

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

<b>TO:</b>	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
<b>DATE:</b>	14 NOVEMBER 2019	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	4(b)
<b>TITLE:</b>	PETITION TO INSTALL A ZEBRA CROSSING NEAR ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ON UPPER REDLANDS ROAD		
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council to introduce a zebra crossing, near St Josephs College, on Upper Redlands Road.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the lead petitioner be provided with a copy of this report.

#### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 Any proposals would need to be considered alongside the Borough Council's Traffic Management Policies and Standards, Council Priorities and the Local Transport Plan.

#### 4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 At the time of writing the online petition had attracted 547 signatures.
- 4.2 The wording of the petition reads: 'We, the undersigned, petition Reading Borough Council to install a zebra crossing near St Joseph's College on Upper Redlands Road.'

- 4.3 In the submission of this petition to the Council, it was acknowledged that the petition was organised more than 12 months ago, but that the lead petitioner had been advised by a local Councillor that they should formally share it with the Traffic Management Sub-Committee.
- 4.4 Members may be aware that the request for this measure has been captured on the 'Requests for Traffic Management Measures' report that is a regular item on the agenda.

The September 2019 report referred to this request as follows:

'A modest private contribution has been raised toward the development of the requested zebra crossing on Upper Redlands Road.

Officers have arranged to meet with the lead fundraisers to discuss expectations and can conduct some high-level design work as a result.'

- 4.5 Members are also referred to a report later on the agenda for this meeting ('Traffic Management Measures - CIL Funded Schemes'), where Item 4.5 of this report also references developments with this requested traffic management measure.
- 4.6 At this time, the scheme remains unfunded.

## **5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

- 5.1 This proposal supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and helps to deliver the following Council Priorities:
- Keeping Reading's environment clean, green and safe
  - Ensuring the Council is fit for the future

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

- 6.1 The lead petitioner will be informed of the findings of the Sub-Committee and provided with a copy of this report.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

## **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 The Council will carry out an equality impact assessment scoping exercise prior to proposing the introduction of any changes to the Highway layout.

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None arising from this report.

9.2 This requested traffic management measure is currently unfunded.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 Requests for New Traffic Management Measures (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, September 2019).

10.2 Traffic Management Measures - CIL Funded Schemes (Traffic Management Sub-Committee, November 2019).