

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director Enterprise, Tourism & the
Environment

to

Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee

on

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Agenda
Item No.

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**Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff on Sea: Proposed Installation of Staggered Zebra
Pedestrian Crossings and Cycle Lanes in the Vicinity of
Southend High School for Boys
(part-funded by KeyMed Ltd)
Economic & Environmental Scrutiny Committee –
Executive Councillor: Councillor Waite
*A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report on the outcome of further discussions on the subject of the proposed build-outs associated with the above scheme, originally presented to the T&PWP&CC on 8 January 2009.
- 1.2 To consider the proposal to introduce limited waiting restrictions to facilitate parental parking in Prittlewell Chase and to seek approval to advertise the necessary Statutory Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in connection with these, the proposed 'at any time' waiting restrictions in the central reserve opposite the vehicular entrance to the High School, and the Notices associated with the proposed zebra crossings.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the following be supported:

- That the detailed design for the installation of the zebra crossings and the advisory cycle lanes and associated carriageway works are carried out.
- The Cabinet Committee resolves that the Chief Executive and Town Clerk be authorised to advertise the relevant Notices for the zebra crossings and TROs in connection with the proposed parking restrictions and existing 'School Keep Clear' markings.
- Should no objections to the TROs and Notices be received, the proposals be implemented.

3. Background

- 3.1 Pursuant to Minute 3 of the Traffic & Parking Working Party on 8 January 2009 and Minute 8.4.2 of the Cabinet Committee on 8 January 2009, officers have investigated the issue of the proposed build-outs, met informally with Members of the Cabinet Committee and it was agreed that the Working Party recommendations were supported subject to the provision of limited waiting bays.
- 3.2 The comments in connection with parking restrictions, made at the meeting on 8 January 2009 have been taken into account, and it is recommended that fifteen waiting bays be provided on both carriageways of Prittlewell Chase, with the restriction of “1 hour parking, no return in 4 hours, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm”, to facilitate parental parking.
- 3.3 Minor amendments have been made to the design presented to the T&PWP&CC on 8 January 2009. A plan of the proposals appears in **Appendix 1**. A larger plan will be available at the meeting.
- 3.4 The residents at numbers 84 and 86 Prittlewell Chase, whose properties are adjacent to the zebra on the westbound carriageway of Prittlewell Chase, have been informally consulted on the scheme and accommodation works agreed. These are minor in nature and will be included at the detailed design stage.
- 3.5 For purposes of clarification, the scheme recommended for implementation is as follows:
- The installation of pedestrian zebra crossings in Prittlewell Chase, east of the main vehicular entrance to Southend High School for Boys, and the narrowing of the carriageways at both crossings to improve visibility for pedestrians and drivers.
 - The installation of an advisory cycle lane on the eastbound carriageway, linking that proposed west of Hobbeythick Lane to the Prittle Brook Greenway.
 - The introduction of build-outs in the westbound carriageway at Cleveland Drive, St George’s Drive and Gainsborough Drive to improve visibility for drivers emerging from these roads and facilitate the installation of an advisory cycle lane from Hobbeythick Lane to the Prittle Brook Greenway.
 - The introduction of approximately 30 limited waiting bays (170 linear metres), 15 bays on the north side and 15 bays on the south side of the carriageways of Prittlewell Chase – “1 hour parking, no return in 4 hours, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm”
 - The introduction of a Traffic Order to allow the enforcement of the existing ‘School Keep Clear’ markings – “No stopping 8am to 9:30 am and 2pm to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday”.
 - The introduction of “at any time” waiting restrictions in the gap in the central reserve of Prittlewell Chase, opposite the entrance to Southend High School for Boys.
 - The implementation of the bus clearways at the existing stops in the vicinity of Gainsborough Drive.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

These are unchanged from the report presented to the T&PWP&CC on 8 January 2008.

6. Corporate Implications

These are unchanged from the report presented to the T&PWP&CC on 8 January 2008.

7. Background Papers

Report to the Traffic and Working Party and Cabinet Committee on 8 January 2009 "Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff on Sea: Proposed Installation of Staggered Zebra Pedestrian Crossings and Cycle Lanes in the Vicinity of Southend High School for Boys (part-funded by KeyMed Ltd)".

8. Appendices

Appendix 1: Plan of the Amended Proposals (drawing no:CE5004/19)