

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE & SPORT

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY PANEL		
DATE:	24 MARCH 2009	AGENDA ITEM:	2
TITLE:	FILEY ROAD - PETITION		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Panel the receipt of a petition from residents of Filey Road requesting residents permit only parking for the street. Parking within the Newtown area has been subject to a review under the SPA annual minor amendments programme. It is proposed to create additional kerb-side space by reducing double yellow line restrictions within the whole Newtown area.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Advisory Panel notes the report.
- 2.2 That the following recommendation be made to Cabinet:
- 2.2.1 That the petition be noted.
- 2.2.2 That the alterations within Newtown to create additional kerb-side space be advertised as proposed.
- 2.2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.
- 2.2.4 That a further report on the implications of a wider roll out of Residents Parking in the Newtown area be prepared and brought to the next meeting of the Panel.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The improvement of the public highway is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PETITION/PROPOSAL

- 4.1 A petition has been received from residents of Filey Road. The petition of 34 signatures reads:

“At the capacity of the residents of FILEY ROAD, Reading (RG1 post code), we would jointly like to apply for the residents permit for parking scheme at the same address.”

“We seriously and genuinely realise that we are deprived of the facility of street parking at our residencies due to the influx of vehicles from surrounding areas. As a result of this, day to day lives of professionals, school children, elderly and disabled are affected”.

“It is therefore, we are compelled to request the authority to kindly consider onto this matter as soon as possible.”

- 4.2 Filey Road is a typical Newtown terrace street that links Cholmeley Road with Manchester Road. The surrounding road network of similar layout and largely without formal waiting/parking restrictions. Traffic and parking within this part of Newton is largely locally generated by residents and their visitors.
- 4.3 There is considerable pressure for kerb-side space within Newtown generally as very few properties have alternative off road parking provision. Cholmeley Road and the smaller area of Newtown to the west of Cholmeley Road have residents only permit parking due to pressure created from businesses within Kings Road and Thames Valley University.
- 4.4 Part of the problem is that residents subjected to the existing residents parking scheme are not purchasing a second permit and just leaving their second vehicles in the streets without any restriction. Any further promotion of residents only parking must be considered for the whole of the Newtown area to fully address all the issues.
- 4.5 Any formal parking scheme promoted by the council requires measures to ensure compliance with the Highway Code. This typically results in the loss of some kerb-side space as junctions and footways are required to be kept clear and free of parked vehicles.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 To develop Reading as a Green City with a sustainable environment and economy at the heart of the Thames Valley.

5.2 To promote equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all.

5.3 Sustainable Community Strategy. Transport & Accessible Places.

To improve bus punctuality and reliability to improve non-car access to all areas.

Promote cycling and walking for shorter local journeys to improve non-car access to district centres

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 The lead petitioner will be informed of the finding of the Panel.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None for this report.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None for this report

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 TMAP Special Parking Area - Minor Amendment 7 - 11 September 2008