

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	2 NOVEMBER 2017	AGENDA ITEM:	5(A)
TITLE:	PETITION FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE JUNCTION OF BRIDGE STREET, CHURCH ROAD AND CHURCH STREET		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Bridge Street, Church Road and Church Street.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the request for a pedestrian crossing be investigated and the results of the investigation reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision of a pedestrian crossing is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Council is due to receive a petition at this meeting of the Sub-Committee.

4.2 The title of the petition is due to read: *'Petition to Reading Borough Council for the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Bridge St/Church Rd/Church St Caversham to facilitate safe crossing for pedestrians'*.

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.

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, following publication of the meeting minutes.

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 the Highway.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None arising from this report.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.