

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

11 JUNE 2025

QUESTION NO. 1

Councillor Nikulina to ask the Chair:

Tackling Whitley Street Cycle Lane Problems

The cycle lane along Whitley Street continues to face issues with vehicles parking illegally and obstructing its use. Following previous discussions with transport planners, it was agreed that the Council's CCTV enforcement vehicle would be deployed to monitor this location and issue penalty notices where appropriate.

Could the Lead Councillor please provide an update on how this enforcement has been progressing, including how many penalty notices have been issued to date ?

REPLY by the Chair of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee.

I invite Councillor Ennis, the Lead Councillor for Climate Strategy and Transport to make the response on my behalf.

REPLY by Councillor Ennis, Lead Councillor for Climate Strategy and Transport:

On 22 June 2020, the then Government introduced SI2020 548 giving local authorities the power to enforce cycle lanes by CCTV in the same manner as bus lanes. Whilst driving in a cycle lane is a contravention, parking is not. Unless there are kerb markings, double or single yellow lines in the adjacent kerb, we are unable to enforce using CCTV.

This restriction limits our options in respect of enforcement to the majority of Whitley Street to tickets issued in the normal manner for contraventions, namely by the physical presence of an officer placing a penalty charge on the vehicle.

Enforcement will continue to use the CCTV vehicle where restrictions are in force and to date we have issued 8 PCNs for parking in the cycle lane.