

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and  
the Environment  
to

## Traffic and Parking Working Party

On

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Agenda  
Item No.

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**Traffic Regulation Orders  
Chelmsford Avenue Area  
Executive Councillor: Councillor Waite  
*A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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### 1. Purpose of Report

For Members to consider the request to advertise Traffic Regulation Orders designed to prohibit parking at junctions by Blue Badge Holders in the Chelmsford Avenue Mosque.

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Members consider the request and agree with officer recommendations to advertise Traffic Regulation Orders in the Chelmsford Avenue Area.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The majority of junctions in the town are subject to waiting restrictions which prohibit parking at any time, this is a commonly used method to improve driver and pedestrian visibility and accommodate manoeuvres by larger vehicles such as delivery vehicles and refuse freighters.
- 3.2 Blue Badge holders are exempt from parking prohibitions for up to 3 hours as long as the vehicle is not parked so as to cause an obstruction however if the vehicle is causing an obstruction then only the Police may take action.
- 3.3 Providing a restriction on loading and unloading prevents parking by any vehicles and therefore ensures the junction is clear. Contraventions of the Order may be enforced by our Civil Enforcement Officers.
- 3.4 A very popular Mosque is located in Chelmsford Avenue and worshippers attending the mosque often travel from outside of the area therefore relying on car use. Parking in the area is limited and consequently there are often vehicles parked on junctions displaying a Blue Badge. While it is very desirable to for disabled worshippers to park near to the Mosque, this parking is at times impeding visibility and vehicle movements.

- 3.5 Providing a loading and unloading ban at the surrounding junctions will ensure safety and traffic flow are maintained. The proposed restrictions will match the length of the existing junction protection
- 3.6 The locations of the proposed restriction is listed below

**Harcourt Avenue junction with Colchester Road  
Baxter Avenue  
Boston Avenue  
Chelmsford Avenue**

**North Road junction with Chelmsford Avenue  
Tudor Road**

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

- 4.1 No action. This option is not viable, safety and traffic flow are compromised and this may be a contributory factor to road accidents.

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

- 5.1 To improve safety and traffic flow requirements

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

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

The proposal is based on a reduction of potential traffic hazards therefore resulting in safer roads.

- 6.2 Financial Implications

Costs to be met from previously agreed budgets.

- 6.3 Legal Implications

The formal statutory consultative process will be completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation and any resulting objections referred to the Traffic and Parking Working Party for their consideration as required by the Constitution of the Council.

- 6.4 People Implications

Staff time as required to organise and monitor the required works, will be met from existing resources.

- 6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

As above

**7. Background Papers**

None

**8. Appendices**

None