

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

<b>TO:</b>	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
<b>DATE:</b>	4 MARCH 2021		
<b>TITLE:</b>	PETITION RECEIPT: PETITION AGAINST THE CYCLE LANE IN SIDMOUTH STREET, READING		
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition 'against the cycle lane in Sidmouth Street, Reading' 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 appropriate Committee for consideration.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

#### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The provision of traffic management measures including cycle provision and associated criteria is specified within the existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards and the Local Transport Plan and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

#### **4. PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 The Council has received a petition titled 'Petition Against the Cycle Lane in Sidmouth Street, Reading'. The petition reads:

'We the undersigned request Reading Borough Council to dismantle and remove the cycle lanes recently introduced in Sidmouth Street, Reading. The cycle lanes have been introduced without public consultation, are not needed, are unused, are unsuitable, are badly laid out and providing to be counter-productive especially in the creation of additional congestion. The cycle lanes are an accident waiting to happen. There is a negative impact on the response emergency services.'

- 4.2 It is recommended that the petition and the request to remove the cycle lanes in Sidmouth Street is to be investigated by officers and a future report is to be submitted to the appropriate Committee for consideration.
- 4.3 A copy of the petition received prior to this meeting has been circulated to members of the Sub-committee.

#### **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.