

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and
the Environment

to

**Traffic and Parking Working Party
Cabinet Committee**

on

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**Agenda
Item No.**

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Traffic Regulation Orders – Alternate Monthly Restrictions Various Areas

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Mark Flewitt

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

For the Traffic and Parking Working Party to consider a request to review alternate monthly waiting restrictions in various areas of the Borough.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party agree to advertise any amendments proposed as a result of a review of alternate monthly restrictions in various areas of the borough as detailed in Appendix 1 and further agree that in the event of there being no objections to the proposals, the Traffic Regulation Order be confirmed. Any locations subject to objections will be referred to this meeting for consideration.

3. Background

- 3.1 Alternate monthly restrictions were originally designed for roads which could generally only accommodate parking on one side of the road.
- 3.2 Parking alternates from one side of the road to the other depending on the month, in the 1980's this was a popular method of "sharing" the parking.
- 3.3 This type of restriction can create confusion and can often result in additional parking pressure as some roads may be able to accommodate less parking on a particular side due to the presence of driveways.
- 3.4 There may be some locations which are suitable for both sides of the road to be used for parking and this will reduce the parking pressures for residents whereas other roads may require one side of the road to be restricted due to the carriageway width.

- 3.5 Surveys of each road will be required and suitable amendments proposed. Where parking may be accommodated on both sides of the road without compromising traffic flow, safety or emergency access requirements, proposals to remove the restrictions will be proposed. Where the width of the carriageway necessitates one side of the road to be subject to restrictions, we will propose a permanent restriction on one side only.
- 3.6 While this exercise is primarily concerned with alternate monthly restrictions, we will maximise the opportunity to review any other restrictions in these roads at the same time to ensure they meet the needs of road users and residents.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 No action. This option is not recommended. Waiting restrictions should be regularly reviewed to ensure they are fit for purpose and appropriate for the nature of the road.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To improve parking while maintaining road safety and traffic flow at the locations detailed in Appendix 1.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

The proposal is based on meeting the needs of residents and road users while ensuring safety is not compromised and leads to a safer Southend. Maintaining traffic flow ensures visitors, shoppers, local workers and deliveries arrive at their destination without unnecessary delay leading to a prosperous Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

Any costs will be funded through previously agreed budgets.

6.3 Legal Implications

The formal statutory consultative process will be completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

6.4 People Implications

Staff time as required to survey the roads and design any proposals, organise the advertisement procedures and monitor the progress of the proposals.

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

Formal consultation will be undertaken including advertisement of the proposal in the local press and on the street.

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – details of locations