

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place  
to  
Traffic and Parking Working Party and  
Cabinet Committee

on  
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## **Objection to Traffic Regulation Orders - Various Areas**

**Executive Councillor: Cllr Cox**

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

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

- 1.1 For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee to consider details of the objections to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders for proposed waiting restrictions at various sites and decide on action.

### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 **That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider the objections to the proposed Orders and recommend to the Cabinet Committee to:**

- (a) **Implement the proposals without amendment or**  
(b) **Implement the proposals with amendment or**  
(c) **Take no further action**

- 2.2 **That the Cabinet Committee consider the views of the Traffic and Parking Working Party, following consideration of the representations received and agree the appropriate course of action.**

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Cabinet Committee periodically agrees to advertise proposals to implement waiting restrictions in various areas as a result of requests from Councillors and members of the public based upon an assessment against the Council's current policies.
- 3.2 The proposals shown on the attached Appendix 1 were advertised through the local press and notices were displayed at appropriate site informing residents and businesses of the proposals and inviting them to make their representations for or against the proposals. This process has resulted in the objections detailed in Appendix 1 of this report. Officers have considered these objections and where possible tried to resolve these and provided observations to assist Members' in their considerations in making an informed decision.

#### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 All proposals were advertised with an aim to improve highway safety and to reduce congestion, which were the concerns and considerations leading to the proposals.

#### **5. Corporate Implications**

##### **5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.**

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

##### **5.2 Financial Implications**

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

##### **5.3 Legal Implications**

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

##### **5.4 People Implications**

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

##### **5.5 Property Implications**

- 5.5.1 None

##### **5.6 Consultation**

- 5.6.1 This report provides details of the outcome of the statutory consultation process.

##### **5.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 5.7.1 None.

##### **5.8 Risk Assessment**

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

##### **5.9 Value for Money**

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

##### **5.10 Community Safety Implications**

- 5.10.1 None.

##### **5.11 Environmental Impact**

- 5.11.1 Neutral.

**6. Background Papers**

6.1 None

**7. Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Details of representations received and Officer observations.

**Appendix 1 Details of representations received and Officer Observations relating to the Report on Traffic Regulation Orders - Objections (Various Areas)**

<b>Road</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
Highlands Boulevard	Provide junction protection at various junctions for a distance of 12m in each direction	comment received stating proposal un-necessary. Will result in detrimental impact to area, increase parking stress and parking in side roads, will encourage parking on verges.  Support received regarding proposal for Dundee Avenue junction and suggests further proposals for fork junction in Dundee Avenue	The proposals merely reinforce the highway code guidance to not park within 10 metres of a junction to maintain visibility.  Suggestions will be considered at a later date when resources allow for investigation  <b>Recommend proceed with 10 metres of junction protection at all junctions.</b>
Western Road	Provide junction protection at various junctions between Tattersall Gardens and Quorn Gardens	3 comments received – reduction of parking, unnecessary as vehicles rarely park at junctions, waste of money.	The proposals merely reinforce the highway code guidance to not park within 10 metres of a junction to maintain visibility.  <b>Recommend proceed with 10 metres of junction protection</b>
Marine Parade and Marine Close	Provide single yellow line to prohibit parking for 1 hour daily.	2 comments supporting proposals 4 comments concerned about impact on residents and their visitors and stating permits for residents/visitors needed to allow parking during the prohibited period.	One hour prohibition will apply to all as permits are not available for this type of restriction. The level of response has been relatively small.  <b>Recommend implementation on experimental basis and report back at after six months before considering decision for making these permanent..</b>
Broomfield Avenue	Provide road humps	1 comment concerned of increased traffic noise, impact on parking and vehicle damage Supported by ward members	Speeding problem with nearly 20% of vehicle exceeding the limit in one direction and 16% overall. Broomfield Avenue does have 5 accidents along its full length which is 350m. 2 of these involved serious injuries and 3 slight. 1 involved a child as a pedestrian who suffered serious injuries.  <b>Proceed with proposal for accident reduction reasons</b>
St Georges Park Avenue	Provide road humps and implement 20mph zone and consider one way traffic	Extensive surveys undertaken by ward Councillors and residents group. Humps not supported by 51% of residents however 80% support 20mph limit. 47% support for one way.	Lowering of a speed limit without traffic calming is not supported by the Police due to the reliance on enforcement.  <b>Recommend no further action on proposals</b>