

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	REDLANDS PARKING SCHEME AND 20MPH - UPDATE REPORT		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To update the Sub-Committee following the completion of the East Reading 20mph scheme and the Hospital/University area parking scheme.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides speed data for a number of roads in East Reading, prior to the implementation of the 20mph zone.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 provides speed data for a number of roads in East Reading, after the implementation of the 20mph zone.
- 1.4 Appendix 3 provides information about the number of pay & display tickets issued in the Hospital & University scheme area.
- 1.5 Appendix 4 provides information about the number of permits issued in the Hospital & University scheme area.
- 1.6 Appendix 5 provides a list of changes requested in the Hospital & University scheme area.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes 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 for extending pay & display timings as described in 6.3 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.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The consideration and implementation of traffic calming is contained within the Traffic Management Policies and Standards.
- 3.2 The provision of waiting/parking restrictions and associated criteria is specified within the Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The East Reading 20mph scheme was consulted on in 2014 and implemented in 2016. The scheme has been installed following the revision of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions published in 2016, which changed the requirements for 20mph zones. All entry points to the zone are signed and repeaters have been installed in the form of roundels marked on the road. Some roads in the zone have traffic calming features such as speed humps, which were in place before the scheme was introduced.
- 4.2 The Hospital & University parking scheme was consulted on in 2016 and implementation began in January 2017. The scheme was separated into two phases, with the majority of the resident parking schemes coming into force at the end of January. The remaining resident parking schemes and the pay & display restrictions were installed in the second phase of the scheme, which was implemented in March.

5. EAST READING 20MPH SCHEME

- 5.1 Appendix 1 shows the original average speed data which was reported to the Traffic Management Sub-Committee in January 2014. The data was collected in 2012.
- 5.2 Appendix 2 shows average speed data which was collected in June/July 2017. Please note that although Kendrick Road has been identified as a speed concern, due to roadworks in the area we could not carry out a survey on this occasion.
- 5.3 It is difficult to make any direct comparison of the speed data shown in appendix 1 and 2 as the streets surveyed are different. The average mean speed of Redlands Road has fallen slightly. Speeds on Allcroft Road and Elmhurst Road are higher than the 24mph threshold which is likely to be as a direct result of the reduction of on-street parking.
- 5.4 Vehicle activated signs have been used in this zone since its implementation and will continue to be used in the future on a temporary basis.
- 5.4 Officers will continue to consider the use of any other traffic management features that could be used to support the lower speed limit further, particularly concentrating on those streets that are evidencing higher average speeds. The area remains under review following the introduction of the hospital and university parking scheme and removal of commuter parking (see section 6). Where there are viable opportunities for additional 20mph supporting measures these will be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-committee.

6. HOSPITAL & UNIVERSITY ON-STREET PAY & DISPLAY AND RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

- 6.1 Appendix 3 shows the number of pay & display tickets issued in the area between April and July 2017.
- 6.2 Some pay & display areas are being used significantly more than others, however, this is still a relatively new scheme and the changes in on-street parking require more time to settle. This is particularly the case when considering the impact of the university where students have been enjoying their summer break. Whilst there is no expectation of a significant change to the dynamics of parking in the area a full year's data will properly inform the Sub-committee of the impact of the scheme.
- 6.3 In addition to the current pay and display week-day charging, Policy Committee agreed (July 2017) to a recommendation to extend the pay and display charges to include weekends. Therefore, this report

recommends that a statutory consultation take place on weekend charges and the results reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

- 6.4 Appendix 4 shows the permit uptake for streets that were included in the scheme.
- 6.5 Permit uptake for the area has been good. It is worth noting that a number of permits issued in this area were processed before the introduction of the new £30 charge for first permits. A number of residents will now have to pay the £30 charge from April 2018 so permit uptake may change as a result of this.
- 6.6 Appendix 5 shows a list of suggested alterations made by people directly affected by the hospital and university scheme since the implementation of the parking restrictions.
- 6.7 As previously suggested; as the scheme has only been in place for about six months, and for some of that period the university has been on its summer break, it is too early to recommend alterations to the scheme at this time.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 The delivery of schemes outlined in this report help to deliver the following Corporate Plan Service Priorities:
 - Keeping the town clean, safe, green and active.
 - Providing infrastructure to support the economy.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 6.1 We will continue to consolidate feedback that we have received for this scheme and will update the Sub-Committee.
- 6.2 Statutory consultation will be undertaken 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 will carry out an equality impact assessment for transport project proposals in the study area.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Funding would need to be identified for any potential traffic calming which could be introduced in the 20mph zone.

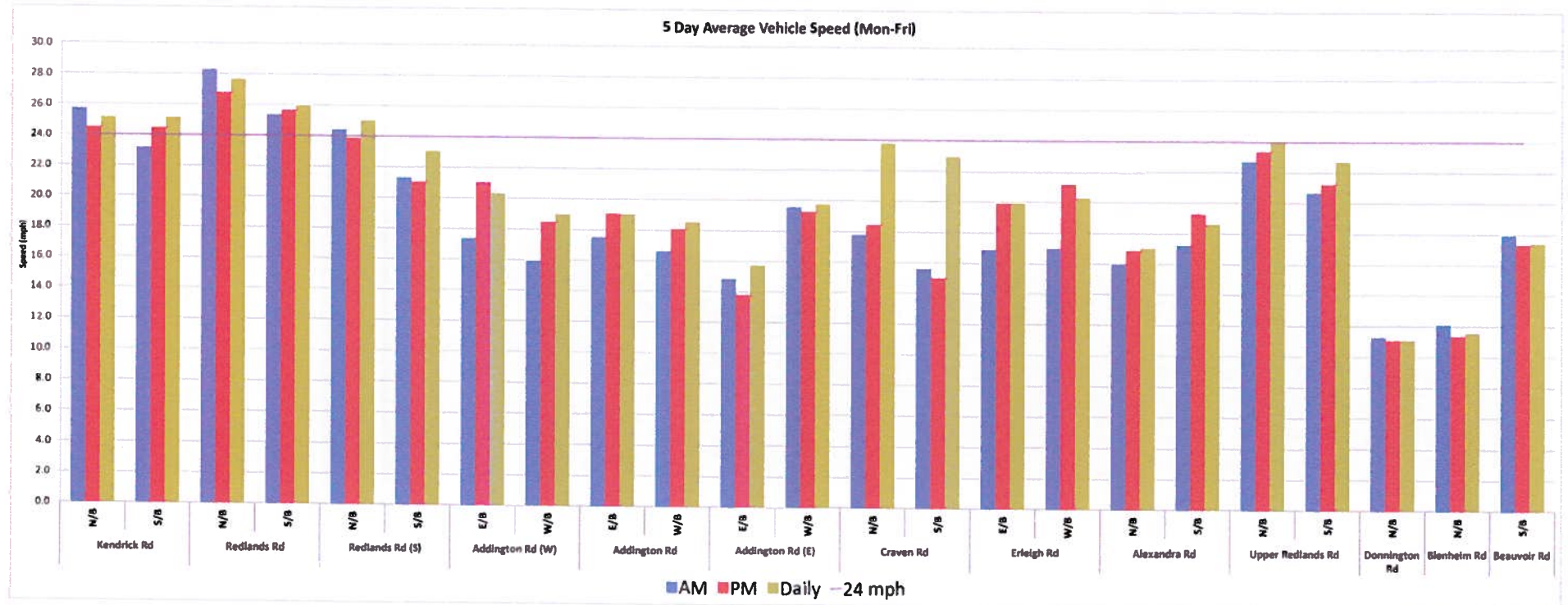
9.2 Any amendments to the pay & display restrictions such as consultation, resigning and programming machines will attract a one-off cost which will be funded from existing budgets.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Traffic Management Sub-Committee September 2014 and November 2016. Policy Committee July 2017.

Appendix 1

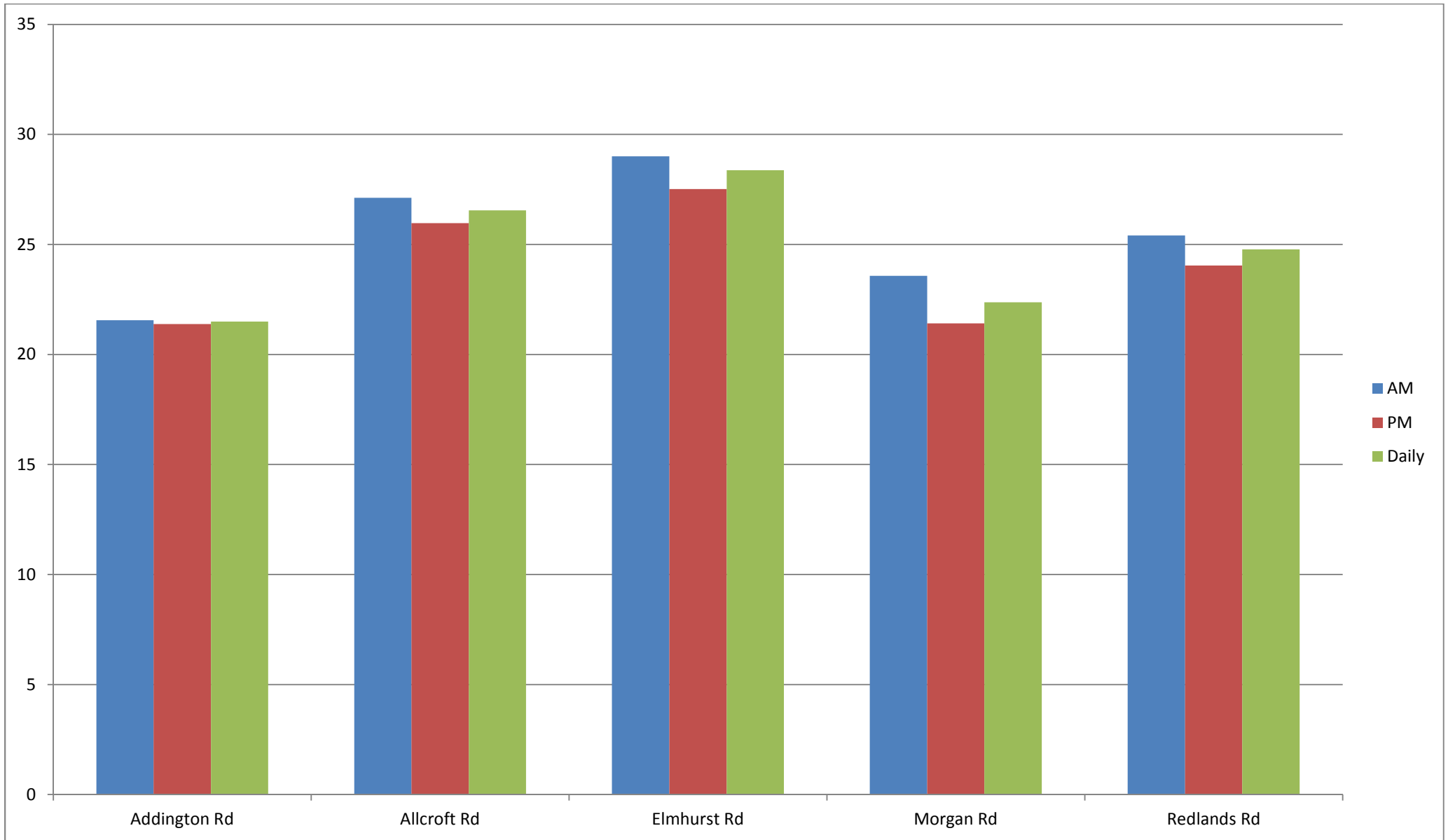
University & Hospital Area Speed Appraisal



*Average speeds taken from ATC data between 20/10/2012 & 15/12/2012

University & Hospital Area 20 mph zone

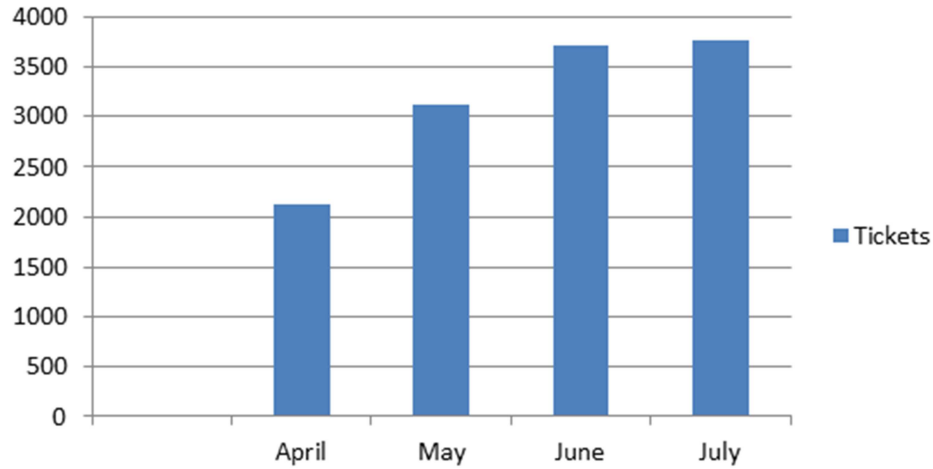
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Hospital & University Parking Scheme: Number of Pay & Display tickets issued

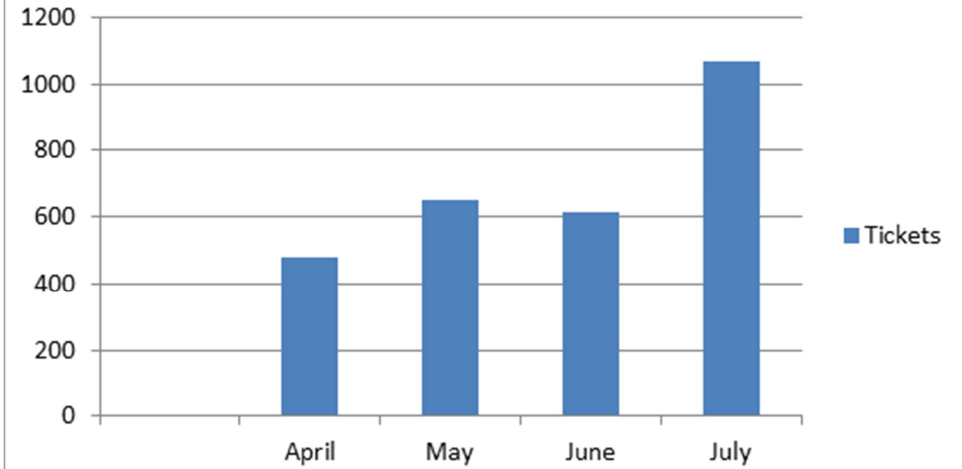
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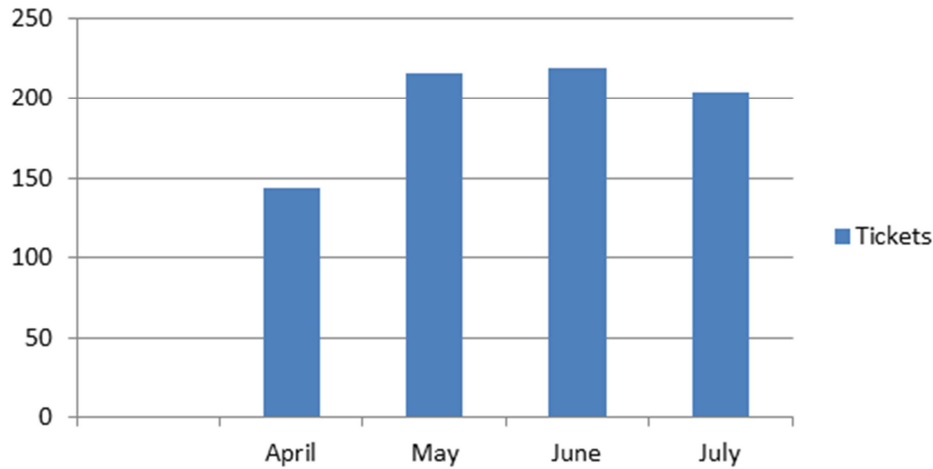
Kendrick Road

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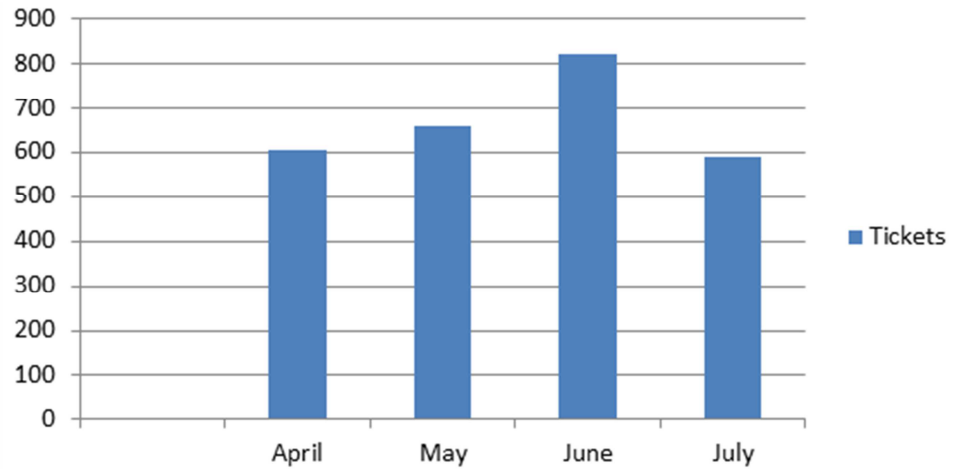
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Morgan Road

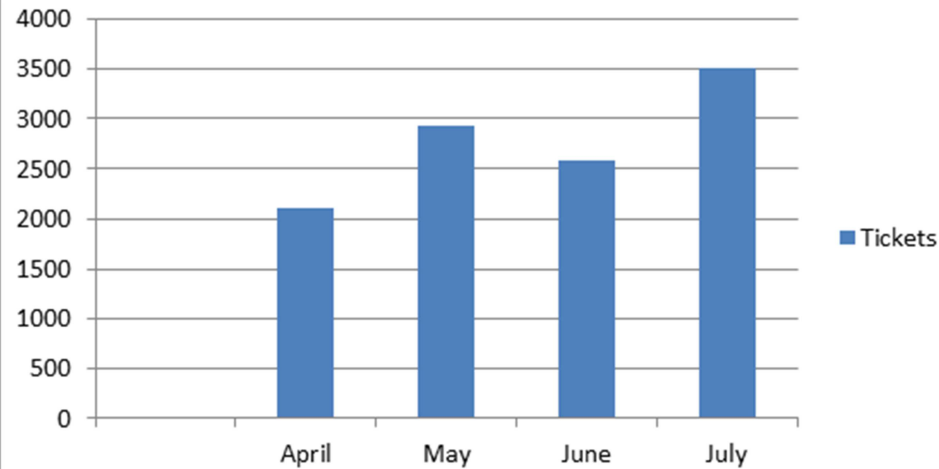
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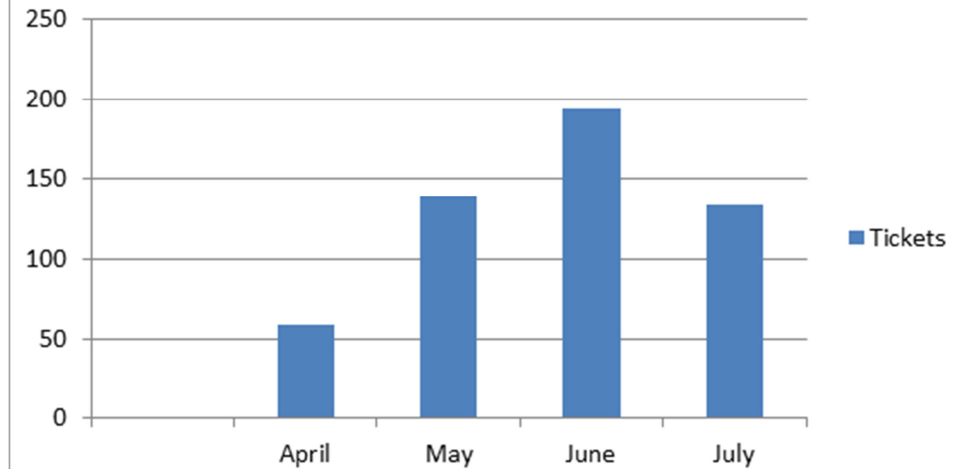
Redlands Road

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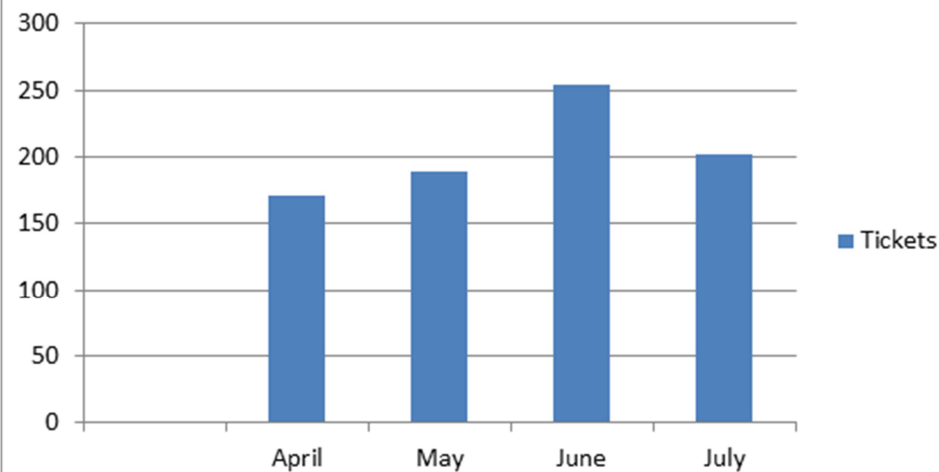
Upper Redlands Road

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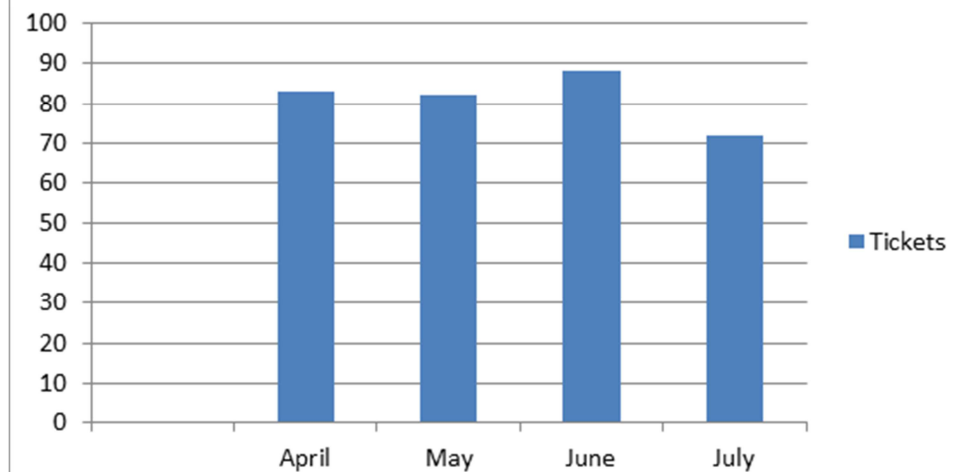
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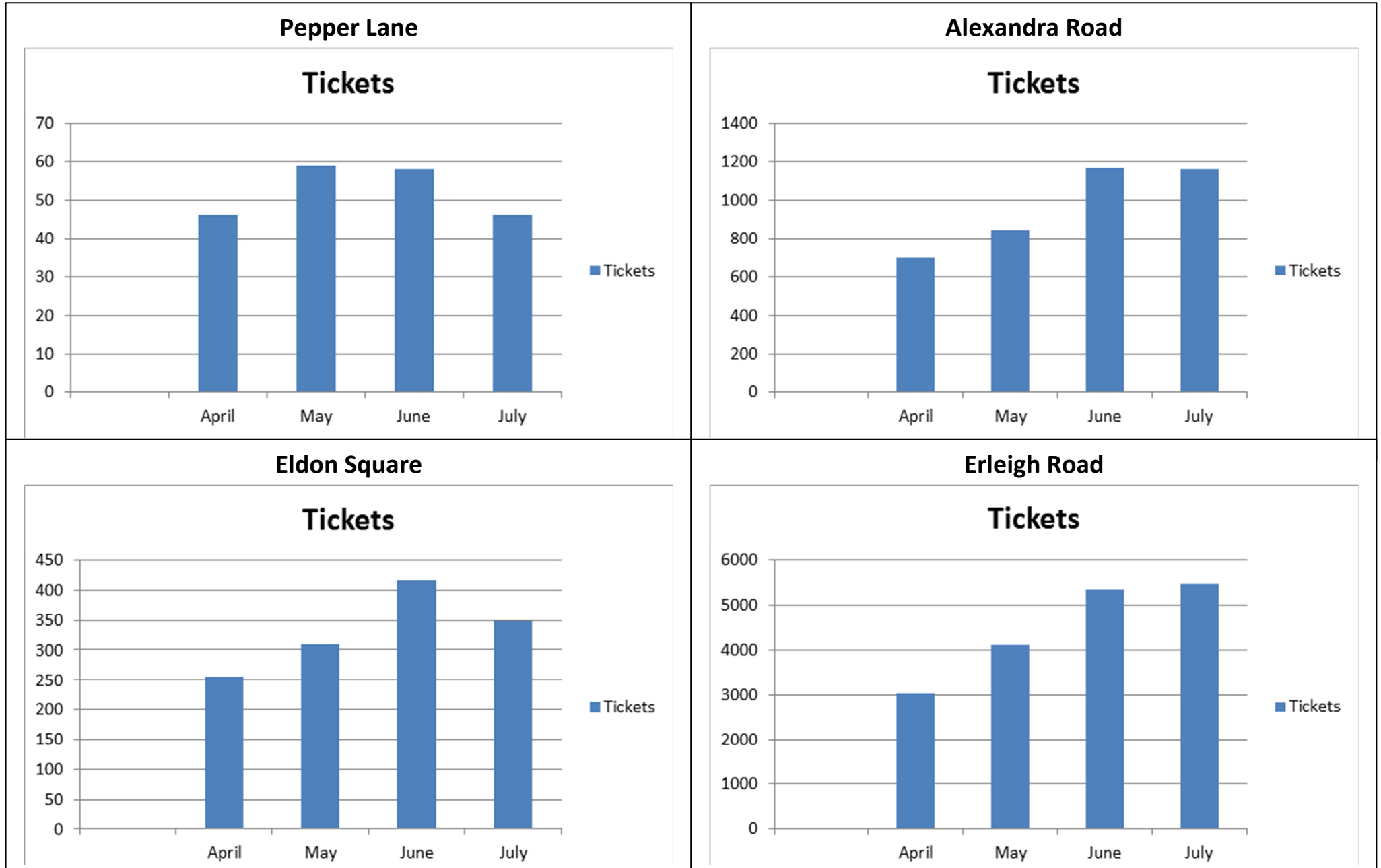


Elmhurst Road

Tickets



Hospital & University Parking Scheme: Number of Pay & Display tickets issued



Hospital & University Area: Number of permits issued

Road	Permit Zone	1st Permit	2nd Permit	Total
Allcroft Road	10R	32	1	33
Morgan Road	10R	23	10	33
Addington Road	13R	40	10	50
Alexandra Road	13R	50	10	60
Blenheim Gardens	13R	58	11	69
Blenheim Road	13R	56	16	72
Cardigan Gardens	13R	12	3	15
Cardigan Road	13R	60	14	74
Denmark Road	13R	17	8	25
Donnington Gardens	13R	59	11	70
Donnington Road	13R	55	9	64
Erleigh Road	13R	25	3	28
Foxhill Road	13R	66	14	80
Hatherley Road	13R	58	8	66
Elmhurst Road	15R	15	0	15
Redlands Road	15R	4	0	4
Upper Redlands Road	15R	26	6	32
Avebury Square	15R	12	1	13

Requests for changes received following the introduction of the Hospital & University parking scheme
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From	Date received	Summary of comments
Residents	Apr-17	Requests for review of Hamilton Road/Waybrook Crescent as vehicles are blocking drives and are also parking on the roundabout as a result of the hospital & university parking scheme.
Surgery	May-17	Request for a change to the parking times for non-permit vehicles from 8:00 - 20:30 to 8:00 - 17:30 for the 3 bays outside Pembroke Surgery on Erleigh Road - in line with the restrictions on Alexandra Road.
Residents	May-17	Requests for review of Northcourt Avenue due to effects of hospital & university area scheme. Dangerous double parking and Pepper Lane not being used.
Residents	May-17	Requests for review of Crescent Road as vehicles are parking over drives and park on both sides of the road. Concern that this has been caused by the hospital & university area scheme.
Residents	Jun-17	Would like Malvern Court to be included in the permit scheme as non-residents are using the bays but there aren't even enough spaces for residents there.