

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

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	16th JUNE 2021		
TITLE:	BI-ANNUAL WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW - 2021A PROPOSALS FOR STATUTORY CONSULTATION		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for Officers to undertake statutory consultation for recommended new/alterations to waiting restrictions, which address the issues raised in the initial list of requests, which were agreed for investigation by the Sub-Committee at their meeting in March 2021.
- 1.2 The recommendations within this report have been shared with Ward Councillors and an opportunity provided for comment within this report.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 - Bi-Annual waiting restriction review programme list of streets and Officer recommendations.
- 1.4 Appendix 2 - Drawings to accompany the Officer recommendations in Appendix 1.

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 the proposals contained within in Appendix 1 and 2.

- 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 the Head of Transport, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals.
- 2.6 That no public inquiry 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 AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Approval was given by the Sub-Committee in March 2021 to carry out investigations at various locations, following requests that the Council had received for new or amended waiting restrictions.
- 4.2 Officers have investigated the issues that were raised in this list and have considered appropriate measures that could be implemented to overcome each issue.
- 4.3 In accordance with the report to the Sub-Committee in March 2021, Officers shared their recommended proposals with Ward Councillors between 14th and 31st May 2021. This period provided Councillors with an opportunity to informally consult with residents, consider the recommendations and provide any comments for inclusion in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 4.4 This report seeks approval by the Sub-Committee to conduct statutory consultation on the recommended schemes, taking into consideration any Ward Councillor comments that have been received.

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 Persons requesting waiting restrictions are informed that their request will form part of the waiting restriction review programme and are advertised of the timescales of this programme.

7.2 Notices will be advertised in the local printed newspaper and will be erected, typically on lamp columns, within the affected area.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The creation of - and changes to existing - Traffic Regulation Orders will 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.

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 need to be identified. It is intended that these costs will be met by the Council's Capital Works budget, with external funding (e.g. CIL or Section 106 contributions) to be used wherever possible.

10.2 The cost of the programme will be dependent on a number of factors, including the number proposals that are agreed for statutory consultation, the number agreed for implementation and the extent/complexity of the scheme. Lining-only schemes, such as double-yellow-line restrictions will be considerably less costly to implement, compared with restrictions that require signing.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 Waiting Restriction Review - Objections to Waiting Restriction Review 2020 & Requests for Waiting Restriction Review 2021A / Traffic Management Sub-Committee / March 2021.