

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	9 MARCH 2017	AGENDA ITEM:	5(a)
TITLE:	PETITION FOR POTENTIAL PARKING SCHEME ON ALEXANDRA ROAD AND NEARBY STREETS		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council to provide parking facilities for the Mosque community members.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the petition to provide parking provisions is considered as part of the Waiting Restriction Review programme and the results of Officer investigations are reported back to a future meeting of the sub-committee.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

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

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Council has received a petition from Mosque members, which contains 471 signatures.

- 4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *'We really appreciate the new parking scheme on and around Alexandra Road. I hope that the scheme will benefit the residents of the area.*

You might be aware that No. 46 Alexandra Road, Reading is a Mosque (Muslim Community Center) and regularly used 5 times daily by the community. The Community members have raised concerns over parking whilst attending the mosque. We hereby request the following parking facilities to be made available so that the community members can continue attending the Mosque during their day and night prayers.

1-Two bays outside 46 Alexandra Road should be marked for Disabled

2-One hour free parking day and night

3-One hour for Friday Prayer

4-One hour for people attending any funeral prayers

5-One hour for attending Eid Prayers

We would be grateful for providing requested parking facilities for the community'

- 4.3 The Sub-Committee is asked to note the petition and officers will report back the results of their investigations to a future meeting of the Sub-committee as part of the waiting restriction review programme.

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 proposing the introduction of any changes to waiting restrictions.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None arising from this report.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.