

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate for Place
To
**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet
Committee**
On
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Petition Regarding Waiting Restrictions, Claremont Close, Westcliff on Sea
Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition received from residents of Claremont Close with 29 signatories requesting waiting restrictions be proposed.

2. Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

a) Note the petition and thank the residents for taking the time to compile the petition ; and agree to;

b) Advertise the proposal to implement junction protection and if approved, further agree that in the event of there being no objections to the proposals, the Traffic Regulation Order to provide junction protection be confirmed;

c) Note that all unresolved objections will be referred to the Traffic and Parking Working Party for consideration.

3. Background

- 3.1 Claremont Close is a small cul de sac located in Claremont Road.
- 3.2 The Close has no raised footways, the entire surface is level with a footway delineated in setts. The close is less than 5 metres wide and cannot accommodate parking and vehicle movements.
- 3.3 Vehicles are parking so as to straddle the "footway" area therefore impeding access for pedestrians.

- 3.4 Residents are concerned that emergency vehicles are also impeded and this was raised with the Fire Service in 2012 who confirmed that although access was difficult, their vehicles could access the properties in an emergency.
- 3.5 Residents are requesting that waiting restrictions are proposed to deter the practice along with signage and the clamping and towing away of vehicles. Under the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions, signage is not permitted to be erected alongside waiting restrictions which apply at all times and in respect of the proposal for towing of vehicles, the Council does not have currently undertake vehicle removal traffic offences.
- 3.6 The proposal to implement waiting restrictions along the entire close does not meet the agreed criteria for waiting restrictions however the junction of the close is currently unrestricted and junction protection could be provided. Such a proposal meets the agreed criteria.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Take no further action. The Council aims to improve safety by proposing waiting restrictions at junctions, taking no further action will leave this junction unprotected.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To reflect the request from residents.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

- 6.1.1 The recommendation meets the objectives of the Local Transport and Implementation Plan and the Council's aims of being a Safe and Prosperous Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

- 6.2.1 Any costs are met through existing budgets.

6.3 Legal Implications

- 6.3.1 Statutory consultation will be undertaken.

6.4 People Implications

- 6.4.1 Any works will be undertaken with existing resources.

6.5 Property Implications

- 6.5.1 None.

6.6 Consultation

- 6.6.1 Statutory consultation will be undertaken.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.7.1 Waiting restrictions are proposed to reduce accidents or improve traffic flows. The objectives of improving safety takes account of all users of the public highway including those with disabilities and childcare responsibilities.

6.8 Risk Assessment

6.8.1 None.

6.9 *Value for Money*

6.9.1 N/A

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

6.10.1 Waiting restrictions are proposed to reduce accidents or improve traffic flows. The objectives of improving safety takes account of implications for community safety.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

6.11.1 None

7. Background Papers

7.1 None

8. Appendices

8.1 None