

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)
to
**Traffic & Parking Working Party and
Cabinet Committee**
on
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Requests for Waiting Restrictions
Portfolio Holder – Councillor Tony Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee to authorise the advertisement of the amendments and/or new restrictions/traffic Regulation Orders in accordance with the statutory processes.

2. Recommendation

2.1. That the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee:-

- a) Consider the requests to advertise the requisite Traffic Regulation Orders as shown in appendix 1;
- b) If approved, further agree that in the event of there being no objections to the proposals, the proposal will be added to the existing work programme and the Traffic Regulation Order be confirmed;
- c) Note that all unresolved objections will be referred to the Traffic and Parking Working Party for consideration.

3. Background

- 3.1 Requests for new or amendments to existing waiting restrictions are regularly received from residents and the businesses.
- 3.2 All requests are assessed and investigated against the policy criterion agreed criteria by the Cabinet Committee in January 2016.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Each request needs to be considered on its individual merits and their impact on public safety, traffic flows or parking and wider impact on the surrounding network. Members may consider taking no further action if they feel it is appropriate.

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**

None

8. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – List of requests and comments

APPENDIX 1 – TRO CHANGES/WAITING RESTRICTIONS REQUESTS

Location	Request Details	Requested By	Relevant Criteria Points	Officer comments
Lucy Road	<p>Amend Taxi Rank to shared Taxi Rank and Parking Bays.</p> <p>Amend existing waiting restrictions to provide Parking Bays and loading area.</p>	Public	NA	<p>A request was received from the seafront traders to increase parking provision in the seafront area.</p> <p>Officers have assessed this location and found that the existing Taxi rank is rarely used in the daytime and mainly used late at night when picking up from the nearby clubs.</p> <p>The new regulations governing Traffic Regulation Orders allow for the sharing of road space with relaxation of the signage requirements therefore it is possible to allow pay and display parking during the hours of 9am to 6pm in line with the rest of the area and the bays reverting to a taxi tank during the period when it is required.</p> <p>Adjacent to the taxi rank is an area of waiting restrictions which prohibit parking at any time. While the area could be used for servicing the nearby businesses, this type of use is likely to be limited and can be accommodated within the designated loading bay near to the junction with Herbert Grove. Alternatively, the existing loading area can be amended to parking with a new loading bay being provided opposite the businesses.</p> <p>The amendment would create an estimated additional 20 parking bays.</p>
Marine Parade	Amend limited waiting parking bays on the north side to coach drop off and loading bays and amend disabled drop off point on the south side to shared disabled drop off and coach drop off point	Public	NA	<p>When the area was designed, a number of areas were provided to facilitate loading for the businesses, the bays were available between 7am and 11am Daily. In 2015, the bays were amended to provide limited waiting facilities with vehicles permitted to wait for up to 15 minutes.</p> <p>The facility is mostly required in the winter period only and it is suggested that the parking bays be amended with a seasonal restriction operational from April through October to provide loading facilities and coach drop off points operational from 7am until 11am daily. The area would then revert to no parking or loading for the rest of each day. The shared disabled/coach drop off will be operational at all times.</p>

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Southchurch Avenue	Provide coach drop off point south of Woodgrange Drive roundabout	Officers	NA	<p>The area is currently subject o a waiting prohibition at any time however the width of the carriageway is adequate to accommodate a coach drop off area while maintaining traffic flow.</p> <p>Recommend to advertise all proposals.</p>
Heygate Avenue, Herbert Grove, Chancellor Road.	Propose permit parking controls	Residents/ Members	Support being evident from 40% of those affected and surveyed.	<p>Surveys were undertaken and demonstrated that 40.5% of residents were supportive of controls being introduced.</p> <p>Adjacent streets (Portland Avenue, Quebec Avenue and Baltic Avenue) have also expressed interest and while we have sent questionnaires, the response at the date of compiling this report is 33%. Further responses may be forthcoming and will be reported at the meeting.</p> <p>It would be appropriate to include these streets as the current informal arrangements provided will need to be revised to accommodate virtual permits and the potential development of Seaway car Park, including the resolution of this issue at this stage will be an efficient use of the resources available and preferential to addressing this separately in the near future.</p> <p>In addition, the area of York Road from Baltic Avenue to Queensway is currently subject to a waiting restriction at all times, officers believe at least one side of the road can be made available for parking without compromising traffic flow and this area could be included in the above schemes.</p> <p>Recommend to; Note officers comments above and agree the proposal for permit parking controls in the roads where support is evident and express views on the inclusion of other surrounding streets.</p>