

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

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| TO: | TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE | | |
| DATE: | 14 JANUARY 2021 | AGENDA ITEM: | 11 |
| TITLE: | ABATTOIRS ROAD JUNCTION WITH CAVERSHAM ROAD - BANNED RIGHT TURN MOVEMENTS | | |
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for Officers to undertake statutory consultation for banned (right turn) movements at the junction of Abattoirs Road with Caversham Road.
- 1.2 The need for these movement restrictions is to allow for a new vehicle entrance into Cattle Market car park whilst maintaining safety at the junction.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 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 banned right turn movements at the junction of Abattoirs Road with Caversham Road.
- 2.3 That subject to no objections received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.4 That any objection(s) received following the statutory advertisement be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.5 That no public inquiry be held into the proposals.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 The provision of traffic management measures including movement restrictions and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 With the gradual demise of off-street car parking over a number of years within the town centre area and imminent closure of the NCP Garrard Street car park, the intension is to make Cattle Market car park more accessible. This entails a proposed vehicle entrance from Caversham Road via Abattoirs Road. Consequently, there is need to manage turning movements at the junction to maintain road safety.

4.2 The vehicle access via Abattoirs Road will be entry only and drivers will be required to leave the car park via Great Knollys Street joining the Caversham Road via the traffic signal managed junction, which allows all turning movements. Although drives are required to leave via Great Knollys Street there is still a need to ban the right turn movements at the junction particularly the right turn from Caversham Road into Abattoirs Road.

4.3 This report seeks approval by the Sub-Committee to conduct statutory consultation on the banned right turns at the junction of Abattoirs Road with Caversham Road.

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 requires the publication of a notice to be advertised in the local printed newspaper and be erected, typically on lamp columns, within the affected area.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The creation of Traffic Regulation Orders requires 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 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 be delivered as a part of a project to improve Cattle Market car park. These costs will be met by the Council's Capital Works budget using National Productivity Infrastructure Funding as awarded to the Council by National government.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 SEPT Committee report March 2018.