

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism & the  
Environment

to

**Traffic & Parking Working Party and  
Cabinet Committee**

on

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## **Objections to Traffic Regulation Order Proposed Leigh North Street School 'Safer Journeys to School' Scheme**

**Executive Councillor: Councillor Waite  
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item**

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

For Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee to consider objections to the advertised Traffic Orders and notices on the Leigh North Street Safer Journeys to School scheme.

### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party hear the objections to the Orders

2.2 That the Cabinet Committee consider the views of the Traffic and Parking Working Party in respect of the objections heard and

2.2.1 Make the Orders without amendments, or

2.2.2 Make the Orders with amendments, or

2.2.3 Take no further action

In the event of either 2.2.1 or 2.2.2 being agreed to authorise the Chief Executive and Town Clerk to make the Orders as advertised, or amend to reduce the impact, as appropriate.

### **3. Background**

3.1 The scheme was reported to the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 where the following was resolved:-

(i) That Statutory consultation is carried out on the Traffic Regulation Orders and Notices required to implement the scheme.

(ii) Should there be no objections to the required Traffic Regulation Orders and Notices, to implement the scheme subject to changes recommended by the road safety auditor.

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

- 4.1 No action on requests received. This option is not viable, all locations raised as a concern are inspected by Officers to provide a professional opinion as to any perceived safety or traffic flow concern. Where the concern is supported, proposals to restrict parking are investigated. Where Officers do not agree that a perceived safety or traffic flow problem exists, no further action is taken.

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

- 5.1 To improve road safety and traffic flow at the location of Leigh North Street School.

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

- 6.1 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.

- 6.2 Financial Implications

The revised cost of the safer journeys scheme £60,000.00, (including construction, design and supervision fees), which would be funded from Local Transport Plan Two and would not have a financial burden on any maintenance budget.

The revenue implications of this report are limited to the ongoing revenue costs for maintenance.

This is a Local Transport Plan project to be implemented during the financial year 2009/10.

### 6.3 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications, other than the need to meet Traffic Regulation Order Requirements.

### 6.4 People Implications

A potential reduction in the number of road accidents, casualties and improved safety around the school.

### 6.5 Property Implications

There are no property implications.

### 6.6 Consultation

A consultation exercise was carried out in November 2008 which included teachers, pupils, parents and representatives from community police officers. A Statutory consultation was carried out between 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2009. This comprised the following:-

- Consultation letters were delivered to all residents affected by the proposals.
- Street notices detailing the proposals were erected on lamp columns at the location of the proposed school keep clears, limited waiting restrictions, road humps and speed cushions and both zebra crossings. These were maintained for the entire duration of the consultation period.
- An advertisement was also placed in the Southend Evening Echo on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009.
- Plans were placed on deposit in the Contact Centre at the Civic Centre, for the public to inspect as required.

### 6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

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

### 6.8 Risk Assessment

With recent road safety results the principal risks to the Council from the outcome of this report are a negative impact on Customer Satisfaction if the Scheme is not implemented. 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.

## 6.9 Value for Money

Value for money is implicit in the project being developed and implemented through LTP funding, and implemented through term contracts which have been awarded through a competitive price.

## 6.10 Community Safety Implications

The improvement to road safety will have a positive impact on community safety.

## 6.11 Environmental Impact

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

## 7. 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'.

Report to Traffic and Parking Working Party on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 entitled 'Update on the Safer Journeys to School Programme'.

## 8. Appendices

### 8.1 Appendix 1. – details of objections and officers comments.