

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING UPDATE REPORT: a. NEW AND OUTSTANDING REQUESTS b. PROPOSALS FOR STATUTORY CONSULTATION (EAST READING AREA - WOKINGHAM ROAD)		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the list of requests for Resident Permit Parking, including the progress of developing schemes and any new requests that have been received.
- 1.2 This report also provides revised proposals for the Wokingham Road element of the East Reading Study area scheme, with a recommendation to progress these to statutory consultation.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 provides the updated list of requests for Resident Permit Parking.
- 1.4 Appendix 2 provides the recommended scheme for Wokingham Road.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the Sub-Committee may wish to consider the priorities allocated to items on the list of requested schemes and/or whether all requests should remain on the list for future consideration, as per Items 4.2 - 4.4.

- 2.3 That the scheme for Wokingham Road in Appendix 2 proceeds to statutory consultation.
- 2.4 That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out the statutory consultation and advertise the proposals in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. That subject to no objections received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.5 That any objections received following the statutory advertisement be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.6 That the Head of Transportation and Streetcare, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Councillor be authorised to make minor changes to the proposals.
- 2.7 That no public enquiry 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 PROPOSALS

Part a: Requested Schemes List - Update

- 4.1 Appendix 1 provides the list of requests that we have received for Resident Permit Parking schemes. Where the Sub-Committee has previously allocated a priority to a scheme, this has been recorded. Where a request has previously been reported to the Sub-Committee, but not allocated a priority, this has also been recorded, along with any schemes that are 'new' to the list.
- 4.2 The Sub-Committee may wish to allocate priorities to particular schemes on this list, although it should be noted that scheme development is resource-intensive and this limited resource is shared between this and many other works programmes. Prioritisation will influence the order in which potential schemes are developed, but not necessarily expedite their development.
- 4.3 The Sub-Committee may wish for requests not to be pursued and these can be removed from the list.

- 4.4 It is the recommendation of Officers that Resident Permit Parking is considered on an area basis, not street-by-street. The list contains some requests from single streets, but it is hoped that this list will prompt consideration of such restrictions from neighbouring streets to create an area scheme before it becomes an active project. Where this occurs, the listed request will be adjusted accordingly.

Officers will seek to work with Ward Councillors, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and the Chair of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee to agree an initial area that should be considered alongside the original request, once a potential scheme becomes an active project.

Part b: Revised Proposal for Wokingham Road (East Reading Study area)

- 4.5 As part of the East Reading Study, it was proposed that a number of unrestricted bays on Wokingham Road would become 'shared use' whereby permit holders could park at any time, and non-permit holders could park for up to 2 hours between 8am and 8pm. Following feedback from the statutory consultation, The Sub-Committee agreed that these proposals should be removed from the scheme in January 2019.
- 4.6 Having considered the feedback from the consultation, Officers have now developed an amended proposal for the bays on Wokingham Road. These are shown in appendix 2 and include another 'shared use' type restriction, which allows permit holders to park at any time but also allows non-permit holders to park up to 24 hours a day, seven days a week with a Pay & Display ticket.
- 4.7 These new proposals are intended to meet the needs of residents by providing additional parking permit bays within the wider scheme area, but also provide flexible parking for visitors throughout the day along with the turnover and relative ease of enforcement that Pay & Display restrictions provide.

It is proposed that these restrictions will overcome the objections made primarily by regular visitors, that the maximum stay period could be prohibitively short and limited to the 8am - 8pm period.

- 4.8 If agreed at this meeting, Officers intend to conduct the consultation over the spring and bring the results to the Sub-Committee meeting in June 2019. No materials will be ordered and no works instructions issued until after a decision has been made by the Sub-Committee to implement a scheme, and the resultant legal Order is sealed. It is our intention to implement any approved restrictions as part of the East Reading Study.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 This proposal supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and 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. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 6.1 Statutory consultation will be conducted in accordance with appropriate legislation. Notices will be advertised in the local printed newspaper and will be erected on lamp columns within the affected area.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 New, or changes to existing, Traffic Regulation Orders 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.

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 is relevant as the proposals are not deemed to be discriminatory to persons with protected characteristics and statutory consultations provide an opportunity for objections/support/concerns to be considered prior to a decision being made on whether to implement the proposals.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The cost of a scheme will be dependent on the type of restrictions applied (the signing and lining requirements), the extent and the complexity of the scheme.

- 9.2 Funding will need to be identified prior to the implementation of any scheme.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Resident Permit Parking Update Report (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, January 2019).
- 10.2 Resident Permit Parking Report (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, September 2018).