

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and
the Environment

to

**Traffic and Parking Working Party and
Cabinet Committee**

on

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Agenda
Item No.

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**Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders
Northumberland Crescent junction with Marlborough Road
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox
*A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is for the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee to consider objections to an advertised Traffic Regulation Order, and make an appropriate decision.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider the objections to the Order and officers response detailed below and agrees to,

- 2.1.1 make the Order without amendments, or
- 2.1.2 make the Order with amendments, or
- 2.1.3 take no further action.

2.2 That the Cabinet Committee consider the views of the Traffic and Parking Working Party in respect of the objections and agrees to,

- 2.2.1 make the Order without amendments, or
- 2.2.2 make the Order with amendments, or
- 2.2.3 take no further action.

In the event of either 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 being agreed to authorise the making of the Orders as advertised, or amend to reduce the impact, as appropriate.

3. Background

3.1 Members agreed to advertise Traffic Regulation Orders to propose the introduction of "at any time" double yellow line waiting restrictions at various locations in the Thorpe Ward area, including at the junction of Northumberland Crescent and Marlborough Road, (as detailed in Drawing No.40 attached). The main objective of the double yellow line restrictions at this junction is to improve

road safety and ensure the free flow of traffic. Driver sightlines were highlighted as a problem for drivers exiting the public car park in Southchurch Park into Northumberland Crescent due to cars parking on either side of the car park entrance. The Council's parks department have raised this concern on a number of occasions and support the proposals.

- 3.2 Following advertisement of the proposals 4 objections were received from residents living in Northumberland Crescent.
- 3.3 The main content of all of the objections related to the potential loss of on-street parking places in Northumberland Crescent; Northumberland Crescent does not currently have any yellow line restrictions.
- 3.4 Appendix 1 below provides details of the objections and officers comments in this regard.

Road	Proposal	Objection Details	Response
Marlborough Road and Northumberland Crescent	Implement waiting restrictions	Will reduce parking availability.	Proposal are designed to increase safety.
Marlborough Road and Northumberland Crescent	Implement waiting restrictions	Loss of 12 spaces, at present often unable to park near to home, proposal will move more parking onto side roads	As above
Marlborough Road and Northumberland Crescent	Implement waiting restrictions	Parking only bad on Saturday mornings during football. Proposal will move the problem elsewhere in the road and create problems for residents there. Suggests 5 metres of DYL only at park. Same issue for Marlborough Road, pushes problem further up the road.	As above
Marlborough Road and Northumberland Crescent	Implement waiting restrictions	Parking restrictions will disrupt the way the road has worked for 48 years	As above

4. Other Options

- 4.1 All options are detailed above.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To reduce safety concerns regarding inappropriate parking on either side of the public car par entrance in Southchurch Park, and provide junction protection at the junction of Marlborough Road with Northumberland Crescent. These measures will 1) improve the pedestrian environment by improving road crossing at the Marlborough Road junction, and 2) improve road safety generally by improving driver's sightlines.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

The proposals are designed to reduce potential hazards resulting in a safer Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

All costs are within existing budgets

6.3 Legal Implications

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

6.4 People Implications

Staff time as required to organise and monitor the required works, will be met from existing resources.

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

Formal consultation has been undertaken including advertisement of the proposal in the local press and on the street.

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

None