

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place  
to  
**Traffic & Parking Working Party and  
Cabinet Committee**  
on  
**6<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

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**Requests for New or Amended Waiting Restrictions & Members Requests**  
**Portfolio Holder – Councillor Terry**  
***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 authorise the advertisement of the amendments and/or new restrictions in accordance with the statutory processes.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. **That the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee:-**

**a) Consider the requests to advertise the requisite Traffic Regulation Orders as shown in appendix 1;**

**b) If approved, further agree that in the event of there being no objections to the proposals, the Traffic Regulation Order be confirmed;**

**c) Note that all unresolved objections will be referred to the Traffic and Parking Working Party for consideration.**

**c) Note officers observations in para 3.3 and agree to defer all future request for traffic and parking investigations to be considered as part of the next financial year's work programme.**

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Requests for new or amendments to existing waiting restrictions are regularly received from residents and the businesses. However at the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014, the Committee agreed to report such requests twice a year in March and September.

- 3.2 All requests are assessed and investigated against the agreed criteria contained in Appendix 1 to this report which was approved by the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee at their meeting in July 2011.

3.3 Members agreed the work programme priorities at their last meeting based on the available funds. This has now enabled officers to progress these through various design and consultation stages committing all limited staffing resources to these tasks. In view of the limitation of both financial and staffing resources, it is recommended that Members instruct officers to focus on the delivery of the agreed work programme and any new requests are deferred for consideration as part of the next financial year's work programme. Only exceptions to this would be any proposals from officers based on urgency in terms of safety consideration.

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

4.1 Each request needs to be considered on its individual merits and their impact on public safety, traffic flows or parking and wider impact on the surrounding network. Members may consider taking no further action if they feel it is appropriate.

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

5.1 Where recommended the objective is to mitigate for likelihood of traffic flows being impeded, to improve safety or increase parking availability.

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

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

6.1.1 Ensure the highway network is effectively managed contributing to a Safe and Prosperous Southend.

##### *6.2 Financial Implications*

6.2.1 Where recommended, the source of funding will be from allocated budgets, where funding is provided from alternative budgets, this is highlighted as appropriate.

##### *6.3 Legal Implications*

6.3.1 The formal statutory consultative process will be completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation where applicable.

##### *6.4 People Implications*

6.4.1 Staff time will be prioritised as needed to investigate, organise the advertisement procedures and monitor the progress of the proposals based on the committee priorities.

##### *6.5 Property Implications*

6.5.1 None

##### *6.6 Consultation*

6.6.1 Formal consultation will be undertaken including advertisement of the proposal in the local press and on the street as appropriate.

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

6.7.1 The objectives of improving safety takes account of all users of the public highway including those with disabilities.

6.8 *Risk Assessment*

6.8.1 Neutral.

6.9 *Value for Money*

6.9.1 All works resulting from the scheme design are to be undertaken by term contractors appointed through a competitive tendering process.

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

6.10.1 All proposals are designed to maximise community safety through design, implementation and monitoring.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

6.11.1 All proposals are designed and implemented to ensure relevant environmental benefits are attained through the use of appropriate materials and electrical equipment to save energy and contribute towards the Carbon Reduction targets where appropriate.

**7. Background papers**

Nil

**8. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – List of requests and comments

## APPENDIX 1 – WAITING RESTRICTIONS REQUESTS

### AGREED CRITERIA FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS( JULY 2011)

- (a) Such restrictions may only be considered along roads with road classification including and above local distributor routes, as defined in Appendix 2 of the report (as taken from the Local Transport Plan);
- (b) There is demonstrable evidence through accident analysis that there have been at least 3 personal injury accidents during the last three years resulting from adverse and/or indiscriminate parking in the vicinity.
- (c) Waiting and loading restrictions may not be introduced in isolated residential streets unless there are pedestrian and traffic safety issues demonstrated through the accident statistics (as in (b) above).
- (d) Where high traffic volume and flow is affected by parked vehicles.
- (e) The location is a junction.

Location	Request Details	Requested By	Relevant Criteria Points	Officer comments
Coniston – all junctions	Provide waiting restrictions at junction.	Residents	E	Junctions currently unprotected. <b>Recommend to proceed with advertisement. Item deferred from September meeting. Ward Councillor has discussed with residents and is happy to proceed with the recommendation.</b>
The Maze	Provide waiting restrictions on an experimental basis	Residents and Members	E	Following comments regarding previously advertised restrictions, Members and officers met with residents and reached agreement on action. Experimental Order will allow for monitoring to be undertaken and amendments where necessary
Marine Parade	Amend loading areas to 15 minute maximum waiting time including disabled drivers experimentally	Officers/Members	NA	An experimental Order will allow for assessment of impact on servicing, traffic and enforcement activity required