

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	13 SEPTEMBER 2017	AGENDA ITEM:	5(A)
TITLE:	PETITION FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN SHILLING CLOSE AND HONEY END LANE		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council for waiting restrictions in Shilling Close and Honey End Lane.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the request for waiting restrictions be added to the Waiting Restriction Review programme if adopted and approved tonight as referred in 4.3.
- 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 12 signatures.

- 4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *'I am contacting you on behalf of the residents of Shilling Close who are constantly faced with excessive parking in Honey End Lane that causes us some worry.*

Honey End Lane (see Sketch) is curved and has double yellow lines on the curve. The rest of it is an open invitation to drivers working at the hospital to park. Unfortunately this means it is impossible to negotiate that section of the road unless one or other backs up.

Cars are also parked at the entrance side of the Close which means when leaving the Close you are on the wrong side of the road.

There is frequent blocking of the wheel chair let downs, where also careless positioning at the corner of the Close causing a difficult exit and making crossing the road impossible for many of the elderly people living here.

Earlier we had a meeting with the Hospital Manager who express his concern and had negotiated a deal for some of their cars to have spaces in the precinct but this has been rejected by the staff. We have heard nothing since.

When the residents of the Lane park their cars legally outside their property the space between them and the cars parked by the hospital staff leaves a gap that the emergency vehicles cannot get through.

If you could make Honey End Lane and the top end of Shilling Close a no parking area it would be so much safer for the residents.

There is a slight improvement in the school holidays when The Hospital do not have quite so many meetings'.

- 4.3 The parking issues that have been raised are 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.

- 4.4 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.