

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place
To
**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet
Committee**
On
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Petition Regarding Introducing Waiting Restrictions in Leigh Road, Leigh on Sea
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition received from residents of Leigh Road with 9 signatories representing 9 properties requesting waiting restrictions to prevent private accesses being blocked.

2. Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- (i) Note the petition and thank the residents for taking the time to compile the petition ; and,**
- (ii) Note officers' comments that the proposals by residents do not meet the policy requirement for introduction of waiting restriction.**
- (iii) Instruct Officers to write to the Lead Petitioner informing the residents of the process for enforcing private vehicular accesses as stated in para 3.2**

3. Background

- 3.1 Residents located near to a school are experiencing inconvenience created by parents parking over accesses and on the school keep clear marking during the busy school start and end times.
- 3.2 Both activities are parking contraventions which are enforceable by Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO's). However, with regard to parking over private accesses, this activity is only enforceable if reported by the resident as no contravention has occurred if a vehicle is parked with the residents permission. CEO's on patrol have no method of identifying whether vehicles have permission to park over an access therefore the matter must be reported by the resident before action can be taken. Officer will communicate this process with the residents to ensure that such complaints are brought to the Council's attention so that appropriate enforcement action may be taken to assist the residents in alleviating these problem.

3.3 The accident history for this section of Leigh Road shows that no accidents have occurred between January 2011 to January 2014.

3.3 Introducing a waiting restriction at this location for the purpose of protecting private accesses does not meet the agreed criteria therefore no action is recommended.

4. Other Options

4.1 Agree to propose waiting restrictions. This would be contrary to the agreed policy. Even if such a course would be pursued, the Council would not undertake such work in the immediate future. The Council's limited resources are prioritised on projects that reduce accidents or improve traffic flow on the highway network.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 To reflect the agreed policy with regard to waiting restrictions.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

6.1.1 Local Transport and Implementation Plan, Safe and Prosperous.

6.2 Financial Implications

6.2.1 None if the recommendation is agreed.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 None if the recommendation is agreed.

6.4 People Implications

6.4.1 None if the recommendation is agreed.

6.5 Property Implications

6.5.1 None.

6.6 Consultation

6.6.1 None if the recommendation is agreed.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

6.7.1 The agreed policy on introducing waiting restrictions is based on improving safety and traffic flow taking into account of all users of the public highway.

6.8 Risk Assessment

6.8.1 None.

6.9 Value for Money

6.9.1 Not applicable if the recommendation is agreed.

6.10 Community Safety Implications

6.10.1 The agreed policy on introducing waiting restrictions is based on improving safety and traffic flow takes into account the implications for community safety.

6.11 Environmental Impact

6.11.1 None

7. Background Papers

7.1 None

8. Appendices

8.1 None