

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	13 JUNE 2018	AGENDA ITEM:	8
TITLE:	<b>RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING:</b> a. RESULTS OF STATUTORY CONSULTATION (LITTLE JOHNS LANE AREA) b. SCHEME DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (LOWER CAVERSHAM, HARROW COURT, EAST READING)		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Officers have conducted a statutory consultation on the resident permit parking scheme that was informally consulted in the Little Johns Lane area and reported to the January 2018 meeting of the Sub-Committee. This report provides the responses that the Council has received from this consultation and recommends that the Sub-Committee considers these decides whether to implement the scheme.
- 1.2 This report also provides an update on the development of proposals for the Lower Caversham area, Harrow Court and East Reading Study area schemes.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 provides the Little Johns Lane area scheme drawing that has been formally consulted.
- 1.4 Appendix 2 provides the responses that have been received during the statutory consultation for the Little Johns Lane area RPP proposals.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.

- 2.2 That objections noted in Appendix 2 are considered with an appropriate recommendation to either implement, amend or reject the proposals.
- 2.3 That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to seal the resultant Traffic Regulation Order and no public inquiry be held into the proposals.
- 2.4 That the objectors be informed of the decision of the Sub-Committee accordingly.
- 2.5 That informal consultations be conducted on the concept proposals for the Lower Caversham, Harrow Court and East Reading Study area, if considered necessary and appropriate, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport, the Chair of Traffic Management Sub-Committee, Ward Councillors and Steering Group Members.

### 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 PROPOSALS

#### Little Johns Lane

- 4.1 A report to the January 2018 meeting of the Sub-Committee provided the results of an informal consultation on proposals to introduce a resident permit parking (RPP) scheme in the Little Johns Lane area of Battle Ward. This had been a long-standing request and has been included on the list of outstanding requests/schemes that has been reported, currently located at priority 1.
- 4.2 The results of this informal consultation showed 66% of respondents across the proposed area being in support of the scheme.
- 4.3 The report noted that there were some areas of low support for the implementation of an RPP scheme, but recommended that the whole area be progressed to statutory consultation, due to the likely displacement of non-resident parking, should these areas not be included.
- 4.4 Appendix 1 shows the scheme that progressed to statutory consultation between 10<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 and the responses are included in Appendix 2.

- 4.5 The Sub-committee can agree to implement, reject or amend any proposal that has received objections, provided such proposed modifications do not compromise the legality of the consultation process and resultant Traffic Regulation Order. Where the proposal is modified, this shall be noted and the proposal introduced accordingly.
- 4.6 Officers recommend implementing the scheme as advertised.

#### Scheme Development Update

- 4.7 A report to the March 2018 meeting of the Sub-Committee provided the results of the informal consultations conducted on potential RPP schemes in Lower Caversham, Harrow Court and East Reading. These proposals were prioritised at 2 - 5 (2 and 3 were combined) respectively on the reported list of outstanding requests/schemes.
- 4.8 The results each showed majority support for the introduction of RPP schemes across the area and it was recommended that Officers develop concept designs for schemes across these separate areas.
- 4.9 Officers have developed initial concept designs, which are being shared and with the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport, the Chair of Traffic Management Sub-Committee, Ward Councillors and the East Reading Area Study steering group, as appropriate.
- 4.10 If it is considered appropriate and necessary, it is recommended that agreed concept drawings be used for further informal consultation, such as area drop-in sessions, to facilitate development of a scheme that is favoured for future statutory consultation.
- 4.11 It is proposed that the favoured scheme designs be reported to the Sub-Committee at a future meeting, intended to be September 2018, with a recommendation to progress to statutory consultation.

#### **5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

- 5.1 This proposal supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and contributes to the Council's strategic aims, as set out below:
- Providing the infrastructure to support the economy.
  - Remaining financially sustainable to deliver these service priorities.

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

- 6.1 Following informal consultation, the proposals for the Little Johns Lane area RPP scheme have proceeded to statutory consultation. Legal notices have been placed on street, advertised in the local printed newspaper and have been available, alongside drawings, on our website and reception area of the Civic Offices.
- 6.2 Responses to the statutory consultation are reported in Appendix 2 and respondents will be informed of the Sub-Committee decision, following publication of the meeting minutes.
- 6.3 Sealed Traffic Regulation Orders will be advertised in the local printed newspaper prior to implementation of the associated scheme.
- 6.4 Informal consultations form part of the process in considering and developing RPP schemes and provide residents and occupiers of potentially effected properties with the opportunity to have their say, prior to any potential formal consultation.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Changes to Traffic Regulation Orders require advertisement and consultation, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

## **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 It is not considered that an Equality Impact Assessment is relevant as the proposals are not deemed to be discriminatory to persons with protected characteristics and a statutory consultation has been conducted, providing an opportunity for objections/support/concerns

to be considered prior to a decision being made on whether to implement the proposals.

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Funding for the implementation of the Little Johns Lane area scheme has been identified in the Council's capital allocation for Transportation and Streetcare. Officers will explore any further external funding opportunities that could contribute toward delivery of the scheme.
- 9.2 The cost of a scheme will be dependent on the type of restrictions applied (the signing and lining requirements), the extent and the complexity of the scheme.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 Resident Permit Parking Update: Battle Ward Informal Consultation (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, January 2018).
- 10.2 Resident Permit Parking - New and Outstanding Requests & Results of Informal Consultations (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, March 2018).