

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

<b>TO:</b>	<b>TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>14 SEPTEMBER 2022</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>PETITION - KIDMORE ROAD TREES AND TRAFFIC</b>		
<b>LEAD COUNCILLOR:</b>	<b>TONY PAGE</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	<b>CLIMATE STRATEGY AND TRANSPORT</b>
<b>SERVICE:</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; TRAFFIC SERVICES</b>	<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>CAVERSHAM, CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS</b>
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#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition requesting that the 54 households represented are informed of, and consulted, on any discussions that may result in action taking place on Kidmore Road and requesting a mechanism to put forward proposals.

The petition indicates that it represents the views of 54 households.

- 1.2 This report recommends that officers liaise with Ward Councillors to propose an appropriate mechanism for receiving proposals from these households.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the content of this report.
- 2.2 That officers and Ward Councillors agree on an appropriate mechanism to receive and consider proposals from the households indicated in the petition.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed of the decisions of the Sub-Committee, following publication of the agreed minutes of the meeting.
- 2.4 That no public inquiry be held into the proposals.

### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 Outcomes from exploring proposals for change may complement the Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and Local Transport Plan (LTP).

### 4. THE PROPOSAL

#### Current Position

- 4.1 On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022, a petition was submitted to Caversham Ward Councillors. The petition stated the following:

*We are writing as a group of Kidmore Road residents, residing at the southernmost end of the road, from the Oakley Road crossroads to the junction with The Mount.*

*We represent the residents of 54 households.*

*We are aware of discussions and activities involving RBC, regarding both the trees on our section of Kidmore Road, and various traffic issues including volume of traffic, speeding, and unreported accidents.*

*We are also aware of course of Matt Rodda's consultation regarding traffic on Kidmore Road.*

*We as residents would like to ensure that we are informed of, and consulted on, any discussions regarding Kidmore Road, particularly any discussions which might result in some action taking place which affects our neighbourhood.*

*We would also like some mechanism to put forward proposals of our own, and would welcome a discussion with yourself, Matt, and/or RBC as to how best to go about this.*

*As a group of residents we are united in the below concerns:*

- *We are strongly in favour of retaining the trees.*
- *We are concerned about the volume of traffic (rat running).*
- *We are concerned about the manner of driving (speeding and unreported accidents).*
- *We are concerned about the state of the single pavement.*

#### Options Proposed

- 4.2 It is recommended that officers and ward Councillors agree on an appropriate mechanism with which to receive resident proposals for consideration. Any proposals for changes that arise from this mechanism will be fed back directly, or via ward Councillors, for information/further discussion/consultation as appropriate.
- 4.3 It is recommended that the lead petitioner will be the initial point of contact for providing feedback to the households.

## Other Options Considered

4.3 None at this time.

### **5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

5.1 The proposal contained in this report proposes no change to the existing infrastructure and, therefore, no further contribution to the strategic aims of the Council.

5.2 Full details of the Council's [Corporate Plan](#) are available on the website and include information on the projects which will deliver these priorities.

### **6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

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

6.2 The proposal contained in this report proposes no change, so a Climate Impact Assessment has not been considered necessary.

### **7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

7.1 The lead petitioner will be informed of the decision of the Sub-Committee regarding the request that they have made, following publication of the meeting minutes. It is proposed that the lead petitioner will be the initial point of contact for further engagement with the group of households.

7.2 Meeting reports and minutes are published on the Council's website and Traffic Management Sub-Committee is a public meeting that can be attended. Recordings of the meetings are also available via the Council's website ([www.reading.gov.uk](http://www.reading.gov.uk)).

### **8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

8.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, Section 149, a public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, 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 is relevant as this report recommends no change at this time.

### **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no foreseen legal implications relating to the recommendation of this report.

## 10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report are set out below:-

### 10.1. Revenue Implications

	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000
Employee costs	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other running costs			
Capital financings costs			
<b>Expenditure</b>	NIL	NIL	NIL
Income from:			
Fees and charges	NIL	NIL	NIL
Grant funding			
Other income			
<b>Total Income</b>	NIL	NIL	NIL
Net Cost(+)/saving (-)	NIL	NIL	NIL

### 10.2. Capital Implications

Capital Programme reference from budget book:	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000
Proposed Capital Expenditure	NIL	NIL	NIL
Funded by N/A	NIL	NIL	NIL
<b>Total Funding</b>	NIL	NIL	NIL

### 3. Value for Money (VFM)

Not applicable.

### 4. Risk Assessment.

There are no foreseeable financial risks associated with the recommendation of this report.

## 11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

### 11.1 None.