

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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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. If agreed, the proposals for parking controls in managed housing areas will be funded by South Essex Homes.

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
Coleman Street car park	Introduce permit controls to prevent non-resident parking	SE Homes	NA	This car park provides resident parking for residents in Pennine, Malvern and Grampian blocks and suffers from non-resident parking which prevents residents and their visitors from using the area. Recommend to advertise the proposal
North Road Car Park	Introduce permit controls to prevent non-resident parking	SE Homes	NA	This car park provides resident parking for residents in Balmoral, Brecon and Blackdown blocks and suffers from non-resident parking which prevents residents and their visitors from using the area. Recommend to advertise the proposal.
Shoebury Road	Install waiting restrictions on the bend	Resident	Does not meet criteria	The issue appears to be an attempt to control pavement parking as vehicles park partially on the footway. Impeding the resident's mobility scooter. The request does not meet the criteria and several options are currently under investigation with regard to enforcement controls for pavement parking. No accidents have been recorded and parking at the location does appear to reduce the speeds of traffic negotiating the bend therefore it is possible that removing parking could increase the potential for vehicles to drive at inappropriate speeds on the bend and accidents could occur. Recommend no further action pending borough wide solution to pavement parking.
Cliffs Pavilion car park	Amend current parking arrangements to pay and display	Cliffs Pavilion Management	Not applicable	The Theatre is experiencing non-customer parking in the car park with some vehicles being left for extended periods. The parking provision is limited and this is affecting customers ability to use the car park. Following discussions with the management company, the preferred option is to introduce pay and display parking with customers being able to receive a refund of any parking fee over £1.50 when dining or using the theatre. This will be managed by the Theatre. Recommend to advertise proposals.

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Western Esplanade near to Pier Lift	Provide part time loading bay	Businesses	NA	The area is adjacent to a signal controlled crossing sited near to the Pier Lift. The zig zag area was temporarily reduced on the leaving side of the crossing (ie where no visibility is required) to accommodate development of a vacant unit however loading provision near to the new unit would also assist nearby businesses. Recommend to advertise proposals to provide a loading only facility from 7am to 9am reverting to pay and display parking from 10am to 6pm.
Percy Road	Provide permit parking controls	Residents	Meets the criteria adopted January 2016 excluding the criteria that restrictions be provided on an area wide basis	Residents of Percy Road have undertaken a consultation to assess support for permit parking controls. The required levels of responses and support has been evidenced however the request is to deal with this road in isolation which is contrary to the adopted criteria. The location is near to school (see plan at Appendix 2) and it may be advisable to consider controls in the adjacent roads which are subject to parking pressures at times. Recommend officers discuss a way forward with ward Members to assess the level of issues in the area.
Civic Centre Service Road	Provide parking bay for fleet vehicles	Officers	NA	The area to the rear of the Civic Centre is heavily used for deliveries, taxi inspections, short term parking and disabled parking. The remaining area is subject to a prohibition of parking at any time however loading and unloading is permitted. A number of services use our internal delivery service meaning fleet vehicles are often visiting the Civic Centre to collect and deliver documents to and from schools and satellite offices. The fleet vehicles can be parked for up to one hour while visiting the various departments. In order to accommodate this, an area of waiting restriction requires removal and replacing with a dedicated fleet vehicle parking bay. Recommend advertise the proposal.

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Ness Road, from existing pay and display parking bays to Freemantle	Provide limited waiting parking controls	Members	NA	<p>A number of these bays are shortly to be converted to pay and display parking, the remainder are currently unrestricted and vehicles are parked long term displayed for sale. Providing limited waiting restrictions will prevent this practice.</p> <p>Recommend to advertise the proposals.</p>
High Street Southend	Introduce appropriate prohibitions on vehicles to enable enforcement by our contractor	Officers	NA	<p>While the High Street is a pedestrian zone, vehicles do require entry to the area for servicing the businesses, installing market stall etc. Rising bollards protect the main access points however, if these fail to rise, the area is open for vehicles. A number of solutions are being explored however, a Traffic Regulation Order would allow for action if vehicles gain access. This would be timed to allow adequate servicing provision for the businesses while ensuring no vehicles are using the area during the main shopping hours when pedestrian activity is very high.</p> <p>Recommend to advertise proposals.</p>