READING BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	14 JUNE 2017	AGEND	A ITEM: 9
TITLE:	BI-ANNUAL WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - 2017A STATUTORY CONSULTATION		
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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/changes to waiting/parking restrictions.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 Bi-Annual waiting restriction review programme list of streets and Officer recommendations.

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 Transportation and Streetcare, 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 amend existing 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 9th March 2017, 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 listed 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. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 This proposal supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and contributes to the Council's strategic aims, as set out below:
 - Providing the infrastructure to support the economy.
 - Remaining financially sustainable to deliver these service priorities.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

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

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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 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.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The works will be funded by existing Transport Budgets.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Traffic Management Sub-Committee 9th March 2017.

APPENDIX 1 - REQUESTS FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS 2017A - OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

UPDATED: 05/06/2017

Ward	d Street	Summary of Request	Officer recommendation
1. Abbey	Carey Street	To convert and extend the single yellow line to a double yellow line as the driveway outside the community centre often gets blocked.	We recommend changing the restriction to a double yellow line as shown in drawing WRR2017A/AB1.
2. Abbey	De Montford Road	The two hour shared use bay on the west side of the road goes across a driveway, often causing the driveway to be blocked. Request for the bay to be shortened.	Reading Borough Council has a process in place whereby residents can apply for access protection markings to discourage motorists from parking across their driveways. Reducing the bay would also decrease the amount of parking available for residents of this street. For these reasons, we do not recommend that this be progressed in the waiting restriction review programme at this time.
3. Abbey	Kenavon Drive	Request to review the parking situation outside the new development. Lack of double yellow lines causing inconsiderate parking.	At present, the land near the new development is not part of the public highway. For this reason, we do not recommend that this be progressed in the waiting restriction review programme at this time.
4. Abbey	Market Place	Request to review the loading bay restriction to ensure that they match the existing signs.	The current restrictions are out of date so we recommend validating them as seen in drawing WRR2017A/AB3.
5. Abbey	York Road	To convert a section of double yellow lines to a single yellow line to allow parking in the vicinity of the community church outside school hours.	We recommend removing some of the double yellow lines which apply when the 'School Keep Clear' markings are not in force. Officers have also suggested that additional permit parking could be obtained if an existing bay is extended. Please note that this was not part of the original request. Both of these proposals can be seen in drawing 2017A/AB2.
6. Battle	Brunswick Hill	Request to reduce the residents permit bay as their driveway is being blocked.	Reading Borough Council has a process in place whereby residents can apply for access protection markings to discourage motorists from parking across their driveways. Reducing the bay would also decrease the amount of parking available for residents of this street. For these reasons, we do not recommend that this be progressed in the waiting restriction review programme at this time.
7. Battle	West Village	West Village Residents' Association request an investigation of the possibility of a pavement parking ban in West Village.	The Council has recently introduced a number of waiting restrictions in this area. The most recent consultation received many objections. Officers do not wish to reduce the parking in this area any further and would encourage the residents association to provide evidence of resident support for any future proposals. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken at this time.
8. Cavers	ham Briants Avenue	Request to reduce the residents permit bay as their driveway is being blocked.	Reading Borough Council has a process in place whereby residents can apply for access protection markings to discourage motorists from parking across their driveways. Reducing the bay would also decrease the amount of parking available for residents of this street. For these

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			reasons, we do not recommend that this be progressed in the waiting restriction review programme at this time.
9. Caversham	Elliotts Way	Request for resident permit scheme in order to stop commuter parking or other waiting restrictions to be put in place during office hours. Additionally, access to apartments/driveways often get blocked by inconsiderate parking.	The majority of properties in this area have off-street parking. Residents can apply for access protection markings to discourage motorists from parking across their driveways. Any other restriction would impact residents and reduce parking availability. For these reasons, we do not recommend that this be progressed in the waiting restriction review programme at this time.
10. Caversham	Lower Henley Road	Request for an investigation into the parking, as the road is often used by commuters preventing residents' ability to park on the street.	The majority of properties in this area have off-street parking and any restriction would also impact residents, reducing the availability of parking. For these reasons, we do not recommend that this be progressed in the waiting restriction review programme at this time.
11. Caversham	Marsack Street/South View Park	Vehicles tend to obstruct lorries manoeuvring and gaining access to their off-street parking area on Marsack Street and South View Park.	Officers recommend that this request is removed from the Waiting Restriction Review Programme and is reviewed as part of the Lower Caversham Resident Parking Scheme.
12. Caversham	Send Road	Request for the parking situation to be assessed as during the week non-residents tend to use this road for parking.	There are a number of businesses in this area and few off-street parking spaces. We recommend that this request is removed from the Waiting Restriction Review Programme and that it considered as part of the Resident Permit Scheme Programme.
13. Caversham/ Henley Road Thames	Henley Road	Concern that vehicles are parking in the cycle lane, forcing pedestrians into the middle of the road.	The north section of this road is in Thames ward and the south side is in Caversham ward. We have not received support from Caversham ward Councillors, though we have received support from Thames ward Councillors.
			A consultation was carried out on a proposal to restrict parking on Henley Road between its junction with Cromwell Road and Donkin Hill as part of the waiting restriction review (SPA9), however the scheme was removed from the programme after a number of objections from Henley Road residents.
			There have been an increasing number of requests to restrict parking on Henley Road since the introduction of advisory cycle lane in 2013/14. Parking in the advisory cycle lane is causing cyclists to swerve into the middle of the carriageway and is a safety concern to cyclists.
			The majority of the properties on this section of Henley Road have ample off-street parking and parking on the carriageway may be avoided. We therefore recommend introducing some double yellow lines as shown in drawing CA1.

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14. Church	Kiln View Road	Commercial vans tend to park and obstruct both the junction and the curb, which makes it difficult for pedestrians, emergency vehicles and residents to access the Cul-de-sac.	We recommend installing some double yellow lines in the area as shown in drawing WRR2017A/CH3.
15. Church	Rowdell Drive	Request for double yellow lines to be installed on the junction and on the blind bend, to increase visibility for drivers and safety for pedestrians.	We recommend installing some double yellow lines in the area as shown in drawing WRR2017A/CH2.
16. Church	Totnes Road	Request for double yellow lines to either be extended to prevent road users from veering into the left hand lane (at the approach to the roundabout from Totnes Road).	We recommend installing some additional double yellow lines in the area as shown in drawing WRR2017A/CH1.
17. Church/ Redlands	Upper Redlands Road	Resident is concerned that the bus stop used by St Joseph's College (junction with Alexandra Road) is also being used as a parking space which compromises visibility - requests a review of the restrictions in place.	The current bus stop is often used by buses and coaches doing work for the nearby school. There is nowhere else close to this area that is suitable for these vehicles to park. The bus stop is also immediately next to an existing parking bay and is not outside someone's house. The use and provision of school buses also assists in the overall avoidance of 'school run' journeys. Officers therefore do not recommend that any further action be taken at this time.
18. Katesgrove	Glebe Road	Investigate what restrictions can be implemented to alleviate the school drop off and pick up problems that residents are experiencing.	Officers have not received Councillor's support for our recommendations. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken.
19. Katesgrove	Katesgrove Lane	To amend the existing resident permit zone, as residents from other areas (same permit zone) park in Katesgrove Lane as it is within closer vicinity to the town centre. Residents are finding it difficult to find spaces to park.	The amendment of an existing permit zone would require considerable resources to review and implement. Resident Permit Schemes do not guarantee parking outside individual's properties. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken at this time.
20. Katesgrove	South Street	Request from several residents to increase the number of permit parking spaces on the street. Some state that P&D bays are often empty and could be converted to shared use. Residents finding it difficult to find spaces in the evenings.	The level of income generated by the pay & display machines demonstrates that the bays are being used regularly by non-residents and the removal of this facility would make it difficult for these visitors to park in the area. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken at this time.
21. Katesgrove	Long Barn Lane	Inconsiderate parking, request for parking restrictions on the north side/park side of the road towards Northumberland Avenue.	We could install double yellow lines on the north side of the road; however, officers are concerned about the further displacement of parking that this would cause. Installing double yellow lines would also completely remove any resident or visitor parking. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken.
22. Kentwood	Portmeirion Gardens	To introduce double yellow lines around the junction with Pottery Road to prevent inconsiderate parking at the entrance of the street.	We recommend installing double yellow lines as shown in drawing WRR2017A/KE1.

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23. Norcot	Windrush Way	Introduce double yellow lines around the junction of Kirton Close with Windrush Way as cars tend to be parked on the corner, making it dangerous for cars attempting to pull out of the junction. It was decided in the March meeting that this be extended to all nearby junctions.	We recommend installing double yellow lines as shown in drawing WRR2017A/NO1.
24. Norcot	The Meadway	Agreed at Traffic Management Sub-Committee meeting in March to consider the waiting restrictions in the shopping area opposite Dee Road, as per the petition update report.	Following a Councillor and resident meeting, we have proposed to install two disabled parking bays in this area as seen in drawing WRR2017A/NO2.
25. Park	Kennet Side	Request for double yellow lines on the narrow, unrestricted sections between Cholmeley Road and Jolly Anglers PH. Experiencing access issues due to vehicles being parked in this section.	We recommend installing double yellow lines as shown in drawing WRR2017A/PA1.
26. Park	Crescent Road	Request for school entrance markings at the entrance to Maiden Erlegh School on Crescent Road, in order to make motorists aware of pupils entering/exiting the school.	We recommend that some double yellow lines are installed along with school entrance markings as seen in drawing WRR2017A/PA2. Under the new regulations, the school entrance markings can be installed without a Traffic Regulation Order. The new East Reading Study Steering Group will also be reviewing the wider area.
27. Park	Wokingham Road	To review the bays in front of the shops close to the junction with Tuns Hill Cottages. There is a concern that commuters park here, preventing customers from being able to park here.	Officers recommend that this request is removed from the Waiting Restriction Review Programme as the bays in question are being reviewed as part of the Red Route Consultation.
28. Park	Liverpool Road	Resident concerned that despite having an access protection marking, they often get blocked in their driveway. Request for double yellow lines to deter inconsiderate parking.	Reading Borough Council has a process in place whereby residents can apply for access protection markings to discourage motorists from parking across their driveways. Reducing the bay would also decrease the amount of parking available for residents of this street. For these reasons, we do not recommend that this be progressed in the waiting restriction review programme at this time.
29. Peppard	Buckingham Drive	Request for double yellow lines on the turnabout located at the junction of Buckingham Drive, Buckingham Gate and Marshland Square. Concerned roundabout is being used as a car park by local residents and emergency vehicles would struggle to gain access.	We recommend installing double yellow lines as shown in drawing WRR2017A/PE2.
30. Peppard	Kidmore End Road	Asked for resident permit parking only for the properties between Peppard Road up to the end of the park as they are having difficulty parking outside, or near to, their houses. In the interim, would like consideration to be made for removing the limited waiting restriction in this area.	The 2hr limited waiting bay allows short term parking during the day and unrestricted parking in the evenings. The bays allow customers for the nearby shops to park during the day. Officers do not recommend amending these bays but have found a short length of double yellow lines that could be removed to allow additional unrestricted parking in the area as shown in drawing WRR2017A/PE3.
31. Peppard	Micklands Road	Request for the double yellow lines at the junction with Henley Road to be extended up until the first speed bump as cars parking too close to the junction are causing a safety issue.	We recommend installing double yellow lines as shown in drawing WRR2017A/PE1.

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32. Redlands/ Church	Upper Redlands Road	Resident is concerned that the bus stop used by St Joseph's College (junction with Alexandra Road) is also being used as a parking space which compromises visibility - requests a review of the restrictions in place.	The current bus stop is often used by buses and coaches doing work for the nearby school. There is nowhere else close to this area that is suitable for these vehicles to park. The bus stop is also immediately next to an existing parking bay and is not outside someone's house. The use and provision of school buses also assists in the overall avoidance of 'school run' journeys. It is not possible to install a limited waiting restriction for a bus stop or stand. Officers therefore do not recommend that any further action be taken at this time.
33. Redlands	Alexandra Road	Agreed at Traffic Management Sub-Committee meeting in March to investigate the content of the petition, as per the report. The petition requested amendments to the newly implemented restrictions to allow additional parking for the mosque.	The new restrictions on Alexandra Road are in place between 8am- 5.30pm Mon-Fri. During this time motorists must have a pay & display ticket or a permit on display. At all other times a permit must be displayed.
			Blue Badge holders are exempt from the pay & display restriction provided that their badges are correctly displayed but they are not exempt from the 'permit holders only' restriction. This provides temporary free parking for Blue Badge holders at certain times of the day. We therefore do not recommend installing additional disabled parking bays.
			Parking in the pay & display bays on Alexandra Road for 1 hour costs ± 1.50 . As a community agency, the mosque can apply for unlimited visitor permits through the resident parking team. If approved, then they will be charged ± 22 for each book of 20 permits. This would work out as ± 1.10 for a half day of parking.
			As the restrictions in this area were only recently introduced, we do not recommend further action at this time.
34. Thames/ Caversham	Henley Road	Concern that vehicles are parking in the cycle lane, forcing pedestrians into the middle of the road.	The north section of this road is in Thames ward and the south side is in Caversham ward. We have not received support from Caversham ward Councillors, though we have received support from Thames ward Councillors.
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35. Tilehurst	Combe Road/Warnford Road	Parking around the junction is causing visibility/safety issues.	We recommend installing double yellow lines as shown in drawing WRR2017A/TI3.
36. Tilehurst	Hardwick Road/Elvaston Way	Parking around the junction is causing visibility/safety issues.	We recommend installing double yellow lines as shown in drawing WRR2017A/TI2.
37. Tilehurst	Hardwick Road/Bromley Walk	Request for permit parking, small parking areas around Harvaston Parade are being used by commercial and damaged vehicles, reducing parking space availability for residents.	Officers do not believe that introducing parking restrictions would benefit residents as any type of restriction would restrict parking. We believe that the majority of the issues are caused by one household and could arrange for one of our Neighbourhood Officers to investigate this further. It is therefore recommended that this request is removed from the Waiting Restriction Review Programme.
38. Tilehurst	Downing Road	Request for double yellow lines round the Cul-de-sac, Lambourne Close and Downing Road as coaches/mini buses attending the Royal British Legion park too close to the junction and make it difficult for vehicles to turn around.	We recommend installing double yellow lines as shown in drawing WRR2017A/TI1.
39. Tilehurst	Poole Close/Elvaston Way/Bromley Walk	Request from several residents to introduce parking restrictions in the garaging area of Poole Close, Elvaston Way and Bromley Walk.	We do not recommend installing any restrictions here as it would prevent residents from being able to park outside their own garages. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken at this time.
40. Whitley	Ambrook Road	Request for a reduction of double yellow lines to accommodate more parking for residents.	Officers have visited the site and believe that any reduction in the length of the double yellow lines would reduce visibility on an already tight bend. For safety reasons, we do not recommend that any further action be taken.
41. Whitley	Meavy Gardens	Parking round the junction with Brixham road by taxis/minibuses causing road safety issues. Request for double yellow lines round the junction. Also, cars park across driveways during school drop off and pick up time.	Officers have not received Councillor's support for our recommendations. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken.

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