

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

<b>TO:</b>	<b>TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>1 NOVEMBER 2018</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING: PROPOSAL FOR STATUTORY CONSULTATION (THE WILLOWS &amp; ST STEPHENS CLOSE)</b>		
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following an informal consultation on the concept designs for a Lower Caversham area Resident Permit Parking (RPP) scheme, which included a well-attended public drop-in session, this report recommends conducting a statutory consultation on an element of the scheme - The Willows and St Stephens Close.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides a drawing of the proposed restrictions for The Willows and St Stephens Close.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the report be noted.
- 2.2 That the scheme in Appendix 1 proceeds to statutory consultation.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 That subject to no objections being received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order.

- 2.5 That any objections received during the statutory consultation 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**

- 4.1 The Sub-Committee set priorities for scheme development on the list of requests for RPP reported at the March 2017 meeting. The request for St Stephens Close and The Willows was separate to the Lower Caversham area and was set at a lower priority than this area scheme.
- 4.2 Due to the proximity of St Stephens Close and The Willows to the wider Lower Caversham area, it was recommended that we conducted the initial scheme development work (informal consultation and concept design) as a single scheme to expedite the progression of this relatively small scheme.
- 4.3 The dedicated scheme steering group agreed the concept designs for informal consultation and this consultation was conducted over the summer, including a public drop-in.
- 4.4 The feedback from this informal consultation has been reviewed and it is clear that the area scheme requires areas of further consideration. The steering group has agreed that it is now appropriate to separate St Stephens Close and The Willows from the wider area scheme and progress this section while final decisions are being made for the wider area proposals.
- 4.5 Appendix 1 shows the recommended proposal for statutory consultation at The Willows and St Stephens Close and it is proposed that this area be part of the '01R' parking zone.
- 4.6 It is the intension of officers to report any objections to the statutory consultation at the January 2019 meeting of the Sub-Committee.

- 4.7 It is acknowledged that some informal consultation feedback requested the placement of additional double-yellow-lines within this proposed area restriction. The steering group agreed with the officer recommendation to consider any changes to parking behaviour following the potential implementation of RPP before adding further restrictions. If issues occur, despite those parking in an RPP zone having a vested interest in their local area, these can be addressed in the twice-annual Waiting Restriction Review Programme.
- 4.8 It is intended that the steering group will be in a position to agree the wider area Lower Caversham RPP statutory consultation proposals for reporting to the January 2019 meeting of the Sub-Committee.

## **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 Informal consultations have been conducted on the concept scheme designs for the Lower Caversham area, which included St Stephens Close and The Willows. Feedback has been considered by the dedicated Steering Group and the designs evolved as appropriate.
- 6.2 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.
- 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 Funding will need to be identified prior to the implementation of any scheme.

9.2 The cost of implementing a 'permit parking past this point' restriction in this location will be low, as there will be minimal signing and no complimentary lining required.

9.3 There will be a cost element to the back-office permit system setup, permit issue and subsequent enforcement of the restrictions. This cost will be covered by the parking permit charges over time.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 Resident Permit Parking: Scheme development update (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, September 2018).

10.2 Resident Permit Parking - New and Outstanding Requests (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, March 2017).