

# 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 Tony Cox**  
***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 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.

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

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Lonsdale Road junction with Cumberland Avenue	Member	No Waiting at Any Time - 10m junction protection	1 letter of objection received Would not be able to park outside property as corner house cars that park there are from neighbouring roads making the area congested. Unable to afford cost of a PVX	The proposal formalises the guidance within the Highway Code to not park within 10 metres of a junction and this is to maintain visibility for pedestrians and vehicles. <b>Recommend proceed with proposals as advertised</b>
Merilies Gardens junction with Merilies Close	Member	No Waiting at Any Time - 10m junction protection	1 letter of objection received. Lines would be outside property as corner house. Do not want double yellow lines but suggest SYL (Mon-Fri 10.00 to 11.00 hours and 14.00 to 15.00 hours) with no restrictions at weekends and Bank Holidays	The proposal formalises the guidance within the Highway Code to not park within 10 metres of a junction and this is to maintain visibility for pedestrians and vehicles. As this is a junction, waiting should be prohibited at any time. <b>Recommend proceed with proposals as advertised</b>
Merilies Gardens junction with Seldon Close	Member	No Waiting at Any Time - 10m junction protection	1 letter of objection received. Lines would be outside property. Do not want double yellow lines but suggest SYL (Mon-Fri 10.00 to 11.00 hours and 14.00 to 15.00 hours) with no restrictions at weekends and Bank Holidays	The proposal formalises the guidance within the Highway Code to not park within 10 metres of a junction and this is to maintain visibility for pedestrians and vehicles. As this is a junction, waiting should be prohibited at any time. <b>Recommend proceed with proposals as advertised</b>
Mannering Gardens junction with Merilies Gardens	Member	No Waiting at Any Time - 10m junction protection	1 letter of objection received Concerns that would prevent parking outside their property as they do not have off street parking. Are the line necessary as they are not aware of a problem at the junction	The proposal formalises the guidance within the Highway Code to not park within 10 metres of a junction and this is to maintain visibility for pedestrians and vehicles. <b>Recommend proceed with proposals as advertised</b>
Boston Avenue	Officer	To introduce Residents/ Business permit parking bays  o/s Nos 103-107	3 letters of objection received Concerns include loss of visual amenity; increase in signage; restricted access from driveways; road will become a double parked road; no need for more parking as often not used during day; concerns that they will be used by new properties being built in Victoria Avenue; already bays opposite the proposal; bay will be directly opposite shared drive which will make difficult to enter/exit	As a residential street, traffic flows are not a major concern and slight delays will likely reduce speeds.  Accesses are maintained as bays are not provided immediately adjacent to any driveway.  Resident permits are not available to the new properties and only residents of existing properties may purchase these. <b>Recommend to proceed with proposal as advertised</b>

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Harcourt Avenue	Officer	To introduce 2 Limited Waiting Bays Mon-Sat 8.30 am -6.30pm 1 Hour No Return in 4 Hours	Bays are proposed opposite homes where cars are permitted to park across driveways with a resident permit; new bays will mean parking both sides leaving only room for 1 car to pass at a time; potential to cause accidents; busy road; would cause congestion and traffic jams as cars try to negotiate round the parked cars on both sides of the road	As a residential street, traffic flows are not a major concern and slight delays will likely reduce speeds.  The bays are proposed to provide short term parking provision and can be used by local businesses and residents/visitors. <b>Recommend to proceed with proposal as advertised</b>
Bellhouse Road	Member	No Waiting at Any Time - 10m junction protection	1 letter of objection received. Cannot understand why being proposed; having lived in the road for many years never experienced any problems; some properties do not have driveways and park outside their houses so would mean parking further away – many of these residents are elderly; no genuine reason for proposing this; Council spending money unnecessary there are far more important things to spend the money on.	The proposal formalises the guidance within the Highway Code to not park within 10 metres of a junction and this is to maintain visibility for pedestrians and vehicles. <b>Recommend proceed with proposals as advertised</b>
Leslie Drive junction with Leslie Close	Member	No Waiting at Any Time - 10m junction protection	1 letter of objection received. Parking already at a premium especially at weekends and evening; Not all properties have off-street parking and will be affected by proposals; would like PVX extended so can get 2 cars on driveway as driveway is very narrow; if approved would have no objection to proposal.	The proposal formalises the guidance within the Highway Code to not park within 10 metres of a junction and this is to maintain visibility for pedestrians and vehicles. <b>Recommend proceed with proposals as advertised</b>
Bishopsteignton	Member	No Waiting at Any Time - 10m junction protection	1 letter of objection received No body on the estate wants the proposals; will make life more uncomfortable for residents; will lead to more gardens being concreted over	The proposal formalises the guidance within the Highway Code to not park within 10 metres of a junction and this is to maintain visibility for pedestrians and vehicles. <b>Recommend proceed with proposals as advertised</b>
Bishopsteignton junction with Shillingstone	Member	No Waiting at Any Time - 10m junction protection	1 letter of objection received corner property so would have dyl all round; would cause problems for parking for visitors/family as driveway is a shared; consider single yellow lines in Bishopteignton and double yellow lines in Shillingstone	The proposal formalises the guidance within the Highway Code to not park within 10 metres of a junction and this is to maintain visibility for pedestrians and vehicles. As this is a junction, waiting should be prohibited at any time. <b>Recommend proceed with proposals as advertised</b>

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Salisbury Avenue, access roads to new developments	Officer	No Waiting at Any Time	5 letters of objection and 56 standard letters of objection from 42 individual addresses Loss of parking in area where parking is very difficult; would like residents parking; promised no parking restrictions with new properties; would make parking very awkward	<p>The access to the development has been constructed in accordance with our own guidance however; the presence of parked vehicles impedes access for larger vehicles.</p> <p><b>Given the level of valid objections related to the loss of parking in an already pressured area, it is recommended that Members agree to implement the proposal to a lesser effect. This would involve discussion with Veolia to determine a short time period on a nominated day when they will collect waste and recycling. This could then enable waiting restrictions to be provided for this short period only. In addition, Officers will meet with the developer/managing agent to discuss potential resolutions which will minimise any adverse impact to the residents of Salisbury Avenue.</b></p>
Rosary Gardens	Officer	No Waiting Mon-Fri 9.30am–4.30pm	<p>5 letters of objection and 1 letter of support received of which 3 are from residents of the road and 3 from adjoining road</p> <p>Residents of the road Restrictions not required; there is no longer a problem with vehicles entering the road; stopping parking at hammerhead unnecessary as does impede on traffic; where would tradesman and visitors park if restrictions come in; in favour of more restrictions but should not have dyl opposite Nos 15 &amp; 16 just on remainder of road to ensure emergency vehicles have access</p> <p>Residents of the adjoining road comments are that they park in Rosary Gdns due to restrictions on their road; will cause chaos to residents of the area; access to rear of property is in Rosary Gdns and also park in the road; not aware of problems of parking in the road; would affect the limited availability of parking for visitors and traders; restrictions would encroach on to their freehold land; if proceeds only put on straight parts of road</p>	<p>No apparent support for the proposal.</p> <p><b>Recommend no further action</b></p>

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Elm Road Leigh-on-Sea	Member	<b>Reduction of double yellow line</b>	1 letter of objection received Objects to the removal of the line outside No. 84 (business/flat) as it causes vision problems entering/exiting driveway of No. 82; restrictions that are there currently solves this problem; in the past before the lines went in there had been 3 minor accidents due to loss of vision due to parked cars; no need for removal as there is a public car park and parking bays opposite which is ample for visitors to the business at No. 84	<p>This proposal was advertised very shortly after implementing the current restrictions. Historically, the area was subject to a limited waiting time of 1 hour with parking bays provided. Over time, driveways were created resulting in the parking availability being significantly reduced and driveways being partially obstructed by parked vehicles. The remaining areas of parking bays were too short to full accommodate a vehicle and often misleading motorists that parking in the area was acceptable. Proposals to remove the parking bays were advertised which included letters being hand delivered to all affected properties. No objections were received. Following implementation of the works, one property occupier lobbied the local ward Member to remove the recently introduced waiting restrictions.</p> <p><b>Recommend no further action as no comments of support have been received and parking is available in the nearby car park.</b></p>