

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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Chalkwell Area

Experimental Parking Restrictions

Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee to consider objections to a series of Experimental parking restrictions implemented in December 2010.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider the outcome of the consultation and is recommended to confirm the current Experimental Order into a Permanent Order.
- 2.2 That the Cabinet Committee consider the outcome of the consultation and views of the Traffic and Parking Working Party and is recommended to confirm the current Experimental Order into a Permanent Order.

3. Background

- 3.1 Following a consultation regarding a Parking Management Scheme around Chalkwell Station which residents were opposed to, Members agreed to the reduction of existing waiting restrictions to try and increase available parking spaces.
- 3.2 The amendments were implemented using an Experimental Order process in December 2010 which allows for any further amendments to be made very simply and quickly to assess the impact. The Order has a maximum duration of 18 months however for the initial six months, comments are considered and amendments can be made. All potential amendments have not been made with the exception of those detailed in Appendix 1 to this report for the reasons stated. It is officers view that the scheme has had a positive and beneficial impact and it is therefore proposed to confirmed the Order as permanent.

3.3 During the initial six months of the Order, amendments have been made in response to residents' feedback where it has been practical to do so and the amendment would not merely displace parking. Comments received which have not been addressed are detailed in Appendix 1 to this report. These comments and officers responses require consideration by Members.

4. Other Options

4.1 Other options available to Members are:-

- a) Implement the proposals without amendments, or
- b) Implement the proposals with amendments, or
- c) Revoke the Experimental Order

5. Reasons for Recommendations

To amend restrictions to meet majority residents concerns without displacing existing parking to other, already pressured roads.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

Ensuring parking is managed while maintaining adequate access for emergency vehicles and general traffic flow.

6.2 Financial Implications

Costs for confirmation of the Order and amendments suggested in Appendix 1 will be met from existing budgets.

6.3 Legal Implications

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

6.4 People Implications

Work required implement any works will be met by existing staff resources.

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

Statutory consultation process completed.

7. Background Papers

Previous reports to T & P.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – details of comments and officer responses