

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)
To
**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet
Committee**
On
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Petition for One-Way Traffic Flow, St Lukes Road
Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of a survey undertaken by the Parish Church involving 18 residents of St Lukes Road. The resulting petition requests the traffic flow be amended to one-way (Eastwards) from Bournemouth Park Road to Ely Road.

2. Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- a) **Thank Father McClusky for taking the time to compile the petition, and;**
- b) **Agree to amend the traffic flow to one-way eastwards in St Lukes Road from Bournemouth Park Road to Ely Road, and;**
- c) **Note that due to the current workload, the proposals will not be progressed until after April 2017.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Parish Church offers a number of activities attracting visitors. Parking is currently unrestricted outside of the church and utilised by these visitors, which narrows the carriageway resulting in traffic having to give way to oncoming vehicles. The road can become busy and an alternative to restricting parking is to amend the traffic flow to one-way which reduces the likelihood of conflict between vehicles.
- 3.2 A questionnaire was given to each of the 18 properties in this section of the street asking the residents views on the traffic and asking if there was support for amending the traffic flow. The results indicate 84% of the residents are in favour of the suggestion.

- 3.2 While in general, amending traffic flows to one-way increases traffic speeds, this section of the road is approximately 140 metres in length and features a sharp bend which is likely to act as a traffic calming measure.
- 3.1 One personal injury accident has been recorded in this section of the road in April 2014; however this relates to a collision with a moving vehicle hitting a stationary vehicle. The driver left the scene and when identified, gave a positive breath test.
- 3.3 Ward Members have been party to discussions with the Church and residents.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Take no action. The single recorded accident does not involve circumstances, which can be remedied by engineering measures and as such, taking no action will not compromise safety, however the proposal will reduce conflict between drivers without reducing parking availability for community activities.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To reflect residents' views while meeting the parking needs of the local community.

6. Corporate Implications

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

Reducing potential conflict leads to a Safe Southend.

- 6.2 *Financial Implications*

Any costs will be met through existing budgets.

- 6.3 *Legal Implications*

Statutory consultation is required for any amendment to traffic flows.

- 6.4 *People Implications*

Officer time to progress the works.

- 6.5 *Property Implications*

None.

- 6.6 *Consultation*

As above.

6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

The traffic network is designed and maintained to consider the needs of all road users. The proposal impacts all road users and no equality or diversity issues have been identified.

6.8 *Risk Assessment*

Risk assessments are undertaken when modifying the highway.

6.9 *Value for Money*

All works are undertaken by term contractors procured through competitive processes demonstrating value for money.

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

The single recorded accident does not involve circumstances, which can be remedied by engineering measures, however the action recommended will reduce potential anti-social behaviours resulting from driver conflict.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

None.

7. **Background Papers**

None.

8. **Appendices**

None.