

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	14 SEPTEMBER 2016	AGENDA ITEM:	5(A)
TITLE:	PETITION FOR RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING SCHEME IN AVEBURY SQUARE		
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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 a resident permit parking scheme in Avebury Square.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the lead petitioner be informed that their request for the introduction of a resident permit parking scheme in Avebury Square is being addressed as part of the Hospital and University Area Parking update report.

#### 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 Avebury Square, which contains 16 signatures.

4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *'We, the undersigned, request that Reading Borough Council implement a Residents' Parking scheme in Avebury Square with the following elements:*

- *Access to residents parking permits for all households, with one free permit per household and more available as per the Council's standard Scheme*
- *Waiting on the outside verge of the Square restricted to:*
- *Residents with valid permits, or*
- *Non-residents between the hours of 10am and 4pm, on all days of the week, for no more than 2 hours and with no return within 2 hours*
- *Protection to driveway entrances through the use of white H-bars*
- *No parking to be allowed on the inside of the Square at any time*

*Ideally, we would like the double yellow lines needed on the inside of the Square to be narrower and a more subtle yellow than standard: we understand that the regulations would allow 50mm width and BS381C (Primrose) colour to be used, which would be less intrusive on the character of the Square.*

*We would be happy to discuss these requests with you or with Council officers, especially with regard to any detailed implementation questions that arise.*

*This request stems from a meeting of residents of the Square on 14<sup>th</sup> July at which the majority of the houses in the Square were represented, with a number of other residents expressing support. As the signatures below demonstrate, we are confident that the vast majority of residents of the Square will support the Council in implementing these proposals.*

*Yours faithfully'.*

4.3 The Sub-committee is asked to note the petition. This request for the introduction of resident permit parking scheme for Avebury Square is being addressed as part of the Hospital and University parking update report.

## 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 that their request for the introduction of a resident permit parking scheme in Avebury Square is being addressed as part of the Hospital and University Area Parking update report.

## **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.

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 None arising from this report.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 None.