

# Traffic Management Sub-Committee

06 March 2024



**Reading**  
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<b>Title</b>	Petition – Request for Parking Control Measures in Southcote
<b>Purpose of the report</b>	To note the report for information
<b>Report status</b>	Public report
<b>Report author</b>	James Penman, Network Services Manager
<b>Lead councillor</b>	John Ennis
<b>Corporate priority</b>	Healthy Environment
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Note the content of this report.</li><li>2. Note the officer intension to consider the contents of the petition and report their recommendations to a future meeting of this Sub-Committee, following engagement with the Lead and Ward Councillors.</li><li>3. Note that the lead petitioner will be informed of the decisions of the Sub-Committee, following publication of the agreed minutes of the meeting.</li><li>4. Note that no public inquiry be held into the proposals.</li></ol>

## 1. Executive summary

- 1.1. To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition requesting the Council to implement specific parking and access restrictions in Southcote.
- 1.2. Officers will consider the contents of the petition, share their findings and recommendations with the Lead Councillor and Ward Councillors and report the outcomes to a future meeting of this Sub-Committee.

## 2. Policy context

- 2.1. The Council's new Corporate Plan has established three themes for the years 2022/25. These themes are:
  - Healthy Environment
  - Thriving Communities
  - Inclusive Economy
- 2.2. These themes are underpinned by "Our Foundations" explaining the ways we work at the Council:
  - People first
  - Digital transformation
  - Building self-reliance
  - Getting the best value
  - Collaborating with others

- 2.3. Full details of the Council's Corporate Plan and the projects which will deliver these priorities are published on the [Council's website](#). These priorities and the Corporate Plan demonstrate how the Council meets its legal obligation to be efficient, effective and economical.

### **3. The proposal**

#### Current Position

- 3.1. On 20 February 2024, a petition was submitted to the Council containing 16 signatures. Appendix 1 provides an extract from the petition, which states:

*We the undersigned residents and organisations within the Borough of Reading would formally request that Reading Borough Council implement the following parking control measures:*

- *Marked parking bays along the Southcote Lane, between Southcote Farm Lane and Circuit Lane.*
- *A new traffic order prohibiting traffic from entering Silchester Road between 07:30-08:45 and 14:15-15:30 Monday through Friday with an exemption for residents of Silchester Road & Faircross Road who register their vehicles and school staff who register their vehicle via Southcote Primary School.*
- *Explore the expansion of a Parking Permit Scheme with local residents and Councillors to protect Fawley Road, Aldworth Close, Southcote Farm Lane, and Shepley Drive.*

#### Options proposed

- 3.2. Officers will consider the contents of the petition, share and discuss their recommendations with the Lead Councillor for Climate Strategy and Transport and Ward Councillors. The resultant recommendations will be reported to a future meeting of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee.

#### Other options considered

- 3.3. None at this time.

### **4. Contribution to strategic aims**

- 4.1. The recommendation of this report does not directly deliver changes.

### **5. Environmental and climate implications**

- 5.1. The Council declared a Climate Emergency at its meeting on 26 February 2019 (Minute 48 refers).
- 5.2. The recommendation of this report does not directly deliver changes, so a Climate Impact Assessment has not been considered necessary.

### **6. Community engagement**

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. 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)). Report authors must also consider engaging and consulting staff and Councillors to help them to draft the report.

## **7. Equality impact assessment**

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. It is not considered that an Equality Impact Assessment is relevant at this time as the report recommendation does not directly lead to any physical change. Assessment will be considered once funding for development and delivery of a scheme is identified.

## **8. Other relevant considerations**

- 8.1. None expected from the recommendations and decisions for this report.

## **9. Legal implications**

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

## **10. Financial implications**

- 10.1. None arising from the recommendation of this report.

## **11. Timetable for implementation**

- 11.1. Not applicable.

## **12. Background papers**

- 12.1. There are none.

## **Appendices –**

1. Extract from the received petition.