

# 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
Leighville Grove & Southsea Avenue	Ward Members	To Introduce One-way traffic flow in Leighville Grove Southbound and Southsea Avenue Northbound	<p>7 Letters received plus comments from Leigh Town Council and Essex Police</p> <p>3 letters of support received – safer making both roads one way as advertised; will be an improvement; supports proposals but believes only goes a short way to resolve the problem which in the main is parking; would like a residents parking scheme in both roads as parking is bad due to commuters</p> <p>4 letters of objection received – feels that Southsea Avenue should be North to South in direction if scheme goes ahead; would like speed humps to slow traffic; objects to Southsea being made one-way – will increase speeds/accidents; would have an health and safety effect on loading/unloading at the business as vans will have to use rear doors putting drivers at risk as side door will be on wrong side; could cause problems for large lorries turning left at junction of Southsea and Rectory Grove especially as there is a pedestrian crossing which lorries trying to turn would be over; increase in speed; more through traffic in Southsea Avenue going to A13 also will be used as cut through for the station; what is there at present is a success and an improvement; would not do anything to improve the parking in Leighville Grove; both roads want one-way in the same direction therefore one road would be unhappy with the outcome if the scheme is progressed; suggest Ward Cllrs carry out informal consultation on possible residents parking scheme for 1 hour in the morning to deter commuter parking;</p>	<p>The breakdown of responses from residents directly affected by the proposals indicate the following</p> <p>Leighville Grove</p> <p>1 support 1 object</p> <p>Southsea Avenue</p> <p>2 object 1 support</p> <p>Responses were also received from Leigh Town Council relating to both streets :</p> <p>Supports local residents views</p> <p>Essex Police :</p> <p>Broadly supports the proposals but requests that physical measures and signage are utilised as success cannot be dependent on enforcement by the Police.</p> <p><b>Given the lack of majority support for any proposal, suggest no further action.</b></p> <p>With regard to parking issues and the request for a one hour parking prohibition, Permit Parking Areas are a more robust restriction and provide on street parking for those residents without any other parking provision.</p> <p><b>Suggest ward Members undertake consultations in accordance with the Parking Scheme Policy.</b></p>