

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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**Update on Petition Requesting Permit Parking Controls
Southend East**

Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of discussions between ward Members of Southchurch, Thorpe and Kursaal wards to discuss a petition signed by 324 residents of the roads north of Southend East Railway Station requesting parking controls to deter all day parking by commuters.

2. Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- a) **Note the outcome of the meeting and agree to;**
- b) **Acknowledge the concerns of ward Members regarding any proposals to introduce a Permit Parking Area in the streets detailed in Appendix 1.**
- c) **Confirm that no further action is to be taken with regard to proposals to introduce a Permit Parking Area in the streets detailed in Appendix 1 to this report, and;**
- d) **Agree to progress with hardening parts of the verge in Riviera Drive.**

3. Background

- 3.1 A Permit Parking Area operational for part of the day was requested by way of a petition and this was reported to the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee on 19th September 2016.
- 3.2 The streets north of Southend East railway station feature a mixed design of properties. Several streets feature houses with adequate frontage to accommodate vehicles on the property whereas other streets front directly onto the street resulting in residents relying solely on parking provision on street.

- 3.2 Southend East railways station attracts large numbers of commuters; the level of parking by non-residents is increasing resulting in residents being prevented from parking near to their homes.
- 3.3 Members of the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee considered the request, but raised concerns related to displacing the parking into other streets.
- 3.4 Officers were instructed to arrange a meeting with ward Members from Southchurch, Thorpe and Kursaal wards to seek their views.
- 3.5 Members met on 7th November 2016 and discussed the effect that any proposals to restrict parking may have on adjoining streets and whether, from their understanding of residents views, it would be practical or possible to gain resident support to extend the area to reduce the risk of displacing parking into adjoining streets. This extended area is shown at **Appendix 2** to this report.
- 3.6 Discussions whether to include streets south of the railway station resulted in the view that as most of the properties feature off street parking provision, it was unlikely that residents would be supportive of a Permit Parking Area and therefore, displaced parking would be highly likely in these streets.
- 3.7 Ward Members agreed the following;
- (a) Restricting some of the area will concentrate the parking problem into the adjacent streets;
 - (b) Residents of the wider area were not supportive of controls when asked, implementing controls around the proposed area will displace the parking into these roads which essentially moves the parking issue rather than provide a solution.
 - (c) To try and relieve the parking pressure in the immediate area, the ward Members are requesting that the Committee agree to a verge hardening proposal at the eastern end of Riviera Drive to be undertaken as soon as practical. The number of additional spaces this could provide is not known until the area has been surveyed and a design created.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Introduce the Permit Parking Area. While this is an option, support for similar controls in the wider area is unlikely leading to the parking issue being moved elsewhere rather than resolved.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To reflect Members views on the impact to the wider area of a Permit Parking Area being introduced in the area shown in Appendix 1 to this report.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

6.1.1 While no action is recommended, Members and officers have worked together to fully consider all residents views leading to an Excellent Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

Any costs will be met through existing budgets.

6.3 Legal Implications

None if the recommendation is agreed.

6.4 People Implications

Officer time to progress verge works.

6.5 Property Implications

None.

6.6 Consultation

None.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

None.

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

None.

6.11 Environmental Impact

While green areas of Riviera Drive will be hardened, any existing trees will be retained to soften the landscape and prevent additional surface drainage strain.

7. Background Papers

Report to the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee 19th September 2016.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Plan of area

Appendix 2 - Plan of wider area discussed