

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

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Report of Corporate Director for Place
to
**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet
Committee**
On
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Petition – Propose Waiting Restrictions, Manchester Drive, Leigh on Sea
Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition received with 47 signatories which requests the provision of waiting restrictions to deter school peak time congestion in Manchester Drive, Leigh on Sea.

2. Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- (i) Note the petition ; and,**
- (ii) Note officers comments in paragraph 3.4 and agree for waiting restrictions to be proposed on one side of the street, timed to coincide with the peak school traffic periods; and,**
- (iii) If approved, further agree that in the event of there being no objections to the proposals, the Traffic Regulation Order be confirmed;**
- (iv) Note that all unresolved objections will be referred to the Traffic and Parking Working Party for consideration;**
- (v) Instruct officers to contact the school with regard to providing parking information through the newsletter; and,**
- (vi) Inform residents of the process required to request enforcement for parking over driveways.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Manchester Drive is a bus route and the main access to Our Lady of Lourdes school is located off of the road.
- 3.2 The section of road between Eastwood Boulevard and Darlinghurst Grove is used by parents dropping off and picking up children and during the busy peak school time periods, parking can be seen on both sides of the street considerably narrowing the carriageway. As a bus route, this parking can

impede the bus movements which in turn, affects the timetable for the rest of the route.

- 3.3 Residents are also subject to access difficulties as parents park over driveways, however, providing waiting restrictions for this purpose is not permissible within the powers delegated to the authority under The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Measures are available for enforcement to be undertaken in this regard and residents will be advised of the process for this action.
- 3.4 While proposing waiting restrictions would prevent parking and improve the bus movements, the restrictions may also displace the all-day parking into other streets resulting in further complaints. To deter this, it is suggested that restrictions only be proposed on one side of the street, from Eastwood Boulevard westwards approaching the junction of Norfolk Avenue and timed to coincide with the busiest periods only.
- 3.5 The proposal meets the criteria for the proposal of waiting restrictions as agreed by this Committee as traffic flow is being affected on this bus route.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Take no action. This is not a viable option as buses will experience delays which affected the rest of the timetable.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To meet the request of the petitioners and improve traffic flow for buses.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

- 6.1.1 Local Transport and Implementation Plan, Safe and Prosperous.

6.2 Financial Implications

- 6.2.1 If approved, any works will be met through existing budgets.

6.3 Legal Implications

- 6.3.1 Any changes to waiting and loading restrictions are progressed in accordance with statutory requirements.

6.4 People Implications

- 6.4.1 All necessary works will be undertaken by existing staff.

6.5 Property Implications

- 6.5.1 None.

6.6 Consultation

- 6.6.1 The recommendation is to undertake a consultation in accordance with the statutory requirements.

6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

6.7.1 The prioritisation of the Traffic & Parking Working Party's programme is on the basis of improving safety, reducing accidents or improving traffic flows. The objectives of improving safety takes account of all users of the public highway including those with disabilities.

6.8 *Risk Assessment*

6.8.1 None.

6.9 *Value for Money*

6.9.1 The recommendation is considered to give the best value for money considering the Council's limited resources.

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

6.10.1 The prioritisation of the Councils' Working Party's programme is on the basis of reducing accidents or improving traffic flows and takes into account the implications for community safety.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

6.11.1 All schemes are designed to improve quality of local environment

7. Background Papers

7.1 None

8. Appendices

8.1 None.