

Meeting: Traffic Regulation Orders Working Party &
Cabinet Committee

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Classification: Part 1

Key Decision: No

Title of Report: Southend-on-Sea High Street – Restricted Parking Zone

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Traffic Regulation Working Party and Cabinet Committee of the proposal to introduce a Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) within the areas of Southend-on-Sea High Street listed in paragraph 3.1.
- 1.2. Following consideration of this report, the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee are to decide whether to approve the Public Consultation for the proposed RPZ, and, if there are no objections received in this time to the proposals, make and implement the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for this.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- 2.1. Approve the proposals for the RPZ within the locations identified within Southend-on-Sea High Street area (set out in paragraph 3.1), to support the recent implementation of the recent Pedestrian Zone (a Moving Traffic Order) also covering the same area and to support the use of bollards on the High Street.

3. Proposal and Background

- 3.1. Following the recent implementation of the Pedestrian Zone and bollards on the High Street, an RPZ is now proposed, to help manage the enforcement of parked vehicles, including motor cycles in the following locations:
- a) High Street, Southend-on-Sea
 - i) Between Queensway and Weston Road,
 - ii) Between Royal Terrace and Clarence Street,
 - b) At its junctions with London Road, Elmer Approach, Queens Road, Warrior Road, Whitegate Road and Southchurch Road.
 - c) Victoria Plaza, Southend-on-Sea, its entire extent.
 - d) Deeping, Southend-on-Sea, from its junction with Victoria Plaza eastwards for a distance of 45 metres.

4. Reasons for Decisions

- 4.1. Introducing an RPZ, would allow enforcement of any vehicle not parking within a lined and signed parking bay. This also prevents the need for lining the whole area with double yellow lines (No Waiting at Any Time restrictions) which would not be cost effective, nor as visually pleasing to the public.
- 4.2. The Pedestrian Zone restrictions have been proposed alongside the Pedestrian Zone following the Central Government's production of the National Security Policy Framework (December 2022) which means there is a need to protect public areas (where reasonably practical) where large numbers of people may congregate.

5. Other Options

- 5.1 Not to propose and implement an RPZ, and allow the Pedestrian Zone to operate alone.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The cost for this scheme will be covered with the LTP capital funding for Traffic Safety Schemes.
- 6.2 The approximate cost of this scheme is £10K.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1. The legal process to implement Traffic Regulation Orders will be followed in accordance with primary legislation, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and regulation under the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

8. Policy Context

- 8.1 None

9. Carbon Impact

9.1. None

10. Equalities

10.1. Southend-on-Sea City Council has a duty to give ‘due regard to’ the three aims of the public sector equality duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) during the development of the policy. This will be included within the public deposit document and available on the Councils website and at the Civic Centre throughout the statutory public consultation period, if approved.

11. Consultation

11.1. The statutory public consultation in accordance with primary legislation, will take place if the proposals in this report are approved. Any objections received during a statutory consultation period, will be collated into a report with our recommended proposals on whether to implement or abandon the Order, this will be submitted to a future Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee meeting for review.

12. Appendices

12.1. Appendix A – Design

13. Report Authorisation

This report has been approved for publication by:		
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