

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH & 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 INFORMAL CONSULTATION		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the list of requests for Resident Permit Parking (RPP), including the progress of developing schemes and any new requests that have been received.
- 1.2 This report also provides outline areas proposed for informal consultation, as part of an expedited scheme development programme for previously reported scheme requests.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 provides the updated list of requests for Resident Permit Parking.
- 1.4 Appendix 2 provides the areas proposed for informal consultation.
- 1.5 Appendix 3 provides the results of Norcot Ward Councillor informal consultations in the Grovelands Road area.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That informal consultations are conducted for the areas in Appendix 2, with the exception of the Grovelands Road area (see Item 4.12), and the results reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

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 Since the last update report to the Sub-Committee, the RPP schemes in Harrow Court, St Stephens Close and The Willows have been implemented.

Officers are delivering 'Area 1' of the East Reading area scheme, which is due to go live from 16 September 2019.

Officers are developing a delivery programme for the Lower Caversham scheme and intend to introduce this large area scheme before the end of this calendar year.

- 4.2 Appendix 1 provides the list of requests that have been received for Resident Permit Parking (RPP) schemes across the borough. Where the Sub-Committee has previously allocated a priority to a scheme, this has been recorded and adjusted, following delivery of other schemes. 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.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 The Sub-Committee may wish for requests not to be pursued and these can be removed from the list.
- 4.5 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: Proposals for informal consultation

4.6 During July 2019 officers were tasked with developing an expedited delivery programme (subject to consultation results) for the scheme requests that had been received up to that time.

4.7 The first stage of the development process is to consider an area that could form a new parking scheme area and to conduct an informal consultation to survey resident opinion about the potential introduction of Resident Permit Parking.

Officers suggested some initial areas and have sought ward Councillor input and agreement to these areas.

4.8 These scheme areas are in Appendix 2 and are as follow:

Area	Ward	Which requests included in area
Cintra Close	Redlands	Cintra Close
Granville Road	Southcote	Granville Road
Grovelands Road area	Norcot	Grovelands Road, Beecham Road
Hexham Road estate	Redlands	Hexham Road Estate
Katesgrove Area	Katesgrove	Charndon Close, Collis Street, Rowley Road, St Giles Close
Kentwood Hill	Kentwood	Kentwood Hill
Minster Area	Minster	Coley Avenue, Upavon Drive, Froxfield Avenue, Portway Close, Benyon Court
Shilling Close area	Norcot & Southcote	Shilling Close
Tidmarsh Street area	Kentwood	Tidmarsh Street

4.9 It is intended that informal consultation information will be delivered to residents by post and will use the format agreed by the Sub-Committee during the November 2017 meeting.

As this is intended to be an expedited development programme, which will be conducted alongside existing and ongoing workload, minor amendments will be made to the letter to confirm that responses will need to be made via a dedicated consultation page on Reading Borough Council’s website, and not by paper return. Anyone not able to submit a response via the website will be able to call officers, who will input the data on their behalf.

This process will significantly reduce the resources required to compile and analyse the consultation responses to these schemes.

It is not intended that staffing resources be dedicated to any public meetings as part of this initial process.

- 4.10 Officers intend to prepare the informal consultation material and arrange for the webpages to be created, delivering the consultation as soon as practicable. Ward Councillors will be provided with the consultation material and expected delivery date.

The results of the consultation will be shared with Ward Councillors and officers will recommend what elements of the outline proposals, if any, be progressed to detailed design by January 2020.

Detailed design will commence thereafter and the results of the informal consultations reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

- 4.11 The results of the informal consultation will inform the potential scheme development programme thereafter.
- 4.12 Norcot Ward Councillors have been conducting informal consultations in the Grovelands Road area shown in Appendix 2 and the results of the latest consultation are shown in Appendix 3.

They are satisfied that there is sufficient support across this area and in place of a further informal consultation, propose a public meeting instead, in order to further inform scheme development.

- 4.13 To make most efficient use of limited staff (some of which may be externally-sourced) and financial resources, officers will be seeking to concurrently conduct certain development phases across this list of schemes. For example, conducting the investigation and detailed design work for all schemes concurrently.

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 The informal consultation will be conducted by posted letter-drop, as per Item 4.9.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None arising from this report.
- 7.2 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 Equality Impact Assessments will be considered as part of the individual scheme development. Informal and statutory consultations provide opportunities for objections/support/concerns to be raised and considered prior to a decision being made on whether to implement a scheme.

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. This programme is intended to be resourced using Transport Capital funding, which will include developer contributions (e.g. Section 106 contributions) wherever possible.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Results of Statutory Consultation (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, June 2019).

10.2 Resident Permit Parking Update report (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, March 2019).

10.3 Resident Permit Parking - Informal Consultations (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, November 2017).