

The Leas – junctions with Palmerston Road, Pembury Road and Cobham Road – Plans 1, 2 and 3

There is currently no junction protection on these junctions and parking which impeded visibility had been raised as a concern by the Ward Councillors. Following an inspection, Officers agreed with this perception and advertised the proposal to implement a 15 metre length of restrictions on the junction.

Following advertisement, 6 objections to the proposals have been received.

Officer Recommendation

The area is subject to heavy parking from residents, commuters and day visitors. Parking up to the junctions severely impedes visibility and also restricts the manoeuvring of larger vehicles. From a safety perspective it is recommended that Members agree to the proposal with a reduced length of 10 metres on each side of the junctions.

Old Leigh Road – Plan 4

A request was received from Ward Councillors to restrict parking on the western side of the road due to a safety hazard. Parking on the west side does cause vehicles to drive on the east side of the road, this and the geometry of the road does create visibility difficulties.

A request from the Police was also received as parking on the west side is often obstructive and their attendance to the site in order to address these issues was common.

Following advertisement of the proposals 1 objection has been received along with 2 letters of support for the proposals.

Officer Recommendation

That Members agree to the proposal in its original form to address the issues of safety and obstructive parking.

Oakwood Avenue/Eastwood Road North - Plan 5

This junction currently has no junction protection and is subject to parking up to the junction impeding visibility. A proposal to implement areas of restriction around the junctions to a length of 15 metres in Oakwood Avenue, 10 metres in Eastwood Road North to the west of the junction and 15 metres to the east of the junction.

Following advertisement of the proposal 1 objection has been received.

Officer Recommendation

While the objection is concerned with the loss of parking availability to a local business, this loss of parking is minimal. The proposal is purely required to reduce potential hazards. Members are requested to agree to the proposals as advertised.

Wick Chase - Plan 6

This location is opposite Southend High School for Girls and parking up to the junction is very common during term time. Officers have witnessed a potential hazard on 2 separate occasions caused by parking up to the junction. To address this issue a proposal to implement junction protection to a length of 15 metres was advertised. A parking prohibition was also proposed in the intersection of the central reservation opposite this junction.

2 letters of objection have been received related to loss of on street parking for visitors to a nearby care home and also potential obstruction of a garage entrance.

Officer Recommendation

Ample on street parking is available in Wick Chase, the area is lightly parked outside of school hours. While the objection is noted, Members are requested to agree to the proposal as advertised in order to address potential safety hazards with the free provision of an advisory driveway protection marking to the entrances of Nos 109 and 115 Southchurch Boulevard .

Seaforth Road – Plan 7

Requests were received from a residents to reduce an existing area of daytime restrictions.

As other proposals were to be advertised, this amendment was included in the advert to reduce costs.

Following advertisement 1 objection from 2 separate residents has been received. The objectors are concerned that reduction of the restriction will result in vehicles being parked over their driveways.

Officer Recommendation

As objections have been received and there is no safety or traffic flow implications that Members agree to take no further action on this proposal.