

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place  
to  
**Traffic & Parking Working Party and  
Cabinet Committee**  
on  
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**Leighville Grove and Southsea Avenue**  
**Portfolio Holder – Councillor Terry**  
***A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee to authorise the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce one-way traffic in Leighville Grove (Southbound) and part day/part week waiting restrictions in Southsea Avenue.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. **That the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee:-**
- a) **Agree to the advertisement of a proposal to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order to amend traffic flow in Leighville Grove and introduce part day/part week waiting restrictions in Southsea Avenue, and;**
  - b) **Agree that in the event no objections are received, to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order and implement the relevant works, and;**
  - c) **Note that all unresolved objections will be referred to the Traffic and Parking Working Party for consideration.**

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 A number of consultations have been undertaken with residents in Leighville Grove and Southsea Avenue to determine supported measures in order to address traffic and parking issues.
- 3.2 While a borough wide approach is to be adopted to address traffic and parking issues, this matter has been subject to Experimental measures which have not fully addressed the concerns and as such, the introduction of additional measures is required in order to address these and complete the project as agreed by this Committee.

- 3.3 The majority of residents in of Leighville Grove (92%) have supported the introduction of one way traffic (southbound being supported by 60% of those responding).
- 3.4 Southsea Avenue residents offered no conclusive majority support for a number of options however additional support was offered for a middle ground solution of two-way traffic with part day waiting restrictions. This option was presented to the Committee however based on a verbal presentation by one resident, the proposal was not progressed.
- 3.5 The Committee are requested to support the advertisement of this proposal in order to address the issues which a number of residents have reported such as traffic not being able to pass resulting in conflict and inappropriate speeds and a lack of available space for deliveries and disabled drivers parking. This proposal accommodates two-way traffic flows during the busier daytime hours therefore reducing conflict and inappropriate speeds and accommodates resident parking in the evenings on both sides of the road when traffic volume is reduced.

#### **4. Other Options**

- 4.1 Take no further action. Significant time has been allocated to this project since 2013 and while the majority of residents support proposals, several Committee meetings have resulted in further information being required. To take no action would negatively impact on the purpose of consultations as resident support is evident.

#### **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 Where recommended the objective is to mitigate for likelihood of traffic flows being impeded, to improve safety or increase parking availability.

#### **6. Corporate Implications**

##### *6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities*

- 6.1.1 Ensure the highway network is effectively managed contributing to a Safe and Prosperous Southend.

##### *6.2 Financial Implications*

- 6.2.1 Where recommended, the source of funding will be from allocated budgets, where funding is provided from alternative budgets, this is highlighted as appropriate.

##### *6.3 Legal Implications*

- 6.3.1 The formal statutory consultative process will be completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation where applicable.

##### *6.4 People Implications*

- 6.4.1 Staff time will be prioritised as needed to investigate, organise the advertisement procedures and monitor the progress of the proposals based on the committee priorities.

## 6.5 *Property Implications*

6.5.1 None

## 6.6 *Consultation*

6.6.1 Formal consultation will be undertaken including advertisement of the proposal in the local press and on the street as appropriate.

## 6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

6.7.1 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 Neutral.

## 6.9 *Value for Money*

6.9.1 All works resulting from the scheme design are to be undertaken by term contractors appointed through a competitive tendering process.

## 6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

6.10.1 All proposals are designed to maximise community safety through design, implementation and monitoring.

## 6.11 *Environmental Impact*

6.11.1 All proposals are designed and implemented to ensure relevant environmental benefits are attained through the use of appropriate materials and electrical equipment to save energy and contribute towards the Carbon Reduction targets where appropriate.

## 7. **Background papers**

Results of consultations with residents, 2013 and 2014. Report of Corporate Director for Place, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## 8. **Appendices**

None