

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place
to
**Traffic & Parking Working Party and
Cabinet Committee**
on
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Requests for New or Amended Waiting Restrictions
Portfolio Holder – Councillor 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 authorise the advertisement of the amendments and/or new restrictions in accordance with the statutory processes.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **That the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee:-**

a) Consider the requests to advertise the requisite Traffic Regulation Orders as shown in appendix 1;

b) If approved, further agree that in the event of there being no objections to the proposals, the Traffic Regulation Order be confirmed;

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

3. Background

- 3.1 Requests for new or amendments to existing waiting restrictions are regularly received from residents and the businesses. However at the meeting on 2nd January 2014, the Committee agreed to report such requests twice a year in March and September.

- 3.2 All requests are assessed and investigated against the agreed criteria contained in Appendix 1 to this report which was approved by the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee at their meeting in July 2011.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Each request needs to be considered on its individual merits and their impact on public safety, traffic flows or parking and wider impact on the surrounding network. Members may consider taking no further action if they feel it is appropriate.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 Where recommended the objective is to mitigate for likelihood of traffic flows being impeded, to improve safety or increase parking availability.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 *Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities*

- 6.1.1 Ensure the highway network is effectively managed contributing to a Safe and Prosperous Southend.

6.2 *Financial Implications*

- 6.2.1 Where recommended, the source of funding will be from allocated budgets, where funding is provided from alternative budgets, this is highlighted as appropriate.

6.3 *Legal Implications*

- 6.3.1 The formal statutory consultative process will be completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation where applicable.

6.4 *People Implications*

- 6.4.1 Staff time will be prioritised as needed to investigate, organise the advertisement procedures and monitor the progress of the proposals based on the committee priorities.

6.5 *Property Implications*

- 6.5.1 None

6.6 *Consultation*

- 6.6.1 Formal consultation will be undertaken including advertisement of the proposal in the local press and on the street as appropriate.

6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

- 6.7.1 The objectives of improving safety takes account of all users of the public highway including those with disabilities.

6.8 *Risk Assessment*

- 6.8.1 Neutral.

6.9 *Value for Money*

- 6.9.1 All works resulting from the scheme design are to be undertaken by term contractors appointed through a competitive tendering process.

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

- 6.10.1 All proposals are designed to maximise community safety through design, implementation and monitoring.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

- 6.11.1 All proposals are designed and implemented to ensure relevant environmental benefits are attained through the use of appropriate materials and electrical equipment to save energy and contribute towards the Carbon Reduction targets where appropriate.

7. Background papers

Nil

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – List of requests and comments

APPENDIX 1 – WAITING RESTRICTIONS REQUESTS

AGREED CRITERIA FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS(JULY 2011)

- (a) Such restrictions may only be considered along roads with road classification including and above local distributor routes, as defined in Appendix 2 of the report (as taken from the Local Transport Plan);
- (b) There is demonstrable evidence through accident analysis that there have been at least 3 personal injury accidents during the last three years resulting from adverse and/or indiscriminate parking in the vicinity.
- (c) Waiting and loading restrictions may not be introduced in isolated residential streets unless there are pedestrian and traffic safety issues demonstrated through the accident statistics (as in (b) above).
- (d) Where high traffic volume and flow is affected by parked vehicles.
- (e) The location is a junction.

Location	Request Details	Requested By	Relevant Criteria Points	Officer comments
Centurion Close J/W Lowry Close	Provide waiting restrictions at junction.	Residents	E	Junction currently unprotected. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Woodgrange Close j/w Woodgrange Drive	Provide waiting restrictions at junction.	Residents	E	Junction currently unprotected. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
The Bentleys j/w Western Approaches	Provide waiting restrictions at junction.	Residents	E	Junction currently unprotected. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Rayleigh Road 370	Provide waiting restrictions	Business	N/A	Limited waiting bay, number of accesses in bay which are regularly blocked – restrictions generally provided at these locations. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Fairfax Drive	Limited waiting area by Inverness Avenue	Business	N/A	Revise operational hours to 8am to 6pm (currently 7am to 8pm) Recommend to proceed with advertisement

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Avon Way	Remove waiting restrictions one side.	Officers	NA	Former taxi rank, now removed however parking can be safely accommodated on one side of the road proceed with advertisement.
Prince Avenue	Limited Waiting area by The Bell.	Business	NA	Operational hours end at 6pm, extend until 9pm Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Coniston – all junctions	Provide waiting restrictions at junction.	Residents	E	Junctions currently unprotected. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Fairfield Gardens j/w Fairfield Road	Provide waiting restrictions at junction.	Residents	E	Junctions currently unprotected. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Stuart Close j/w Stuart Road	Provide waiting restrictions at junction.	Residents	E	Junctions currently unprotected. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
School Way	Extend existing restrictions to school keep clear marking	School	Does not meet criteria	There are waiting restrictions and school keep clear markings to avoid congestion at the peak school times. Recommend no further action.
Victoria Road	Reduce junction protection at junctions	Resident	N/A	Most could be reduced to 10 metres without compromising safety – suggest we assess the entire area to provide junction protection at all junctions and reduce longer lengths of protection where appropriate. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Flemming Avenue	Provide raised crossing point for cyclists	Officers/Member	N/A	Will improve access for cyclists using Prittlebrook Greenway Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Tankerville Drive	Provide raised crossing point for cyclists	Officers/Member	N/A	Will improve access for cyclists using Prittlebrook Greenway Recommend to proceed with advertisement.

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Arnold Avenue	Relocate waiting restrictions to west side to increase capacity	Officers	N/A	Driveways prevent parking, the west side of the street has no drives therefore additional parking can be provided Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Hylands Grove and Rayleigh Road	Provide junction protection	Residents	E	Junction is with Rayleigh Road, restrictions will improve visibility at the junction. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Picketts Avenue and Moundale Gardens	Provide junction protection	Officers	E	Will achieve visibility for vehicles exiting Picketts Avenue. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Pargat Drive and Ringwood Drive	Provide junction protection	Residents	E	Will achieve visibility for vehicles at the junction. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
East woodbury Crescent	Provide pedestrian crossing	Officers	N/A	Part of planned improvements to Harp House Roundabout funded from capital budgets. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
Barnstaple Road access roads	Provide Junction Protection	Residents	E	The road has a number of small access roads leading to properties. While the main road is protected, the existing junction protecting does not extend into the access road resulting in vehicles entering and being confronted with parked vehicles at the junction. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.
London Road	Propose footway parking prohibition	Officers	NA	Numerous vehicles being parked on footways and unless vehicles are adjacent to waiting restrictions, enforcement is not possible. Works are planned to propose amending the current limited waiting to 2 hours and this proposal can be advertised in conjunction.
Southchurch Boulevard east of Southchurch Rectory Chase	Increase junction protection	Officers	E	Junction currently subject to waiting restrictions however this is a dual carriageway and vehicles parked by the junction obscure approaching traffic in the nearside lane. Recommend to proceed with advertisement.

Location	Request Details	Requested By	Relevant Criteria Points	Officer comments
Various Locations	Amend under utilized bus stops to shared bus stop/loading or parking	Officers	N/A	Some areas such as Hamlet Court Road have an infrequent bus service however bus stops remain restricted daily. Sharing such facilities ensure continual use of the road space while still accommodating bus movements when required.