

# 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

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

Agenda  
Item No.

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## High Street

### Objection to Traffic Regulation Order

**Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox**

***A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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#### **1. Purpose of Report**

For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee to consider objection(s) to a Traffic Regulation Order in relation to the proposed amendments to the Taxi Ranks along High Street .

#### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider the objection(s) to the proposed Order and

2.1.1 Implement the proposals without amendments, or

2.1.2 Implement the proposals 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 objection(s) and

2.2.1 Implement the scheme without amendments, or

2.2.2 Implement the scheme with amendments, or

2.2.3 Take no further action

#### **3. Background**

3.1 Discussions with the Southend Licensed Taxi Drivers Association (SLTDA) regarding improvements to Taxi Ranks throughout the borough have been ongoing.

3.2 The provision of an additional rank within the High Street is proposed and to facilitate the progression of the proposals, minor amendments to the existing

waiting and loading restrictions are required. The SLTDA are supportive of this proposal.

3.3 Following advertisement of the amendment, an objection has been received from the Secretary of the Hackney Carriage Association; the details of the objection are shown below.

<b>Road</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Objection Details</b>	<b>Response</b>
High Street	Remove waiting and loading restrictions to facilitate additional taxi rank	<p>For a considerable time, stopping in the High Street has not been possible for safety and prevention of obstructions.</p> <p>No demand for extra ranks – three nearby ranks in this area are under used the majority of the time. Pedestrian views of oncoming traffic will be obstructed as most taxis are higher vehicles (disable access).</p> <p>Waste of tax payers money for a new rank when clearly evident nearby ranks not effectively used.</p> <p>Will prevent any other vehicles stopping to drop off or collect their customers from the east side of the road as this will effectively block the road.</p>	While the point raised may have some validity, this will offer a service to the shoppers and has been proposed by the trade representatives who feel there is a potential need.

#### **4 Other options**

4.1 All options are detailed above.

#### **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

To improve taxi facilities.

#### **6. Corporate Implications**

6.1 Contribution to Council’s Vision & Corporate Priorities.

Ensuring taxi facilities are placed in areas of need.

## 6.2 Financial Implications

Costs for all works will be funded from existing budgets.

## 6.3 Legal Implications

The formal statutory consultative process has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation. A further statutory consultation process will be required through the Licensing Committee process.

## 6.4 People Implications

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

## 6.5 Property Implications

None

## 6.6 Consultation

Statutory consultation process completed.

## 7. **Background Papers**

None

## 8. **Appendices**

**None**