

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.

Petition – Stromness Road and Stromness Place

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 revoke an area of waiting restriction following receipt of a petition.

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 waiting restrictions at the locations 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 A petition has been received from residents in Stromness Road and Stromness Place requesting removal of a 24 hour waiting restriction opposite the junction. The petition contains signatures from 87 properties.

3.2 During 2009, the Fire Service expressed concern regarding a number of junctions within the town where parked vehicles would likely obstruct emergency access, including this junction.

3.3 Proposals to provide restrictions were advertised in November 2009 and due to the narrow carriageway width, restrictions were also proposed opposite the junction to ensure large vehicles could manoeuvre into and out of the junction.

3.4 No objections were received and the proposals were implemented.

3.5 Ongoing discussions with the Fire Service have resulted in agreement that restrictions opposite a junction may not always be necessary and that areas around junctions are the primary areas to be kept clear therefore the restrictions can be removed.

3.6 The area is subject to high parking pressure and the removal of the restrictions will marginally relieve the parking situation.

4. Other Options

4.1 No action on requests received. This option is not viable, all locations raised as a concern are inspected by Officers to provide a professional opinion as to any perceived safety, traffic flow concern or a potential improvement. Where the concern is supported, proposals to restrict or amend parking are instigated. Where Officers do not agree that a perceived safety or traffic flow problem exists, or where the suggestion is not likely to result in an improvement, no further action is taken.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 To improve road safety and traffic flow or general parking at the locations detailed.

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. OR a general improvement to parking resulting in an excellent Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

Traffic Regulation Orders require formal advertisement which has to be undertaken and will be funded through the existing 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 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**

8.1 None