

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH &
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	4 MARCH 2021		
TITLE:	RECEIPT OF PETITION REQUESTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A 20 MPH ZONE IN THE RESIDENTIAL STREETS OFF THE OXFORD ROAD		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition, requesting the implementation of a 20mph zone in the residential streets off the Oxford 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 speed limits and associated criteria is specified within the existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. PROPOSAL

4.1 The Council has received a petition containing an informal consultation that can be seen in appendix 1. The petition requests implementing a 20mph zone in the residential streets off the Oxford Road within the Battle, Kentwood and Norcot wards.

4.2 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 The Council declared a Climate Emergency at its meeting on 26th February 2019 (Minute 48 refers).

6.2 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.