

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and
the Environment

to

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

on

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**Agenda
Item No.**

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**Loading Restriction Proposals
Clarence Road and Alexandra Street
Portfolio Holder – Councillor Mark Flewitt
*A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

1. Purpose of Report

For the Cabinet Committee to consider proposals to implement a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting loading at any time at the locations detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That the Cabinet Committee agree to advertise the requisite Traffic Regulation Orders 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 the Traffic and parking Working Party for consideration.

3. Background

- 3.1 The particular locations are subject to a 24 hour waiting restrictions however due to the proximity of the High Street, are often occupied by Blue Badge Holders.
- 3.2 Holders of Blue Badges are entitled to park on waiting restrictions for up to 3 hours.
- 3.3 The locations are opposite junctions and due to the fairly narrow road width, vehicles parked opposite a junction can impede access for larger vehicles.
- 3.4 A recent incident has highlighted the need to protect the areas opposite junctions so that they are free from parked vehicles at all times.
- 3.5 Photographs provided show a fire service vehicle unable to manoeuvre into Clarence Road from Weston Road. While no evidence is available of similar incidents in Alexandra Street, larger vehicles have been impeded and complaints resulted.

3.6 Loading restrictions prohibit Blue Badge Holders from parking however the restriction also prohibits the loading and unloading of vehicles which is a permitted activity on waiting restrictions. Loading Facilities are located close by.

4. Other Options

4.2 No action. This would result in a potential delay to emergency situations and also result in delivery vehicles having to manoeuvre across the footway to negotiate the junctions creating damage.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

5.1. To reduce likelihood of emergency services being delayed or footway damage.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

Reducing inappropriate parking leading to a safer Southend

6.2 Financial Implications

All 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, 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 Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – plans of locations