

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

to

**Traffic and Parking Working Party
and Cabinet Committee**

on

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Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders

**Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox
Part 1 Public Agenda Item**

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
Western Esplanade	Officer/Member	To introduce shared use payment parking 9am-6pm and loading place at other times	2 letters of objection received Loading bay is used all day as deliveries arrive for different shops at various times and there is no other place for unloading supplies	The existing loading bay is subject to regular abuse with vehicles parking, moving when patrols arrive then returning as soon as patrols leave the area. The request was received from the Seafront Traders representative and provides additional visitor parking during the busy periods while accommodating loading earlier in the day. Recommend to proceed with advertised proposal.
Lucy Road	Officer/Member	To introduce shared Taxi Rank 6pm-9am/Pay and Display Parking 9am-6pm on the north side of Lucy Road	1 objection received from a business opposite the area. Main concerns are the loss of loading facilities into the premises and the loss of disabled motorists parking who currently use the area marked with double yellow lines in accordance with the statutory exemptions provided to disabled motorists.	Loading activity can be maintained by using the double yellow lines outside the premises. Disabled motorists may park free in any on street pay and display parking bay. Southend residents with a blue badge can park in the car park free of charge. Having met the objector, officers believe the objection is to be withdrawn, however, at the time of this report being drafted, this had not been confirmed. Officers will update Members of the committee as soon as a response is received. Recommend to proceed with proposals as advertised.
Royston Avenue	Officer/Member	To introduce now waiting at any time at the junction with Eastern Avenue service road	1 objection received due to loss of residential parking.	The proposal is designed to maintain a clear area at and opposite this junction. The proposal is slightly in excess of the standard 10 metres due to the wide bellmouth design of the junction. Any loss of residential parking is regrettable however the junction needs to be maintained free of parked vehicle for both pedestrian and vehicle visibility. Recommend to proceed with proposals as advertised.