

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and  
the Environment

To

**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet  
Committee**

On

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

Agenda  
Item No.

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## **Petition Regarding Parking Provision – Queens Road**

**Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox**

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

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

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition received from 20 businesses in Queens Road calling for changes to the parking provision.

### **2. Recommendation**

**That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:**

- (i) **Note the petition; and**  
(ii) **Agree to add this request to the work programme list for the Parking, Traffic Management and Road Safety Team for future investigation and reporting back to this committee in accordance with the priority listing to be agreed at this meeting.**

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 In 1997 as part of general improvements around the High Street area, a prohibition of traffic was introduced in the section of Queens Road from Elmer Avenue to the High Street. Such prohibitions are not enforceable by the local authority and rely on Police enforcement.
- 3.2 The prohibition applied to all vehicles with an exemption for vehicles undertaking deliveries and to allow access to a small private parking area near to the High Street. The works essentially made the area partially pedestrianised and was designed to increase the foot fall.
- 3.4 Over time, disabled badge holders appeared to use the area for parking on double yellow lines regardless of the vehicle prohibition.
- 3.5 In January 2011, the issue of not being able to receive deliveries due to the levels of blue badge holder parking was raised by one of the businesses through the ward Councillor. Delivery vehicles were regularly prevented for

parking near to the business and facilities to accommodate loading were requested.

- 3.6 The request coincided with a report to this committee on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011 regarding various town centre areas where blue badge holder parking was obstructive or impeded deliveries. As such a number of loading bays were proposed along with loading restrictions to ensure blue badge holders did not impede vehicles. The measures were advertised in accordance with statutory procedures in July 2011 resulting in no objections being received.

#### **4. Other Options**

- 4.1 Take no further action at this time. To investigate and propose resolutions to the issues raised will require staff time however Members have the opportunity to prioritise all requests and can apply an appropriate priority when considering the full works list.

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

- 5.1 The recommendation will enable an investigation and appropriate proposals.

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

##### *6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities*

- 6.1.1 The recommendations are consistent with the Council's Vision and Corporate Priorities.

##### *6.2 Financial Implications*

- 6.2.1 Use of existing budgets for any resulting works.

##### *6.3 Legal Implications*

- 6.3.1 None

##### *6.4 People Implications*

- 6.4.1 Neutral

##### *6.5 Property Implications*

- 6.5.1 Neutral

##### *6.6 Consultation*

- 6.6.1 Any proposals would be subject to full consultation including statutory consultation processes required for any resulting Traffic Regulation Orders.

##### *6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications*

- 6.7.1 None

##### *6.8 Risk Assessment*

- 6.8.1 None

##### *6.9 Value for Money*

- 6.9.1 N/a at this stage

##### *6.10 Community Safety Implications*

6.10.1 Neutral

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

6.11.1 Neutral

**7. Background Papers**

7.1 None

**8. Appendices**

8.1 None