

# 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

14<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Agenda  
Item No.

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**Traffic Regulation Orders – Requests to Remove Parking Bays London Road opposite  
Palace Theatre to provide Taxi Rank**  
Portfolio Holder – Councillor Mark Flewitt  
*A Part 1 Public Agenda Item*

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## 1. Purpose of Report

For the Traffic and Parking Working Party to consider a request to remove 3 limited waiting parking bays and replace with a taxi rank.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party note the proposals.

2.2 That the Cabinet Committee approves the advertisement of the removal of the parking bays 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 Work in partnership with local taxi drivers has been ongoing to improve taxi facilities. The Licensing Committee are involved in approving amendments to taxi ranks and have agreed to the introduction of a rank at this popular location.

3.2 The existing taxi rank is located in Brightwell Avenue and reduces the availability of much needed residential parking.

3.3 The existing parking bays are often unused for parking and are ideally located to provide a taxi service to theatre patrons.

## 4. Other Options

4.1 No action. This option prevents an increase in residential parking and the potential improvement to taxi facilities

## **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

5.1 To improve taxi facilities.

## **6. Corporate Implications**

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities  
The proposal is based on an improvement of local facilities.

### **6.2 Financial Implications**

Traffic Regulation Orders require formal advertisement which has to be undertaken and will be funded through a dedicated budget via the Hackney Carriage Officer.

### **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 organise 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**

None