

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

<b>TO:</b>	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
<b>DATE:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> 5c	
<b>TITLE:</b>	OTHER PETITIONS (MOORLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL)		
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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 on Church End Lane.

#### 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 has received a petition with a total number of 582 signatures at the time of writing.

- 4.2 The title of the petition reads: *'After 5 years of taking my children to school at Moorlands Primary School on Church end Lane in Tilehurst the road has become increasingly more dangerous. Church end Lane has become a popular through road for drivers with some driving very erratically and speeding well above the speed limit of 20mph.*

*This year alone there has been frequent damage caused to the parked vehicles belonging to the local residents and parents who are dropping and collecting their children to and from school. Plus the most concerning incident of a young child being knocked down.*

*Moorlands Primary is due for expansion in 2018 which will mean, that there will be more children and parents at risk by crossing this busy, dangerous road on a daily basis.*

*There is nothing in place near to the school for children and their parents to cross safely apart from the traffic lights at the very top of Church end Lane, which means that a vast amount of children and parents have to walk 300-400 yards past the school just cross safely.*

*I am starting this petition to approach Reading Borough Council to take action to put in a safe crossing for children, as Moorlands Primary is one of the only schools within the area without a zebra crossing or traffic lights opposite to their school.*

*I believe that with having this in place it will increase the safety of our children, and parents may feel a lot more comfortable allowing their children to walk to and from school independently. So therefore may also reduce parking shortages.*

*Thank you for taking the time to read my petition'.*

- 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.