

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place
to
**Traffic and Parking Working Party and
Cabinet Committee**
on
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Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations

Executive Councillor: Cllr Terry

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee to consider details of the objections to advertised Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of various proposals across the borough.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider the objections to the proposed Orders and recommend to the Cabinet Committee to:**

- (a) **Implement the proposals without amendment; or,**
(b) **Implement the proposals with amendment; or,**
(c) **Take no further action**

- 2.2 **That the Cabinet Committee consider the views of the Traffic and Parking Working Party, following consideration of the representations received and agree the appropriate course of action.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Cabinet Committee periodically agrees to advertise proposals to implement waiting restrictions in various areas as a result of requests from Councillors and members of the public based upon an assessment against the Council's current policies.

- 3.2 The proposals shown on the attached Appendix 1 were advertised through the local press and notices were displayed at appropriate locations informing residents and businesses of the proposals and inviting them to make representations in respect of the proposals. This process has resulted in the objections detailed in Appendix 1 of this report. Officers have considered these objections and where possible tried to resolve them. Observations are provided to assist Members in their considerations and in making an informed decision.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The proposals aim to improve the operation of the existing parking controls to contribute to highway safety and to reduce congestion.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

- 5.1.1 Ensuring parking and traffic is managed while maintaining adequate access for emergency vehicles and general traffic flow. This is consistent with the Council's Vision and Corporate Priorities of Safe, Prosperous and Healthy.

5.2 Financial Implications

- 5.2.1 Costs for confirmation of the Order and amendments, in Appendix 1, if approved, can be met from existing budgets.

5.3 Legal Implications

- 5.3.1 The formal statutory consultative process has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

5.4 People Implications

- 5.4.1 Works required to implement the agreed schemes will be undertaken by existing staff resources.

5.5 Property Implications

- 5.5.1 None

5.6 Consultation

- 5.6.1 This report provides details of the outcome of the statutory consultation process.

5.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 5.7.1 Any implications will be taken into account in designing the schemes.

5.8 Risk Assessment

- 5.8.1 The proposals are designed to improve the operation of the parking scheme while maintaining highway safety and traffic flow and as such, are likely to have a positive impact.

5.9 Value for Money

- 5.9.1 Works associated with the schemes listed in Appendix 1 will be undertaken by the Council's term contractors, selected through a competitive tendering process to ensure value for money.

5.10 Community Safety Implications

- 5.10.1 The proposals in Appendix 1 if implemented will lead to improved community safety.

5.11 Environmental Impact

- 5.11.1 There is no significant environmental impact as a result of introducing the Traffic Regulation Orders.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 - Details of representations received and Officer Observations.
To be provided at the meeting.

**Appendix 1 Details of representations received and Officer Observations
relating to the Report on Traffic Regulation Orders**

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Southchurch Road	Members	Proposed No Waiting at Anytime & Limited Waiting 2 hours in 4 hours 9am – 6pm Monday to Saturday	<p>1 letter of objection including a petition with 41 signatures</p> <p>Small businesses that rely on regular visitors to their shops as passing trade will be affected due to the increase in hours of waiting which will only be of use to larger traders. Many of the smaller businesses are already struggling and rely on this passing trade and quick turn-around of vehicles parking outside the shops.</p> <p>1 letter of support to implement the changes. Suggest that car park is made free as it is often empty and if changed would help reduce the congestion on Southchurch Road.</p>	<p>The proposal is designed to accommodate longer term parking for shops and businesses which require over one hour parking.</p> <p>It is appreciated that the increase is not helpful to those businesses with a turnover of short stay customer but to provide a mixture of times would be confusing.</p> <p>Recommend proceed with proposal.</p>
Hamstel Road	Members	Limited Waiting 2 hours in 4 hours 9am – 6pm Monday to Saturday	<p>1 letter of objection – main concerns lack of parking for residents. Would like to see a residents parking scheme. Proposals will only benefit the hairdressers not other shop keepers and residents</p>	<p>Some of the parking does appear to occur all day which prevents customer parking. Limited waiting assists in this regard and will improve current parking situation which is unrestricted. Recommend proceed with proposals.</p>
The Maze	Members Officers & Residents	Experimental Traffic Order – No Waiting at Anytime	<p>1 letter of objection – proposals mean that vehicles now park in Rayleigh Road/Dandies Drive. Suggest providing limited number of parking spaces in The Maze at its junction with Rayleigh Road which would help the parking situation.</p> <p>3 letters of support from the residents of The Maze A complete success, hope they become permanent; have helped exiting property; very happy with waiting restrictions; safe for residents</p>	<p>With the exception of a small section of restriction to be removed by No 1 The Maze, no other amendments have been requested and the restriction has prevented the road being subject to inappropriate parking.</p> <p>Recommend to confirm the Order as permanent with the amendments as described above.</p>