

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)  
to  
Traffic & Parking Working Party and  
Cabinet Committee  
on  
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**Requests for New or Amended Traffic Regulation Orders**  
**Portfolio Holder – Councillor 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 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.

### *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
Western Esplanade Between Casino and Shorefield Arches	Provide pedestrian crossing.	Public and Members	NA	<p>A request was received to provide pedestrian ramps in the area near to the Rossi Cafe.</p> <p>On inspection during the summer period, it was apparent that the levels of pedestrian activity at or near this location was extremely high and waiting times to cross was at times, considerable, with pedestrians using sometimes inadequate gaps in moving traffic to cross.</p> <p>While a ramp will be an advantage to those with mobility difficulties, prams and pushchairs, the level of activity in this area is highly likely to be of a level warranting a formal crossing facility.</p> <p>Attempts to undertake counting failed due to the high volumes of vehicular and pedestrian activity with officers unable to correctly monitor numbers.</p> <p>While this level of activity is seasonal, a pedestrian crossing will undoubtedly be of benefit and reduce the potential risk to those pedestrians who risked crossing at inappropriate times. The area is heavily used by older pedestrians who may have a slower than average walking speed therefore increasing risk.</p> <p>A crossing would require the removal of parking availability to ensure that visibility for both pedestrians and drivers is not compromised however until a design is created, the number of spaces to be lost is unknown.</p> <p>It is estimated that at least 6 parking bays may require removal.</p> <p><b>Recommend that a pedestrian crossing facility be provided.</b></p>

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Westcliff Parade	Extend permit parking controls to include Westcliff Parade between Westcliff Avenue and Wilson Road.	Public and Members	NA	<p>Following the introduction of permit parking controls in the area surrounding the Cliffs Pavilion, residents of Westcliff Parade requested the controls be extended to Westcliff Parade in the section between Westcliff Avenue and Wilson Road.</p> <p>Ward Members have undertaken the requisite surveys which, on the date the report has been prepared, are undergoing analysis and to enable a decision to be taken without undue delay, the item has been included in this report. The results of the analysis will be available for the meeting.</p> <p><b>Officers recommend that in the event of the parking scheme Policy criteria being met, the proposal to extend the existing permit parking controls is progressed. If the level of support falls below that defined within the criteria, no further action is taken.</b></p>