

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
Item No.

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**Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders
Colchester Road Area Parking Management Scheme
Executive Councillor: Councillor Waite
*A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

1. Purpose of Report

For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee to consider objections to an advertised Traffic Regulation Order, and make an appropriate decision.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider the objections to the Order and officers comments as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.

- 2.1.1 Make the Order without amendments, or
- 2.1.2 Make the Order with amendments, or
- 2.1.3 Take no further action

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

- 2.2.1 Make the Order without amendments, or
- 2.2.2 Make the Order 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 making of the Orders as advertised, or amend to reduce the impact, as appropriate.

3. Background

3.1 Following an informal consultation with residents Members agreed to formally advertise a Traffic Regulation Order to create a Parking Management Scheme (PMS) in the Colchester Road area. Following advertisement we have received a number of comments objecting to and supporting the proposal. Comments

are summarised in Appendix 1 of the report and copies of all comments received have been available for inspection in the Members room.

3.2 The majority of residents are in favour of controls to relieve the parking stress in the area however local workers who use the area to park have expressed concern at where they will be able to park for work. We are able to advise employers on implementing green travel plans for their staff and the area is very well served by public transport. Parking is available near to the area at a charge and those wishing to park in the PMS area are able to purchase a parking permit should they choose to do so.

3.3 Comments regarding potential difficulties for the nearby school have also been raised in connection with parents dropping off and collecting children however we have met with the Headteacher who is eager to set up a walking bus for pupils.

3.4 It is appreciated that the scheme will remove free parking for local workers however, the residents are seriously disadvantaged and often experience difficulty in parking near to their homes. The scheme will undoubtedly remove this frustration.

4. Other Options

4.1 All options are detailed above.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 To properly control the parking and meet the needs of local residents/businesses.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

The proposal results in a reduction of potential traffic hazards caused by controlling parking positions therefore resulting in safer roads. The proposal also provides a benefit to local residents.

6.2 Financial Implications

Costs for the scheme were met through the capital funding programme, adequate budget remains for implementation of the scheme.

6.3 Legal Implications

The formal statutory consultative process has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

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

Formal consultation has been undertaken including advertisement of the proposal in the local press and on the street.

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – details of objections and officers comments/recommendations.