

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	13 SEPTEMBER 2017	AGENDA ITEM:	5(B)
TITLE:	PETITION AGAINST THE NEW ENTRY RESTRICTIONS ON THE MINSTER STREET BUS LANE AND LACK OF ACCESS THROUGH BUS LANES FOR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition against the new entry restrictions on the Minster Street bus lane and lack of access through bus lanes for private hire vehicles.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 The petition against lack of access through bus lanes for private hire vehicles to be investigated further and an update report submitted to a future meeting 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 private hire drivers which contains 99 signatures.

4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *'I am a private hire driver and I am completely against new time restriction on Minister Street and no access of Reading bus lanes.'*

4.3 The access issues that have been raised are to be investigated further and 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.