

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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**Osborne Road and Windsor Road
Request to Mend Traffic Flows to One-Way
Portfolio Holder – Councillor Tony Cox
*A Part 1- Agenda Item***

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Traffic and Parking Working Party & Cabinet Committee to consider a petition presented by Councillor David Norman M.B.E. on behalf of residents in Osborne Road and Windsor Road requesting the traffic flow be amended to one-way traffic. The petition contains 30 signatories.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee:-
- i) Note the contents of the report and Officers observations.**
 - ii) Agree to advertise proposals to amend the traffic flow to one-way.**
 - iii) Agree to advertise the revocation of any waiting restrictions which can be removed.**
 - iv) Agree that the Orders be confirmed if no objections are received in response to the advertised proposals.**
 - v) Note that any unresolved objections will be referred to a future meeting for consideration.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Osborne Road and Windsor Road are subject to a waiting restrictions which prohibits parking from 9am to 6pm alternating between each side of the road on alternate months.
- 3.2 The roads are small residential streets running east/west between Hamlet Court Road and Balmoral Road with the majority of traffic being local residential.
- 3.3 There are very limited numbers of properties with adequate frontage to accommodate off street parking and residents rely on being able to park on the street.

- 3.4 Amending the traffic flow to one-way will allow for parking to be available at any time on both sides of the roads.
- 3.4 While it is evidenced that streets with one-way traffic flow tend to encourage higher speeds, the length of each road is under 150 metres and with parking present on both sides of each road visually limiting the road width, it is not considered that increased speeds will be encouraged.
- 3.5 Amending the traffic flow to one-way traffic works well when adjacent roads are treated similarly creating complementary one-way streets.
- 3.6 The accident history of both roads during the past three years has been investigated and one personal injury accident has been recorded in Windsor Road at the junction of Hamlet Court Road. The accident is attributed to a failure for a vehicle to give way to oncoming traffic and therefore unrelated to the existing traffic flow.
- 3.7. The request meets the agreed criteria for considering one-way streets as set out in the policy as agreed by this Committee on 4th January 2016.
- 3.8 Members are therefore requested to agree to the recommendation to advertise the required proposals to amend the traffic flows and revoke existing waiting restrictions.
- 3.9 If approved, the work will be added to the work programme and progressed in date of approval order.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 To reflect residents views and create additional on street parking capacity.

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

Any parking controls are designed to address road safety, traffic flows and unnecessary repeated vehicle movements which contributes to a safer and healthier Southend.

5.2 Financial Implications

All costs for progressing the proposals are to be met through the existing budgets allocated to Network management and Parking.

5.3 Legal Implications

Any request to introduce or amend a Traffic Regulation Order requires the relevant statutory procedures to be followed including the requirement for formal consultation with affected frontagers' and advertisement in the local press.

5.4 People Implications

The proposals will be progressed by existing resources within the Traffic Management Team.

5.5 Property Implications

None

5.6 Consultation

Formal consultation is required to be undertaken as part of the Traffic regulation Order process however a number of residents are supportive of the proposals as demonstrated in the petition.

6. Background Papers

Policies, Process and Procedures for Traffic and Parking Investigations 4th January 2016.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – plan of the affected roads.