

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)  
to  
**Traffic & Parking Working Party and  
Cabinet Committee**  
on  
**9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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**Request for Waiting Restrictions – Belfairs Park Drive**  
**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 consider officer recommendations regarding a request to propose waiting restrictions in Belfairs Park Drive.

**2. Recommendation**

- a) That the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee consider the information provided in this report and agree to take no further action.**

**3. Background**

- 3.1 A Member request was received to extend the existing waiting restrictions at the junction of Belfairs Park Drive and the Fairway due to delays on The Fairway caused by vehicles being unable to turn right into Belfairs Park Drive due to both parked vehicles and vehicles waiting to exit onto The Fairway.
- 3.2 As The Fairway is a distributor route and the right turning vehicles could impact on traffic flow, the request met the criteria for the provision of waiting restrictions and a proposal to extend the existing junction protection markings was advertised.
- 3.3 Following the publication of the advertisement, a number of objections were received from residents requesting that waiting restrictions be provided in the entire length of Belfairs Park Drive to deter non-resident parking. The comments were considered by the Traffic and Parking Working Party along with comments from residents who attended the Committee.
- 3.4 The Committee instructed officers to investigate the issue and report the findings to this meeting.

- 3.5 Belfairs Park Drive is a residential street running East/West between The Fairway and Woodside. The majority of properties feature off street parking provision however some properties appear to have maintained their frontage as gardens and are likely to rely on parking being available on street.
- 3.6 The carriageway width ranges from 6.6 metres to 7 metres and is sufficient to accommodate parking while maintaining adequate width for traffic. Very small delays may occur with vehicles being required to give way to oncoming traffic in the locations where on street parking is occurring. As the road is not a major route, this is not a concern.
- 3.6 Site visits have not identified any traffic or safety issues likely to be caused by the parked cars and an interrogation of the accident recording system shows no personal injury accidents have occurred. Photographs showing the on street parking on a weekday are provided at **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 3.7 Installing waiting restrictions in locations which serve no purpose place a strain on the Councils limited enforcement resources. The restriction which prohibits parking for a very short period of the day is particularly resource intensive requiring the patrol to be focussed on a small area at a specific time reducing flexibility and increasing travel time. The growing number of this style of restriction being implemented throughout the borough is placing pressure on the Council's enforcement resources.
- 3.8 As the vehicle is a minor road and no personal injury accidents have been recorded, the request does not meet the agreed waiting restriction criteria adopted by this Committee in January 2016 and officers recommend no further action is taken in regard to this request.

#### **4. Other Options**

- 4.1 Propose waiting restrictions. Each request is considered on its individual merits and the likely impact on public safety, traffic flows or parking and the wider impact on the surrounding network. Proposing waiting restrictions where there is no traffic flow or safety reason to do would be contrary to the Policy agreed by the Committee.

#### **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 The recommendation reflects the findings of officer's investigations and the agreed criteria for the provision of waiting restrictions.

#### **6. Corporate Implications**

- 6.1 *Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities*

The assessment of waiting restrictions against the agreed criteria ensures the highway network is effectively managed contributing to a Safe and Prosperous Southend.

## 6.2 *Financial Implications*

Where action is 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*

None.

## 6.4 *People Implications*

None.

## 6.5 *Property Implications*

None.

## 6.6 *Consultation*

None.

## 6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

The objectives of improving safety takes account of all users of the public highway including those with disabilities.

## 6.8 *Risk Assessment*

Neutral.

## 6.9 *Value for Money*

None.

## 6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

None.

## 6.11 *Environmental Impact*

None.

## **7. Background papers**

None.

## **8. Appendices**

**Appendix 1** Photographs of Belfairs Park Drive taken on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016