

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND SPORT

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY PANEL		
DATE:	11 NOVEMBER 2009	AGENDA ITEM:	3
TITLE:	SWAINSTONE ROAD - PETITION		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Panel the receipt of a petition from residents of Swainstone Road for residents permit only parking for the street. Parking within Swainstone Road has been considered as a part of the SPA annual minor amendments programme previously and is within the SPA8 list for review again this year.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Panel notes the report.
- 2.2 That the following recommendations be made to Cabinet:
- 2.2.1 That the petition be noted.
- 2.2.2 That the review within the SPA annual programme continue with officer recommendation presented for Ward Member discussion/consultation on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009.
- 2.2.3 That the lead petitioners be informed accordingly.

### 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 Swainstone Road. The petition of 42 signatures reads:

“We, the undersigned residents of Swainstone Road, call on Reading Borough Council to take action now to include Swainstone Road in a residents' parking scheme by: assessing the alternative options for inclusion in existing schemes or creating a new residents' parking zone; and reporting the recommended option to the Traffic Management Panel by October 2009.”

- 4.2 Swainstone Road in many ways is a typical inner town terrace street off the northern end of Basingstoke Road close to Whitley Street. Swainstone Road itself is a cul-de-sac without any other streets leading to or from it. The road is residential only without any off-street parking facilities therefore all residents and their visitors park on-street. Double yellow lines offering no alternative parking at any time restrict the Basingstoke Road at this point. Bourne Avenue, the closest road to the south is unrestricted but has its own on-street parking pressures. Christchurch Gardens to the north of Swainstone Road and on the opposite side of Basingstoke Road is a mix of double yellow lines and unrestricted on-street parking. Glebe Road off Christchurch Gardens is residents permit parking zone G1.
- 4.3 There is considerable pressure for kerb-side space within Swainstone Road particularly at night and weekends suggesting that it is only residents and their visitors generating the demand.
- 4.4 Residents permit only parking for Swainstone Road alone does not meet current local policy and national legislation. However the borough-wide review of the residents permit scheme (Cabinet Report - Residents Parking Review - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009) may lead to possibilities and options for not just Swainstone Road but the wider area.
- 4.5 Swainstone Road is within the current SPA review list (TMAP 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2009) and options are being considered for discussion at the commencement of Ward Member consultation on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

**5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

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

5.2 Sustainable Community Strategy. Transport & Accessible Places.

**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 8 - 10 September 2009

9.2 Cabinet Report - Residents Parking Review - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009.