

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	14 JUNE 2017	AGENDA ITEM:	5 (A)
TITLE:	PETITION TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE THE ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF SANDCROFT AND KIDMORE 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 permanently close the road at junction of Sandcroft Road and Kidmore Road.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 The road closure will be added to Traffic Management measures report if adopted and approved tonight as referred in 4.4.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

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 residents which contains 38 signatures.

4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *'The undersigned would like the road permanently closed at the junction of Sandcroft Rd and Kidmore Rd for the following reasons*

- *The visibility on exiting Sandcroft Rd is extremely poor as there is no line of sight on the right hand side to see oncoming traffic*
- *When entering Sandcroft Rd from Kidmore Rd, visibility is very poor due to the parked vehicles on the left hand side, you have to frequently enter the road "blind" on the wrong side of the road*
- *The evidently poor structure under the road would benefit from lack of through traffic saving the council money in the long term'*

4.3 A covering letter was attached with the petition stating a resident of Sandcroft Road attended the meeting run by Thames Water and Reading Borough Council regarding the sinkhole. Questions were raised about the danger this junction poses, which a Reading Borough Council staff recommended to organise a petition.

4.4 The parking issues that have been raised is to be considered as part of the Waiting Restriction Review programme and the results of Officers investigation are reported back to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee. A road closure will be investigated and considered by Officers, if the Traffic Management measure reports is approved the junction of Sandcroft and Kidmore Road will be added.

4.5 The Council has received an objection against this petition from a resident of Kidmore Road

4.6 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.

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.