

**READING BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH & NEIGHBOURHOOD
SERVICES**

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	5 MARCH 2020	AGENDA ITEM:	7
TITLE:	BI-ANNUAL WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - 2019B FURTHER PROPOSALS FOR STATUTORY CONSULTATION		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This is an update report following further investigations on a number of schemes, as requested by the Sub-Committee in January 2020, and seeks approval for Officers to undertake statutory consultation to enable progression of the 2019B programme.
- 1.2 These proposals seek to address parking issues that have been raised with the Council, alongside those reported to the Sub-Committee in January 2020. The initial list of requests, which were agreed for investigation by the Sub-Committee, were reported at the meeting in September 2019.
- 1.3 The proposed drawings within this report have been shared with Ward Councillors and an opportunity provided for comment. Due to the relatively short period between the January and March meetings, there has less time in which to seek comments, compared with the time allowed in the typical operation of this programme.
- 1.4 Appendix 1 - Recommendations and drawings proposed for statutory consultation.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 For each of the recommendations in Appendix 1, the Sub-Committee decides either to: 1) Agree with the recommended scheme for statutory consultation;

2) Remove the proposal from the programme, or; 3) To move the entry into the next review programme for further investigation/consideration.

- 2.3 That the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to undertake a statutory consultation in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, for the proposals contained within in Appendix 1, alongside those agreed for this programme in January 2020.
- 2.4 That subject to no objections being received, the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.5 That any objection(s) received following the statutory advertisement be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.6 That the Head of Transport, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals.
- 2.7 That no public inquiry be held into 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 Approval was given by the Sub-Committee in September 2019 to carry out investigations at various locations, following requests that the Council had received for new or amended waiting restrictions. This package of works was to be undertaken as part of the 2019B Waiting Restriction Review programme.
- 4.2 Following investigation of the issues that had been raised, Officers produced recommendations and proposals, which were shared with respective Ward Councillors between 19th November and 13th December 2019 for comment.

This period enabled an opportunity for Officers and Members to discuss the recommendations ahead of the reporting deadlines for the January 2020, where approval to undertake statutory consultation is typically sought for the 'B' programme.

- 4.3 During the January 2020 meeting, the Sub-Committee requested Elm Park, Wensley Road and Allcroft Road all to remain in the programme, where the shared officer recommendation was against adding or amending waiting restrictions at these locations (i.e. there was no designed, nor proposed scheme). Officers were additionally requested to further investigate Combe Road and Elvaston Way proposals as part of this 2019B programme.

The implication of these decisions is that development of the 2019B programme has been halted, pending resolution on these remaining items.

- 4.4 Officers have carried out these further investigations and have proposed appropriate measures that could be implemented to overcome each issue raised for Elm Park and Wensley Road.

Officers recommend remaining with the original proposal for Combe Road that was submitted in January 2020, for the traffic signal service layby. This layby was not designed or intended to be a general parking bay, but as an occasional-use area for a traffic signal engineer, when they are conducting maintenance works.

Officers have failed to come to agreements on a proposal for Elvaston Way with Ward Councillors, therefore it is recommended for this scheme to be deferred to the next Waiting Restriction Review programme.

Officers have contacted Redland Ward Councillors to arrange a site meeting regarding Allcroft Road. However, haven't been successful for the meeting to take place, therefore recommend for this scheme to be deferred to the next Waiting Restriction Review programme.

- 4.5 Officers shared their proposals with Ward Councillors informing them the proposal will be consulted on as part of this programme. Due to the relatively short period between the January and March meetings, taking into consideration the time necessary to investigate and design proposals, there has less time in which to seek comments, compared with the time allowed in the typical operation of this programme.
- 4.6 This report seeks approval by the Sub-Committee to conduct statutory consultation on these schemes alongside the proposals that have already been approved by the Sub-Committee at their meeting in January 2020. This will enable development of the 2019B programme to continue.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 5.1 This proposal contributes to the Council's priorities, as set out below:

- Keeping Reading's environment clean, green and safe
- Ensuring the Council is fit for the future

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Council declared a Climate Emergency at its meeting on 26th February 2019 (Minute 48 refers).
- 6.2 It is not expected that the decisions arising from this report will have any environmental implications.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

7.1 Statutory consultation will be conducted in accordance with appropriate legislation. Notices will be advertised in the local printed newspaper and will be erected, typically on lamp columns, within the affected area.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The creation of - and changes to existing - Traffic Regulation Orders will 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. The resultant Traffic Regulation Order will be sealed in accordance with the same regulations.

9. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1 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.

9.2 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. A statutory consultation will be conducted, providing an opportunity for objections/support/concerns to be considered prior to a decision being made on whether to implement the proposals.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Funding for the advertisement requirement of the statutory consultation and subsequent implementation of agreed changes will need to be identified. It is intended that these costs will be met by the Council's Capital Works budget, with external funding (e.g. CIL or Section 106 contributions) to be used wherever possible.

10.2 The cost of the programme will be dependent on a number of factors, including the number proposals that are agreed for statutory consultation, the number agreed for implementation and the extent/complexity of the schemes. Lining-only schemes, such as double-yellow-line restrictions will be considerably less costly to implement, compared with restrictions that require signing.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 Waiting Restriction Review - Objections to Waiting Restriction Review 2019A & Requests for Waiting Restriction Review 2019B / Traffic Management Sub-Committee / September 2019
- 11.2 Bi-Annual Waiting Restriction Review - 2019B Proposals for Statutory Consultation / Traffic Management Sub-Committee / January 2020