

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and
the Environment

to

Traffic and Parking Working Party

on

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Agenda
Item No.

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**Traffic Regulation Orders – Requests for New or Amended Restrictions
Chalkwell Esplanade, High Street Leigh-on-Sea and Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea
Portfolio Holder – Cllr Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item**

1. Purpose of Report

For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee to consider proposals for loading restrictions in Chalkwell Esplanade, High Street, Leigh and Broadway, Leigh.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party note the proposals.

2.2 That the Cabinet Committee approves the advertisement of loading restrictions at the locations detailed above and further agree that in the event of there being no objections to the proposals, the Traffic Regulation Order be confirmed. Any locations subject to objections will be referred to this meeting for consideration.

3. Background

3.1 These three areas have been put forward as a result of requests from Councillors and members of the public, as assessed against the Council's policies. The areas subject to these proposals are:

- Chalkwell Esplanade is a '*no through road*' with a small traffic island in the style of a roundabout to facilitate turning manoeuvres at the western most end, all subject to a parking prohibition.
- The High Street, Leigh-on-Sea (in the Old Town) has a roundabout at the western most point to assist traffic flow, the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout is subject to a parking prohibition.
- In Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea, daily deliveries to a local store are severely impeding traffic flow at peak hours. Despite requests to the store manager, the practice has continued and there is concern that this is also a safety hazard, particularly where it involves buses and overtaking manoeuvres. A

loading restriction times to prohibit loading activity at peak times will improve both the traffic flow and potential safety issues.

- 3.2 Reports have been received that on Chalkwell Esplanade and the High Street, Leigh-on-Sea that where these areas are used by blue badge holders for parking in accordance with the national concession which allows blue badge holders to park on single or double yellow lines for up to 3 hours and this has resulted in a disruption to traffic. Blue Badge holders may use car parking spaces free of charge in this area.
- 3.3 In Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea, a loading restriction prohibits blue badge holders from parking and maintains the traffic flow therefore Members are requested to authorise the advertisement of the loading restriction. The restriction also prohibits delivery activities.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 The details of the proposals are shown on the plans in Appendix 1.

5. Other Options

- 5.1 Members of the Traffic and Parking Working Party may also consider that the proposals should not be implemented or that they should be implemented, but with amendments.

6. Reasons for Recommendations

- 6.1 To improve highway safety and to reduce congestion, which were the concerns leading to the proposals.

7. Corporate Implications

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7.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

- 7.1.1 Ensuring parking is managed while maintaining adequate access for emergency vehicles and general traffic flow. This is consistent with the Council's Vision and Corporate Priorities.

7.2 Financial Implications

- 7.2.1 Costs for confirmation of the Order and amendments suggested in Appendix 1 will be met from existing budgets.

7.3 Legal Implications

- 7.3.1 The formal statutory consultative process has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

7.4 People Implications

- 7.4.1 Work required implement any works will be met by existing staff resources.

7.4 Property Implications

- 7.5.1 None

7.6 Consultation

7.6.1 This report provides details of the outcome of the statutory consultation process.

7.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

7.7.1 None.

7.8 Risk Assessment

7.8.1 The proposals are designed to improve highway safety and so have a positive risk assessment.

7.9 Value for Money

7.9.1 The proposals offer value for money and will be carried out by contractors procured to provide such.

7.10 Community Safety Implications

7.10.1 None.

7.11 Environmental Impact

7.11.1 Neutral.

8. Background Papers

8.1 None

9 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Plan showing details of the proposed loading restrictions in the 3 relevant areas.