

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	13 SEPTEMBER 2017	AGENDA ITEM:	5(C)
TITLE:	PETITION FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN BRUNSWICK STREET		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council to implement a 20mph zone and width restriction in Brunswick Street.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the petition to introduce 20MPH zone and width restriction is considered as part of the Requests for Traffic Management Measures report.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The consideration and implementation of traffic calming and speed limits is contained within the Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PROPOSAL

4.1 The Council has received a petition from residents which contains 47 signatures.

4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *'We call on Reading Borough Council to implement a 20mph zone on Brunswick Street and the streets off it. There is also a particular pinch point just after you pass the turning into Western Road coming into Brunswick Street that has caused damage to countless vehicles. We are also requesting 6ft 6 / 2m which is a standardised width restriction you may find in other narrow roads, and incorporates both the wheelbase and external features of vehicles such as wing mirrors. The following residents have signed the petition electrically or in-person.'*

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 traffic management measures.

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.