

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and
the Environment

to

Traffic and Parking Working Party

on

17 December 2008

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Agenda
Item No.

Petition Received

Maldon Road and Milton Street – Traffic Volume, Speed and Parking Problems.

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise the Working Party of a petition received since the meeting of 6 November 2008.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the substance of the petition is noted and that, if necessary, further consideration is given by the Traffic and Parking Working Party when the matters raised by the petition have been investigated by Officers in the context of the Councils Local Transport Plan and other Strategies as appropriate.

3 Background

- 1.1 The petition is presented on behalf of the residents of Milton Street and numbers 1 to 13 Maldon Road and has been signed by 28 residents of 24 addresses in the local area as follows:-

Milton Street 15 addresses, Maldon Road 5, Short Street 3 and Milton Close 1.

- 1.2 The petition reports, in a general way, problems which ***“make daily living for local residents very difficult and challenging”*** as follows:

- Insufficient parking in the street – mainly due to yellow lines.
- Commuter parking.
- Parking attendant activity – residents ticketed while unloading their vehicles.
- House multi-occupation – flat conversions.
- Large vehicles using the road to access Greyhound Industrial Area.

- Damage (sometimes serious) to parked vehicles by the above large vehicles.
- Inadequate road space for large vehicles to manoeuvre.

1.3 The petition continues, putting forward some possible solutions:

- Removal of yellow lines.
- One-way street.
- 20 mph speed limit.
- Controlled Parking Zone with permits for residents only.
- Permitted footway parking (to be clarified).

1.4 Attached to the petition are copies of three letters dated 2002 which indicate that residents made representations in support of a controlled parking zone at that time.

1.5 Also attached to the petition are 8 photographs illustrating some of the problems reported by the petition.

4 Corporate Implications

4.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Critical Priorities

The proper management of the public highway contributes to the Council's vision and Critical Priorities.

4.2 Financial Implications

The cost of an investigation of the matters raised by the petition will be covered by the Council's existing staff resources.

4.3 Legal Implications

None at this stage.

4.4 People (staff) Implications

None

4.5 Property Implications

None

4.6 Consultation

The petitioners and other key stakeholders, including ward councillors, would be consulted during the recommended investigation to ensure that officers have a full understanding of the problems from the petitioners' perspective and to take advantage of their local knowledge.

4.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

Proper management of the public highway, having regard of the Council's policies of inclusiveness, improves facilities for all highway users including the disabled, the elderly, children, the blind and partially sighted.

4.8 Risk to the Council

None identified at this stage.

4.9 Value for Money

The recommended investigation would carry a relatively small financial cost and would, whatever the outcome, demonstrate the council's willingness to respond to the concerns of its customers.

4.10 Community Safety Implications

The investigation would identify any community safety issues related to the public highway that might exist.

6.9 Environmental Impact

None identified at this stage.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None

8 Appendices

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