

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING UPDATE: a. OBJECTIONS TO ADVERTISED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (HARROW COURT, EAST READING, THE WILLOWS/ST STEPHENS CLOSE) b. PROPOSALS FOR STATUTORY CONSULTATION (LOWER CAVERSHAM)		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs the Sub-Committee of feedback received during statutory consultation for the agreed proposals that formed the Harrow Court, East Reading area and The Willows/St Stephens Close area Resident Permit Parking (RPP) schemes. The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the objections and other comments to conclude the outcome of the proposals.
- 1.2 This report provides proposals for the Lower Caversham area RPP scheme, which has been developed following informal consultations. The Sub-Committee is asked to agree for this scheme to be progressed to statutory consultation.
- 1.3 Appendix 1a - Responses received in relation to the advertised Traffic regulation order for the Harrow Court RPP scheme proposals.
- 1.4 Appendix 1b - Drawing to show the advertised Harrow Court RPP scheme proposal.

- 1.5 Appendix 2a - Responses received in relation to the advertised Traffic regulation order for the East Reading area, Part 1, RPP scheme proposals.
- 1.6 Appendix 2b - Responses received in relation to the advertised Traffic regulation order for the East Reading area, Part 2, RPP scheme proposals.
- 1.7 Appendix 2c - General responses received in relation to the advertised Traffic regulation order for the East Reading area RPP scheme proposals.
- 1.8 Appendix 2d - Drawings to show the advertised East Reading area RPP scheme proposals.

- 1.9 Appendix 3a - Responses received in relation to the advertised Traffic regulation order for the The Willows & St Stephens Road area RPP scheme proposals.
- 1.10 Appendix 3b - Drawing to show the advertised The Willows & St Stephens Road area RPP scheme proposal.

- 1.11 Appendix 4 - Drawing to show the proposed Lower Caversham area RPP scheme.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.

Part a:

2.2 That the objections and other comments in Appendix 1a, 2a-c and 3a are considered and the Sub-Committee agrees to either implement, amend or reject the proposals.

2.2 Should a decision be made to implement the proposals, that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to seal the resultant Traffic Regulation Orders, and no public inquiry be held into the proposals.

2.3 That, should funding permit, Officers develop the proposals for implementation.

2.4 That respondents to the statutory consultation be informed of the decision of the Sub-Committee accordingly

Part b:

2.5 That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out the statutory consultation and advertise the proposals in Appendix 4, in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

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- 2.6 That subject to no objections being received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.7 That any objections received during the statutory consultation be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.8 That the Head of Transportation and Streetcare, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals.
- 2.9 That no public enquiry 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 & RECOMMENDATIONS

Part a: Results of Statutory Consultation

- 4.1 Informal consultations have been conducted on the principle of introducing an RPP scheme and on the resultant concept scheme designs for Harrow Court, East Reading and The Willows/St Stephens Close (initially part of the Lower Caversham area) areas. The results of these consultations have previously been reported to the Sub-Committee.
- 4.2 The Sub-Committee agreed for these schemes to progress to statutory consultation and this report provides the feedback from these consultations.
- 4.3 Appendix documents 1 - 3 provide the feedback to each advertised Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and drawings of the advertised schemes. The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the content of the feedback, particularly any objections that have been received, and take the decision to either implement the scheme as advertised, implement an amended scheme, or not to implement a scheme.

If a decision is taken to implement an amended scheme, officers will only be able to do so if the proposed changes do not compromise the legality of the TRO and advertising process. Otherwise, the scheme will require a further statutory consultation.

- 4.4 The Sub-Committee is reminded of the decision taken, during the September 2018 meeting, to split the East Reading area scheme into two separate TROs. The Sub-Committee is being asked to take a decision on each and the comments for each have been reported as separate sections of Appendix 3.
- 4.5 Scheme implementation will not be programmed, no materials will be ordered and no works instructions issued until after a decision has been made by the Sub-Committee to implement a scheme, the meeting minutes are agreed and the resultant legal Order is sealed.

Part b: Proposals for Statutory Consultation

- 4.6 Officers and Ward Councillors have considered the feedback that was received during the concept scheme design informal consultation stage and have developed a revised proposal.
- 4.7 Appendix 4 provides the revised scheme drawings and it is recommended that this scheme be progressed to statutory consultation.

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. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 6.1 Sealed Traffic Regulation Orders will be advertised in the local printed newspaper prior to implementation of the associated scheme.
- 6.2 Objectors to statutory consultations will be contacted with the decision of the Sub-Committee, following publication of the agreed meeting minutes.
- 6.3 Statutory consultation will be conducted in accordance with appropriate legislation. Notices will be advertised in the local printed newspaper and will be erected on lamp columns within the affected area.

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.

7.3 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 statutory consultations provide an opportunity for the content of objections/support/concerns to be considered prior to a decision being made on whether to implement the proposals.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 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.

9.2 Funding will need to be identified prior to the implementation of any scheme. It is, however, intended that funding will be sought from within Capital budgets, prioritising that provided from external funding sources such as Section 106 or CIL funding wherever possible. The Council's revenue budgets will not be used to fund these schemes.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Resident Permit Parking: Proposal for Statutory Consultation (The Willows & St Stephens Close) (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, November 2018).
- 10.2 Resident Permit Parking - New and Outstanding Requests (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, September 2018).