to consider Elgar Road south under the Speed Awareness programme and to deploy Vehicle Activated Signs.
Kentwood	Broomfield Road	Resident	Request for waiting restrictions on the bend.
			Officers comments and recommendations: The majority of properties within Broomfield Road have ample off street parking and there is little need for parking to take place on the bend, which is causing obstruction to driver's forward visibility. It is therefore recommended to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on the inner bend as shown in drawing WRR2016A/KE1
Kentwood	Overdown road	Resident via Ward Councillor	Request for existing waiting restrictions to be extended to the Borough boundary. Officers comments and recommendations: It is recommended to extend the existing part time restrictions to the Borough boundary as shown in drawing WRR2016A/KE2
Kentwood	Romany Close	Resident	Refuse collection vehicles are experiencing difficulties accessing the entrance to the back of Norcot Road on Romany close. Waiting restrictions are required to allow HGV access. Officers comments and recommendations: Vehicles frequently parking on the bend are causing an obstruction and resulting in missed bin collections, as well as inconvenience to residents accessing private garages to the rear. It is therefore recommend to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions as shown in drawing WRR2016A/KE3
Kentwood	Wealden Way	Resident	Request to extend existing double yellow lines from opposite Dartington Close to its

		Resident via Ward Councillor	junction with Pottery Road. Request for waiting restriction review to deter inconsiderate school pick up/drop off parking.
Minster	Southcote Road	Resident	Request for extension of waiting restrictions to the south of its junction with Carmalite Drive and its junction with Josephine Court.
			Officers comments and recommendations: Vehicles parked closely to the junctions are in contravention of the Highway Code and are causing visibility issues. It is, therefore, recommended to implement 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the junctions, as shown in drawing WRR2016A/MI1.
Minster	Tazewell Court	Resident	Residents feel that the current restrictions are too severe and request a review to relax the 'no waiting at any time' restrictions. Officers comments and recommendations: The current waiting restrictions were introduced in 2014 in response to requests from residents to deter inconsiderate parking. Since the introduction of the waiting restrictions, our record shows no further parking related complaints within Tazewell Court. It is not recommended to relax the current restrictions unless residents can demonstrate a majority support from the neighbourhood.

Park	Newtown area	Ward Councillor	Request to review the existing shared use resident permit parking hours from 10am-4pm to 8am-8pm.
			Officers comments and recommendations: It is recommended to carry out statutory consultation for the change of RP hours as requested.

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Park	Green Road	Ward Councillor	Request to extend existing double yellow lines at its junction with Whiteknights Road.
			Officers comments and recommendations:
			It is recommended to extend the 'no waiting at any time' restriction, as shown in drawing WRR2016A/PA2
Park	Hamilton Road	Ward Councillor	Request for parking review (i.e. resident permit scheme) to resolve ongoing parking issues
			Officers comments and recommendations:
			The Council has received several petitions in this area for the consideration of a resident permit scheme. Such requests need to be investigated as a wider RP scheme to prevent displacement of parking in the area. Our recommendation is to carry out an informal consultation to gauge the level of resident support for Hamilton road, Bulmershe Road and Crescent Road.
Park	Whiteknights Road	Ward Councillor	Request that the double yellow lines at the junction of Talfourd Avenue to Holmes Road be shortened to provide more parking spaces.
			Officers comments and recommendations:
			The existing waiting restrictions around the junctions ensure good visibility and provide vehicles with sufficient room to manoeuvre in and out of the junctions. Shortening the restrictions will only encourage student parking in the area and compromise road safety. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken.
Park	Crescent Road	Resident	Parking on Crescent Road causes traffic flow issues and the road would benefit from double yellow line and prevent Mexican stand-off.
			Officers comments and recommendations: As per Hamilton Road recommendation.

Peppard	Galsworthy Drive	Resident via	Complaints of lorries, vans and pickup trucks parking in the evening and over the
		MP	weekends in this residential street, especially on the corner of Montpelier Drive.

			Request for waiting restrictions to deter inconsiderate parking.
			Officers comments and recommendations: Vehicles parked closely to the junction are in contravention of the Highway Code and cause visibility issues. It is, therefore, recommended to implement 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the junction, as shown in drawing WRR2016A/PE1.
Peppard	Lyefield Court	Resident	Resident felt that the introduction of waiting restrictions should be considered, at least in the narrow part of this road.
			Officers comments and recommendations: A similar restriction was proposed within Lyefiled Court recently and the majority of Bell Court residents objected to the proposal. Although causing slight inconvenience, vehicles parking on one side of Lyefield Court do not cause obstruction to traffic nor emergency service vehicles. The current parking arrangement also acts as a traffic calming measure and slows traffic in this quiet residential street. It is, therefore, recommended that no further action be taken.

Southcote	Coronation Square	Family development	Request for "emergency vehicle" and "disabled parking" bay.
		team	Officers comments and recommendations:
			The current emergency vehicle bay marking is illegal, however it appears to be respected by the community. Therefore, the recommendation is to leave the bay marking as it is.
Southcote	Southcote Lane	Resident	Request for waiting restrictions from Belgravia Court to Bath Road.
			Officers comments and recommendations: Further waiting restrictions are required to improve bus services on Southcote Lane. There is ample parking for the majority of the households and there is little need for residents to park on this busy road. It is therefore recommended to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions as shown in drawing WRR2016A/SO2

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Thames	Highmoor Road	Resident	Request for consideration to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the junction with Kidmore Road.
			Officers comments and recommendations: Vehicles parked closely to the junction are in contravention of the Highway Code and cause visibility issues. It is, therefore, recommended to implement 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the junction as shown in drawing WRR2016A/TH1.

Tilehurst	Church End Lane	Resident via Ward Councillor	Request for the introduction of waiting restrictions on the inner bend, opposite its junction with Stanham Road, to improve visibility when leaving private driveways.
			Officers comments and recommendations:
			Parking on the inner bend restricts driver's forward visibility along Church End
			Lane and obscures sight lines for residents leaving their private driveways. It is
			therefore recommended to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions as
			shown in drawing WRR2016A/TI1 on road safety grounds.
Tilehurst	Mayfair/Park Lane	ResidentS via	Bus services are regularly delayed by parked cars close to the junction. Requested
		Ward	that existing waiting restrictions are extended to improve traffic flow.
		Councillor	
			Officers comments and recommendations:
			This is a busy through-route with frequent bus services and school traffic during
			peak hours. It is recommended to extend existing 'no waiting at any
			time'restrictions as shown in drawing WRR2016A/TI2.
Tilehurst	St Michaels Road	Ward	Request for
		Councillor	- Extension of waiting restrictions up to No.58 St Michaels Road
			- Proposed waiting restrictions opposite its junction with The Triangle

Ward	Street		Summary of request
			Officers comments and recommendations: Residents have expressed there has been a dramatic increase of traffic over the past few months. Parking in part of St Michael's Road is causing some safety concerns. It is recommended to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions as shown in drawing WRR2016A/TI3
Tilehurst	Westwood Road	Ward Councillor	Request for waiting restrictions to be introduced at its junction with Crescent Road to improve driver's visibility at the junction. Officers comments and recommendations: Vehicles parked closely to the junction are in contravention of the Highway Code and cause visibility issues. It is therefore recommended to implement 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the junction as shown in drawing WRR2016A/TI4.
Whitley	Dovecote Road	Residents	Request for waiting restrictions review for the entire road especially around the
			Junction adjacent to No.16 Officers comments and recommendations: The Council has received several complaints with regard to inconsiderate parking within Dovecote Road. The road is a quiet residential cul-de-sac serving approximately 30 households and it is wide enough to accommodate parking on one side without causing obstruction to the footway and the carriageway. It is therefore recommended to introduce waiting restrictions, as shown in drawing WRR2016A/WH2
Whitley	Greenfield Road	Resident via Ward Councillor	Request for footway/verge parking ban to be considered. Officers comments and recommendations: Footway and verge parking bans are currently on trial in parts of Reading as area wide schemes only, to try and anticipate any displacement effects. Such requests will be deferred until the impact of verge and footway parking ban is fully appreciated.

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