

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and  
the Environment

to

Traffic and Parking Working Party  
And Cabinet Committee

on

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Agenda  
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## Update on the Safer Journeys to School Programme

### *A Part 1 Public Agenda Item*

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#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise members of the proposed highway safety improvements on roads near Leigh North Street Infant and Junior school, Earls Hall Infant and Junior School and Edwards Hall Primary School.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 **That approval be given to carry out statutory consultation on the Traffic Regulation Orders and notices required to implement the proposals and provided that there are no objections to the statutory consultation, to proceed to implementation.**

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Safer Journeys to School programme is a key element of the Local Transport Plan (LTP). The aim of the programme is to improve road safety, reduce congestion and to encourage walking and cycling.
- 3.2 A report to the Traffic and Parking Working Party on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008 listed the following five schools for the development and implementation of improvement measures.
- Leigh North Street Infant and Junior School
  - Earls Hall Infant and Junior School
  - Edwards Hall Primary School
- 3.3 A consultation exercise was carried out with all five schools in November 2008 which included Teachers, Pupils, Parents and representatives from community Police officers.

- 3.4 Following the consultation proposals have been developed for each school and are summarised below.

#### **Leigh North Street Infant and Junior School**

- Proposed Zebra Crossing in Pall Mall
- Proposed Speed cushions in Pall Mall to reduce vehicle speeds
- Proposed Zebra Crossing in Leigh Road near Leigh Cliff Road
- Proposed Entry treatment in Pall Mall at the junction with Elm Road

#### **Earls Hall Infant and Junior School**

- New build out on the Zebra Crossing in Carlton Avenue to improve visibility
- Improvements to the school access in Midhurst Avenue
- Improvements to road markings at the crossing location in Hoblethick Lane at the junction with Mayfield Avenue
- Junction protection markings at the junction of Colemans Avenue and Fairview Drive.
- Series of Bollards and small tree planting to deter footway parking on Carlton Avenue

#### **Edwards Hall Primary School**

- Proposed 20mph Zone for Bosworth Road, Wren Avenue, Green Lane, Macmurdo Road and Sairard Gardens
- Proposed Speed Cushions and Raised tables to enforce the 20mph Zone
- Junction protection markings at the following Junction off Wren Avenue, Bosworth Road, Wren Close, Green Lane, Macmurdo Road, and Sairard Gardens.

- 3.5 Drawings will be displayed at the meeting detailing the above proposals.

### **4. Corporate Implications**

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

Implementation should add to customer satisfaction by reducing concerns about road safety. Implementation will also support the Council's priority to improve Community safety through improved road safety.

#### **4.2 Financial Implications**

The resource implications of this report are limited to the ongoing revenue costs for maintenance. The projects will be funded from the LTP 2009/10 allocation.

#### **4.3 Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications

#### 4.4 People Implications

A reduction in the number of road accidents and improved safety around five schools

#### 4.5 Property Implications

There are no property implications

#### 4.6 Consultation

A consultation exercise was carried out with all 5 schools in November 2008 which included Teachers, Pupils, Parents and representatives from community Police officers.

#### 4.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

The proposals are designed to assist all pedestrians, including elderly people in using the highway network.

#### 4.8 Risk Assessment

The principal risks to the Council from the outcome of this report are a negative impact on Customer Satisfaction and failure to implement the project. Negative effects on customer satisfaction are mitigated through being able to respond to customer concerns in the first instance and subsequently consulting on the proposals.

#### 4.9 Value for Money

Value for money is implicit in the project being developed and implemented through LTP funding.

#### 4.10 Community Safety Implications

Community safety will directly benefit through the improvement to road safety

#### 4.11 Environmental Impact

There will be a local environmental improvement through the reduced speeds of vehicles travelling through the area and improved road safety.

### 5. Background Papers

Report to Traffic and Parking Working Party on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008, entitled 'Update on the Safer Journeys to School Programme and proposals for 2008/09

### 6. Appendices

None