

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

<b>TO:</b>	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
<b>DATE:</b>	11 JANUARY 2018	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	9
<b>TITLE:</b>	RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING UPDATE - BATTLE WARD INFORMAL CONSULTATION		
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following approval by Ward councillors and Traffic Management Sub-Committee in September to progress with resident permit parking (RPP) scheme.
- 1.2 Transport officers carried out an informal public consultation in October on a proposal to introduce a new RPP scheme in Battle Ward (next on the Resident Permit priority list).
- 1.3 This report details the results of the informal public consultation.
- 1.4 Appendix 1 - Plan of the proposed scheme.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 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 Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out statutory consultation and advertise the proposals shown in Appendix 1 in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulation 1996.

- 2.3 That subject to no objection being received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.4 That any objection received following the statutory consultation be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee
- 2.5 That the Head of Transportation & Streetcare, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals.

### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision of waiting (parking) restrictions and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

### 4. BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The request for a RPP scheme in the area bounded by Oxford Road, Alma Road and Chester Street has been high, as residents feel parking issue continue to worsen.
- 4.2 The main challenge to design a RPP scheme is to meet the high resident parking demand in this highly dense residential area.
- 4.3 The only option that can be realistically delivered whilst maintaining the maximum number of parking spaces is to consider a combination of shared use resident permit bays where carriageways are wide enough to accommodate parking on both sides of the road and "permit only pass this point" restriction in areas with narrower road width, i.e. Westbrook Road, Thornton Road and Fulmead Road, as shown in appendix 1
- 4.4 An informal consultation was carried out between 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
- 4.5 A total of 135 responses were received to the informal consultation; of these 46 objected and 89 were in favour of the scheme. Details of the results are as follow:

Street	Total number of responses	In favour of RP scheme		No. of permits required		
		Yes	No	No permit	1	2
Chester Street (108 households)	33(31%)	28(85%)	5(15%)	3	18	12
Dorset Street (32 households)	11(34%)	7(64%)	4(36%)	1	6	2
Fulmead Road (89 households)	22(25%)	18(82%)	4(18%)	3	13	5
Gordon Place (23 households)	6(26%)	2(33%)	4(67%)	1	2	2
Oxford Road (No.450-640) (99 households)	7(7%)	3(43%)	4(57%)	1	4	2
Sherwood St (143 households)	36(25%)	20(56%)	16(44%)	3	19	14
Thornton Rd (9 households)	4(44%)	4(100%)	0	1	2	1
Westbrook Rd (33 households)	6(18%)	1(17%)	5(83%)	1	2	2
Alma Street (24 households)	4(17%)	3(75%)	1(25%)	0	2	2
Thornton Mews (19 households)	4(21%)	1(25%)	3(75%)	2	1	1
Little John's Lane (15 households)	2(13%)	2(100%)	0	0	2	0
Total	135(23%)	89(66%)	46(34%)	16	71	44

4.6 Based on the overall result of this informal consultation, 66% of the respondents are in favour of the proposed permit scheme. Although there are fewer supports from residents of Gordon Place, Westbrook Street and Thornton Mews; any permit scheme exclusion will likely result in displacement parking in those unrestricted areas. Officers would therefore recommend a statutory consultation to be carried out as shown in appendix 1 for the entire area.

4.7 The statutory public consultation will provide residents with a further opportunity to express their thoughts on the proposed scheme formally. If any objections are received during this period, they will be reported to a future meeting of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee.

## 5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 This proposal contributes to the Council's strategic aims, as set out below:

- Providing infrastructure to support the economy.
- Remaining financially sustainable to deliver these service priorities.

## **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

6.1 Changes to waiting restrictions will require advertisement of the sealed Traffic Regulation Order, prior to implementation.

6.2 Objectors will be informed of the decision of the Sub-Committee, once the meeting minutes have been agreed.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The sealed Traffic Regulation Orders will require advertisement, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

7.2 Necessary changes to Highway signing and lining will need to be implemented in accordance with the Traffic Signs, Regulations and General Directions 2016.

## **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 An Equality Impact scoping exercise has been conducted. It is not considered that an Equality Impact Assessment is relevant as the proposals are not deemed to be discriminatory and a statutory consultation has been conducted, providing the opportunity for objections/support/concerns to be considered prior to a decision being made on whether to implement the scheme.

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Funding for the advertisement requirement of the statutory consultation will be identified from existing Transport budgets and will be a relatively low cost.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 Resident Permit Parking - New and Outstanding Requests (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, September 2017).

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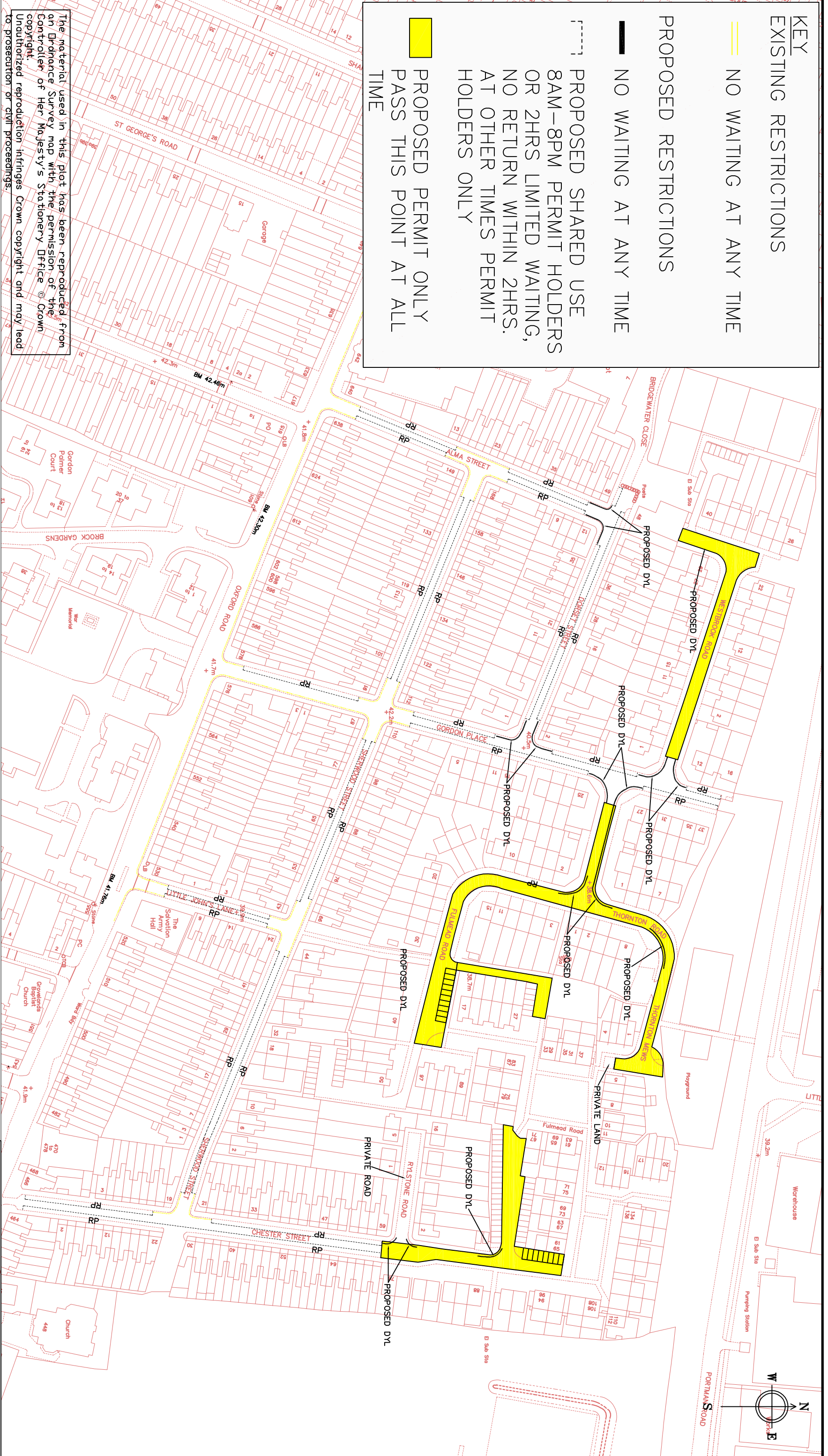
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PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS

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— PROPOSED SHARED USE  
8AM-8PM PERMIT HOLDERS  
OR 2HRS LIMITED WAITING,  
NO RETURN WITHIN 2HRS.  
AT OTHER TIMES PERMIT  
HOLDERS ONLY

— PROPOSED PERMIT ONLY  
PASS THIS POINT AT ALL  
TIME



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