

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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TITLE:	RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING UPDATE		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT & EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the list of requests for Resident Permit Parking (RPP), including the progress of developing schemes and any new requests that have been received.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides the updated list of requests for Resident Permit Parking.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the Sub-Committee considers whether the requests on Appendix 1 are retained for future development, or removed.

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

- 4.1 Since the last update report to the Sub-Committee, the RPP schemes in East Reading (Area 2) and additional elements in Redlands (e.g. Malvern Court) have been implemented.

These schemes went live in early August 2020.

- 4.2 Appendix 1 provides the list of requests that have been received for Resident Permit Parking (RPP) schemes across the borough. Where the Sub-Committee has previously allocated a priority to a scheme, this has been recorded and adjusted, following delivery of other schemes. Where a request has previously been reported to the Sub-Committee, but not allocated a priority, this has been recorded as 'N/A', along with any schemes that are 'new' to the list. Schemes that are being developed in the concurrent scheme development programme have been recorded as the same priority, alongside the acronym 'CSDP'.
- 4.3 The Sub-Committee may wish to allocate priorities to particular schemes on this list, although they are asked to note that scheme development is resource-intensive and this limited resource is shared between this and many other works programmes. Prioritisation will influence the order in which potential schemes are developed, but not necessarily expedite their development. The Sub-Committee has also previously indicated the intention to conclude the CSDP before resourcing any further requests.
- 4.4 The Sub-Committee may wish for requests not to be pursued and these can be removed from the list.
- 4.5 It is the recommendation of Officers that Resident Permit Parking is considered on an area basis, not street-by-street. The list contains some requests from single streets, but it is hoped that this list will prompt consideration of such restrictions from neighbouring streets to create an area scheme before it becomes an active project. Where this occurs, the listed request will be adjusted accordingly.

Officers will seek to work with Ward Councillors, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and the Chair of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee to agree an initial area that should be considered alongside the original request, once a potential scheme becomes an active project.

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 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 26 February 2019 (Minute 48 refers).

6.2 The decisions and recommendations of this report are not expected to have any environmental implications.

6.3 Managed parking schemes in residential areas could have a positive impact to air quality in those areas, by removing vehicle movements caused by commuters searching for unrestricted parking. Commuters may then be more open to alternative travel modes (e.g. public transport, including park & ride) or to use the facilities that will more efficiently accommodate them (e.g. car parks).

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

7.1 The requests for resident permit parking schemes to be considered have been generated by resident engagement with the Council.

7.2 An informal consultation has been conducted to seek the views of potentially-affected residents, to inform scheme designs.

7.3 A public statutory consultation would need to be undertaken and all objections considered at TMSC before a decision could be made on whether to implement a designed scheme.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None arising from this report.

8.2 New, or changes to existing, 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.

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 Equality Impact Assessments will be considered as part of the individual scheme development. Informal and statutory consultations provide opportunities for objections/support/concerns to be raised and considered prior to a decision being made on whether to implement a scheme.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 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.

10.2 Funding will need to be identified prior to the implementation of any scheme. This programme is intended to be resourced using Transport Capital funding, which will include developer contributions (e.g. Section 106 contributions) wherever possible.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 Resident Permit Parking (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, March 2020).