

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW UPDATE - 2018A DOVEDALE CLOSE		
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following statutory consultation on the proposals that formed the 2018A Waiting Restriction Review programme, the Sub-Committee was asked to consider any objections that were received and agree whether to implement, remove or amend the advertised restriction.
- 1.2 At the September 2018 meeting of the Sub-Committee, concern was raised over a proposal at Dovedale Close/The Mount. The decision for this scheme and, therefore, the programme implementation was deferred following further consideration by Officers of the comments made.
- 1.3 Officers have further reviewed the proposed restriction and the findings are contained in this report. It is recommended that the proposed restriction be implemented as advertised.
- 1.4 Appendix 1 provides a drawing of the advertised restriction.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.2 That the Sub-Committee agrees to the implementation of the Dovedale Close/The Mount restriction, as advertised, to complete the agreements for the 2018A programme.</li><li>2.3 That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to seal the resultant Traffic Regulation Order and no public inquiry be held into the proposals.</li><li>2.4 That respondents to the statutory consultation be informed of the decision of the Sub-Committee accordingly, following publication of the approved meeting minutes.</li></ul> |
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### **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**

- 4.1 At the September 2018 meeting of the Sub-Committee, concerns were raised regarding the length of carriageway covered by proposals of new double-yellow-lines from Dovedale Close to Albert Road junctions.
- 4.2 It was agreed that a decision on this proposal, which formed part of the 2018A review programme, be deferred so that Officers could consider whether it would be appropriate to create a gap in the yellow line restriction for parking on The Mount.
- 4.3 Officers have reviewed this section of The Mount and consider that the original, recommended proposal remains the recommended proposal for implementation.
- 4.4 Applying the Highway Code rule of no parking within 10m of a junction, there would remain a gap that is insufficiently long to accommodate parking for the majority of vehicles. The removal of parking at this section will also benefit visibility for traffic exiting Dovedale Close and for vehicles approaching the junctions of Clifton Park Road and Albert Road.
- 4.5 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee agrees to implement this restriction as it was advertised during statutory consultation (Appendix 1 provides a drawing of this proposal). This will allow the Traffic Regulation Order for the 2018A programme to be made and the implementation of the programme instructed.

## **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 strategic aims, as set out below:

- Providing the infrastructure to support the economy.
- Remaining financially sustainable to deliver these service priorities.

## **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

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

6.3 Sealed Traffic Regulation Orders will be advertised in the local printed newspaper prior to implementation of the associated scheme.

6.4 Objectors to statutory consultations will be contacted with the decision of the Sub-Committee, following publication of the agreed meeting minutes.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 New and amended 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 This scheme will be funded from budgets identified for the Waiting Restriction Review programme.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 Waiting Restriction Review - Objections to Waiting Restriction Review 2018A (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, September 2018).