

# 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

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

Agenda  
Item No.

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**St Laurence Park**

**Objection to Traffic Regulation Order**

**Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox**

***A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee to consider objection(s) to a Traffic Regulation Order .

## **2. Recommendation**

2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider the objection(s) to the proposed Order and

2.1.1 Implement the proposals without amendments, or

2.1.2 Implement the proposals with amendments, or

2.1.3 Take no further action

2.2 That the Cabinet Committee consider the views of the Traffic and Parking Working Party in respect of the objection(s) and

2.2.1 Implement the scheme without amendments, or

2.2.2 Implement the scheme with amendments, or

2.2.3 Take no further action

## **3. Background**

3.1 A request to propose a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict parking in the St Laurence Park car park were received from Parks Department who have direct responsibility for the management of the car park. There is evidence that Royal Bank of Scotland(RBS) employees are parking their vehicles throughout the day limiting the parking availability for park users.

- 3.2 Following advertisement ( 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012) of the proposed parking restrictions, an objection has been received from a park user raising concerns that restricting parking will be detrimental for park users who wish to the enjoy the facilities. Appendix 1, below shows the details of the objections and officers response.

<b>Road</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Objection Details</b>	<b>Response</b>
St Laurence Park	Implement time limited waiting	Will restrict family visits to the park for picnics, use of the playground and enjoyment of the area. No other local parks have time restrictions, will increase costs for enforcement at a time of financial pressure.	All day parking by RBS workers has been reported and is an ongoing concern which officers are in liaison with RBS to reduce parking stress here and in the surrounding streets. This does reduce capacity leading to difficulties for park users.

- 3.3 Whilst view of the objector is acknowledged, it is the view of the officers, both from Parks and Traffic Management/Parking that the proposed scheme which enables free upto 3 hour parking, with no return within 4 hours will serve the needs of the majority of the users and will indeed improve upon the present situation where non- park users are reducing parking provision for the local residents. As such it is recommended that Members approve the proposal.

#### **4. Other Options**

- 4.1 All options are detailed above.

#### **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

To improve parking availability for park users.

#### **6. Corporate Implications**

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

Ensuring parking demand is managed.

- 6.2 Financial Implications

Costs for all works will be funded by Adult and Community Services who manage the land.

- 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**

None

**8. Appendices**

**None**