

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	12 NOVEMBER 2020	AGENDA ITEM:	4(a)
TITLE:	PETITION RECEIPT: REQUEST TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING PLANTERS ON HAMILTON ROAD		
LEAD COUNCILLOR:	COUNCILLOR PAGE	PORTFOLIO:	STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition, requesting the installation of traffic calming planters on Hamilton Road and to recommend that officers investigate the proposal, bringing their findings to a future meeting.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the request is investigated, and a future report be submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision of traffic calming measures and associated criteria is specified within the existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. PROPOSAL

4.1 The Council has received a petition containing 44 signatures at the time of writing. The petition requests the installation of traffic calming planters on Hamilton Road.

4.2 The wording of the petition, which is hosted online, reads:

Please install wooden planters to narrow Hamilton Road at strategic points. This will give the following advantages

Reduce traffic speed (pollution and safety benefits)

Emphasise to drivers that this is a residential area with a 20mph limit

Increase plant diversity and quantity on the road with benefits to insect and birdlife

Improved air-quality (plants are good!)

The planters could be long and narrow to stretch out into the road without taking up parking spaces

To narrow the road as much as possible but still allow wide enough access for emergency access, deliveries etc.

Positions TBC but probably just outside the ends of parking bays (maybe around the crescent crossroads and at the outer ends of Hamilton.

Only in places with no drives opposite so access not restricted

The following image was provided:



- 4.3 It is recommended that the request raised within this petition is to be investigated by officers and a future report is to be submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 There are no proposals arising from this report, which are considered to contribute to the Council's Strategic Aims.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no proposals arising from this report, which are considered to have any environmental or climate implications.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 7.1 The lead petitioner will be informed the Committee decision, following publication of the meeting minutes.

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 (EIA) is relevant to the decisions arising from this report, as it is not considered that the decision will have a differential impact on any groups with protected characteristics.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.