

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place
to
**Traffic and Parking Working Party and
Cabinet Committee**
on
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Southsea Avenue- Experimental Traffic Regulation Order

Executive Councillor: Cllr Terry

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee to consider details of the objections to advertised Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of Southsea Avenue.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider the objections to the proposed Orders and recommend to the Cabinet Committee to:**

- (a) **Confirm the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order without amendment; or,**
(b) **Amend the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order; or,**
(c) **Revoke the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order**

- 2.2 **That the Cabinet Committee considers the views of the Traffic and Parking Working Party, following consideration of the representations received and agrees the appropriate course of action.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Following extensive consultation with residents during 2014, the Cabinet Committee agreed to amend existing waiting restrictions and introduce new waiting restrictions experimentally in Southsea Avenue. The consultation period has now expired and Members are requested to consider comments submitted.
- 3.2 The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order was introduced in August 2014 providing a six month consultation period in order to receive comments and monitor the impact of the Experimental Order. Observations are provided to assist Members in their considerations and in making an informed decision.
- 3.3 The recent advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order has resulted in a mix response with no clear indication in terms of the perceived success of the experimental order introduced in August 2014. Appendix 1 provides details of specific response received with a summary of the comments. Members are asked to consider these and decide on the way forward.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The proposals aimed to improve the operation of the existing parking controls to contribute to highway safety and to reduce congestion.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

- 5.1.1 Ensuring parking and traffic is managed while maintaining adequate access for emergency vehicles and general traffic flow. This is consistent with the Council's Vision and Corporate Priorities of Safe, Prosperous and Healthy.

5.2 Financial Implications

- 5.2.1 Costs for confirmation of the Order and amendments, in Appendix 1, if approved, can be met from existing budgets.

5.3 Legal Implications

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

5.4 People Implications

- 5.4.1 Works required to implement the agreed schemes will be undertaken by existing staff resources where possible.

5.5 Property Implications

- 5.5.1 None

5.6 Consultation

- 5.6.1 This report provides details of the outcome of the statutory consultation process.

5.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 5.7.1 Any implications will be taken into account in designing the schemes.

5.8 Risk Assessment

- 5.8.1 The proposals are designed to improve the operation of the parking scheme while maintaining highway safety and traffic flow and as such, are likely to have a positive impact.

5.9 Value for Money

- 5.9.1 Works associated with the schemes listed in Appendix 1 will be undertaken by the Council's term contractors, selected through a competitive tendering process to ensure value for money.

5.10 Community Safety Implications

- 5.10.1 The proposals in Appendix 1 if implemented will lead to improved community safety.

5.11 Environmental Impact

- 5.11.1 Neutral.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 - Details of representations received and Officer Observations.

Appendix 1 Details of representations received and Officer Observations relating to the Report on Traffic Regulation Orders

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Southsea Avenue	Members	<p>Experimental No Waiting at Any time on the East Side and at junctions of Southsea Avenue;</p> <p>Experimental Loading Bay on the East Side</p>	<p>19 Letters Received in total</p> <p>Against</p> <p>Unworkable parking situation; parking area being used by commuters taking up parking space; only benefitted non-residents; no space to turn vehicles from driveway; cannot access driveway due to parked cars; should remain 2 way; over 2/3rds of the residents objected to the proposals; nowhere to stop load and unload; difficult to arrange deliveries at home due to no parking; no parking for residents only for commuters; difficult to park in their own street; not voted for Experimental Order; main driving force from residents of Glendale Gdns; do not want parking both sides; streets too narrow; effects traffic flow on Rectory Grove; no environmental, economical, safety or practical reasons for implementing scheme; leave as original layout; make one way north to south; revert scheme back; now a rat run; damage to parked vehicles; accident waiting to happen; violent altercations between drivers; commercial vehicles now park in road; detrimental to quality of living in Southsea Avenue</p>	<p>There appears to be no consensus from residents as to requirements.</p> <p>Some comments have offered differing support/objection based on a number of options and these will be explained in more detail during the meeting.</p>

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Southsea Avenue	Members	<p>Experimental No Waiting at Any time on the East Side and at junctions of Southsea Avenue;</p> <p>Experimental Loading Bay on the East Side</p>	<p>Support Complete success; would like Experimental order to be made permanent; nice to park near homes; good scheme should remain; traffic speeds improved; more accessible parking; improved parking overnight; would like other measures (20 mph, one way; 1 Hour permit holder restrictions); a good improvement; would further improve if made one way; pleased with current scheme; continue and remain 2 way street; single yellow line on east side with daytime restrictions weekdays</p>	
			<p>1 letter + Petition containing 7 signatures Object to being made permanent; changes are detrimental to quality of life in Southsea Avenue; little benefit to residents; the current scheme is not one of the options originally offered; difficult to park near to homes and to load and unload</p>	
			<p>Letter from Leigh Town Council. Considered at Leigh Town Council Meeting after listening to members of public present agreed it was not supportive of current Experimental Order and would like to see parking on one side during day and both sides between 6pm and 9am. However if Experimental Order remains, Leigh Town Council would request that measures are put in place to prevent vehicles parking in no waiting area which is allocated as a "passing place" as that can currently make it unusable for the purpose intended.</p>	