

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 Removal of Waiting Restrictions, Centurion Close Shoebury
Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition from residents of Centurion Close requesting removal of recently introduced waiting restrictions at and around the junction of Lowry Close.

2. Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- a) **Thank the petitioner for taking the time to compile the petition, and;**
- b) **Agree to take no further action as the location is a junction and the waiting restrictions provided formalise the guidance in the Highway Code that vehicles should not park within 10 metres of a junction.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Centurion Close is a small residential street situated off of Constable Way. Lowry Close is accessed from Centurion Close.
- 3.2 Contact was received from a resident requesting junction protection at the junction of Centurion Close and Lowry Close.
- 3.3 The site was assessed and as the location is a junction, the request was referred to this meeting on 23rd September 2014 for approval to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order. The request was agreed and placed on the work programme for progression.
- 3.4 The proposal was advertised as part of a larger advertisement relating to other locations in the local newspaper on site on 15th July 2015. On the 17th July 2015, Ward Members were emailed a copy of the advertisement and a letter was sent to the properties affected advising residents of the proposals.

- 3.5 No comments were received relating to Centurion Close, however comments concerning other items proposed within the Traffic Regulation Order were received.
- 3.6 For information, when advertising a number of items within a single Traffic Regulation Order, any proposals cannot be progressed until all comments relating to any item within the Order have been resolved. While this can sometimes delay less contentious proposals, there are significant cost savings achieved by working in this manner.
- 3.7 The un-related items were resolved in due course and the Traffic Regulation Order was confirmed on 28th September 2015. The agreed proposal was placed on the works list for future referral to the contractor. Members of the Traffic & Parking Working Party agreed in September 2015, that no works would be undertaken pending the capture of all existing waiting restrictions for the now completed online Traffic Regulation Order system. This meant that installation of the lines was held in abeyance.
- 3.8 Following completion of the online Traffic Regulation Order survey, works were sent to the contractor and completed in August 2016.
- 3.9 The waiting restrictions act as protection from parking at the junction and as such, meet the requirements for installing such waiting restrictions. Whilst the petition is noted, there were no objections received to the proposal when it was advertised and there is no justification on highways grounds for removing them after they have been so recently installed.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Remove the waiting restrictions. This is not recommended as the location is a junction and the restrictions provided maintain a clear area of visibility for road users.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To reflect the existing policy and practice to provide waiting restrictions around junctions.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

Waiting restrictions contribute to road safety leading to a Safe and Healthy Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

None.

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*

None.

6.8 *Risk Assessment*

None.

6.9 *Value for Money*

None.

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

Waiting restrictions are provided at junctions to contribute to road safety.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

None.

7. Background Papers

None.

8. Appendices

None.