

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place
to
**Traffic and Parking Working Party and
Cabinet Committee**

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Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations

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 various proposals across the borough.

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) **Implement the proposals without amendment; or,**
(b) **Implement the proposals with amendment; or,**
(c) **Take no further action**

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

3. Background

- 3.1 The Cabinet Committee periodically agrees to advertise proposals to implement waiting restrictions in various areas as a result of requests from Councillors and members of the public based upon an assessment against the Council's current policies.
- 3.2 The proposals shown on the attached Appendix 1 were advertised through the local press and notices were displayed at appropriate locations informing residents and businesses of the proposals and inviting them to make representations in respect of the proposals. This process has resulted in the objections detailed in Appendix 1 of this report. Officers have considered these objections and where possible tried to resolve them. Observations are provided to assist Members in their considerations and in making an informed decision.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The proposals aim 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.

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
Barnstaple Close	Member	Provision of double yellow lines in Close from junction of Barnstaple Rd to turning head	7 Letters received Concerns of lack of parking due to other restrictions in the area. Concerns that parking will be encouraged in turning head and block driveways and not all residents have off-street parking. No problem in the past why are they now being proposed. If it goes ahead will would encourage parking other side of Thorpe Hall Avenue, would be nowhere for delivery vehicles, visitors and carers to park. Introduce part day restrictions on one side of the close and around the turning head.	Residents appear to object to the proposal, suggest implement 10 metres of junction protection only
Burlescoombe Close	Member	Provision of double yellow lines in Close from junction of Barnstaple Rd to turning head	8 Letters received. Concerns of lack of parking due to other restrictions in the area. Concerns that parking will be encouraged in turning head and block driveways and not all residents have off-street parking. No problem in the past why are they now being proposed. If it goes ahead would encourage parking other side of Thorpe Hall Avenue. Would be nowhere for delivery vehicles, visitors and carers to park. Introduce Residents Permit Parking. Removing parking would increase speed of vehicles. Large numbers of people do not want the restrictions. There are no need for the restrictions	Residents appear to object to the proposal, suggest implement 10 metres of junction protection only

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Barnstaple Road	Member	Increase limited waiting to 2 hrs. No return in 4 hrs. 9am-6pm Mon-Fri	1 letter received. Agrees with 2 hr. parking but questions provision of double yellow lines	Comment relating to waiting restrictions appear to be associated with Barnstaple Close which is addressed above. Recommend proceed with advertised proposal to amend current waiting limit.
Barnstaple Road & Barnstaple Close	Member	Provision of double yellow lines in Close and Limited Waiting in Road	2 letters received. Statement of Reasons did not justify the severity of restrictions proposed. Not aware of accident, traffic flow or visibility problems. Restrictions not required. Already inadequate parking in Barnstaple Road. There will be nowhere for delivery vehicles, visitors and carers to park in Close impedes the quality of life for residents	As detailed above.
High Street Shoeburyness	Member	No waiting 8.00am to 6pm daily	4 letters received. Restrictions will make parking difficult. Not required as there is no problem. Will not be able to park near to property as have no driveway access. Support but would like white lines to protect driveway access. Will be more dangerous for pedestrians to cross over the street.	Proposal was designed to ensure carriageway clear for bus movements. Many properties without parking provision which will negatively impact on residents. Suggest proceed with advertised proposal.
St Augustines Avenue	Member	Replace No waiting part of day with seasonal restriction	2 letters received. Restrictions not required. Only for summer months. Loss of parking, low density housing area with no houses where restriction is proposed. Will impact negatively on surrounding residential streets. No survey of residents carried out.	No safety issue, 1 hour prohibition in place to deter all day parking. Suggest no further action.
Drewsteignton	Members	Introduce double yellow lines	1 letter received. Support but introduce parking on both sides of road.	Junction protection, to ensure visibility for pedestrians and drivers. Suggest proceed with advertised proposal.

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Woodgrange Drive	Member	Introduce limited waiting 2 hrs. No return in 4 hrs. 9am-6pm Mon-Sat	3 letters received. Why are these needed? Not been a problem. Delivery vehicles need to park outside at all times. Parking is not a problem but speed of vehicles needs to be assessed	Objections from an affected business and nearby residents. Proposal designed to improve customer access to all businesses adjacent to the parking area. Suggest proceed with proposal.
Wood Farm Close	Members	Introduce double yellow lines	1 Letter received. Restrictions would have adverse effect of local businesses, reduction of parking spaces for residents safety of traffic, vehicles and those walking in close and the justification for the restrictions	Proposal is to maintain clear access for vehicles. Suggest proceed with proposal as advertised
Mountdale Gardens	Residents	Introduce double yellow lines at junction	1 letter received. Supports proposal but would like extended as close is narrow	Extension would exceed recommended distances and require re advertisement. Suggest proceed as advertised.
Daines Close	Members	Introduce double yellow lines at junction	1 letter received. Supports proposal. Would like to see the same proposal on south-east corner of Daines Close and Daines Way	The proposal includes both side of the close. Suggest proceed with proposal
Dalmatia Road	Residents	Introduce double yellow lines at junctions	3 letters. Lack of residents parking. Unable to park near to property. Request Residents permits. Will shift any problems further up the road. Introduce one way system. Problems with parking on both sides of road.	Proposals designed to maintain visibility. Suggest proceed with proposals
Alexandra Road	Officers	Reduce length of double yellow lines	1 letter received. Would make junction more dangerous	Proposals maintain 10 metres of junction protection. Suggest proceed with proposals

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
The Maze	Members, Police	Introduce double yellow lines	4 letters received. Comments include restrictions not long enough need to be extended to protect other properties and allow better access for delivery vehicles and emergency services. Will stop vehicles from parking of pathways.. Proposal will reduce value of property. Current restrictions are adequate	Extending the proposal would require re advertisement, there is no clear view from respondents as to a preference. Suggest no further action
Cleveland Drive	Member	Introduce part week restrictions Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on one side of the street	5 letters received. Comments include not required, will increase parking over driveways and up to entrance to driveways. Waste of money. Difficult enough to park in road with school and hospital visitors parking. Would like residents parking. Put on other side of road as will be better for residents. Letter of support stating that because of problems it will help ease the parking and access problems	Residents have previously signed petition requesting restrictions via ward Member. Suggest proceed with proposal.
Olivia Drive	Businesses	Introduce limited waiting 20 mins no return in 4 hrs. Mon-Sat 9am-6pm and amend double yellow lines	1 letter received Entering and Exiting road will become difficult and dangerous. Car dealership would use space to park additional cars	Safety and access is not considered to be affected. Car dealers may use spaces however waiting is limited to 20 minutes therefore would receive PCN if overstayed. Suggest proceed with proposals
Elm Road Shoeburyness	Shoebury School Pupils	Proposed Zebra Crossing, Repositioning of Disabled Parking Bay on Highway	2 letters received. Proposed crossing outside house will mean having to stop on zig-zags to enter driveway, loss of value on property Supports crossing, but objects to the moving of disabled parking bay to outside property as will be applying for vehicular crossover onto property	Request was in response to safety concerns and successful funding bid from the Road Safety Foundation by local pupils however the impact on residents must be considered. There is an option to relocate the crossings however they would then be positioned in a location that would make their use very unlikely that any use would be very unlikely.

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Caulfield Road		Proposed Zebra Crossing & Re-positioning of bus stop clearway	<p>6 letters received and petition containing 12 signatures.</p> <p>Zebra crossing will cause lack of parking space which is used by Doctors/nursing staff, visitors and delivery vehicles;</p> <p>Bus stop will encourage buses to wait for long periods causing noise and pollution.</p> <p>There is an existing H bar outside the property which would be affected by the zig-zags. Introduce 20mph speed limits, utilize existing traffic islands; the installation of an uncontrolled crossing will have impact on traffic flows. Bus stop clearways not needed. Decision already pre-judged.</p> <p>Loss of parking for bus stop clearway. Already a zebra near the school which is not used. Crossing will increase traffic around roundabout</p> <p>Bus stop will infringe across driveway</p> <p>Loss of value on property.</p>	<p>Considerable loss of parking provision and relocation of bus stops which in turn prevents parking. This obviously concerns residents along with the very restriction on stopping within the controlled area of the crossing (the zig zags). This will prevent residents unloading shopping, parking for visitors etc.</p> <p>No accidents recorded in the area related to pedestrians.</p> <p>Recommend Members consider whether to proceed as advertised, re advertise alternative location or take no further action.</p>