

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Traffic Regulations Working Party

Date: Monday, 24th February, 2020

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor R Woodley (Chair)
Councillors K Robinson (Vice-Chair), K Buck, P Collins, D Cowan,
T Cox, D Jarvis, H McDonald, A Moring, M Terry and S Wakefield

In Attendance: Councillors K Evans, N Folkard, S Habermel, D McGlone, K Mitchell
and M Stafford
L Reed, S Harrington and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.50 pm

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nelson (no substitute).

2 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Cowan – Agenda Item No. 8 (St Laurence Area Parking Consultation) – Non-pecuniary interest: Undertook the survey referred to in the report;

(b) Councillor Terry – Agenda Item No. 6 (Petition - Eastern Esplanade - Request for provision of pedestrian crossings and extension of average speed monitoring scheme and installation of additional speed monitoring cameras) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in Eastern Esplanade; and

(c) Councillor Woodley – Agenda Item No. 8 8 (St Laurence Area Parking Consultation) – Non-pecuniary interest: Daughter is a pilot for EasyJet based at the airport).

3 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 6th January 2020

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th January, 2020 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2020

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th January, 2020 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

5 Traffic Regulation Orders Objections

The Working Party received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that presented the representations that had been received in response to the statutory consultation for a traffic regulation orders in respect of the following:

- (i) the introduction of no waiting between 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays in Crosby Road, Leigh on Sea; and
- (ii) the introduction of traffic calming measures in Thorpe Bay Gardens in the form of speed humps between its junction with St Augustine's Avenue and the hammer head at its eastern extremity.

The report also sought an appropriate recommendation to the Cabinet Committee on the way forward in respect of these proposals, following consideration of all the representations that had been received in writing and at the meeting. Details of the proposals were displayed at the meeting.

With reference to the introduction of waiting restrictions in Crosby Road, the Working Party expressed concerns at the proposed timing of the restrictions, the reasons for implementing the restrictions and the possible implications should they be implemented as advertised.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That, subject to the exclusion of the proposals for Crosby Road, the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zones)(Consolidation) Order 2016 (Amendment No.12) Order 2019 be confirmed as advertised.
2. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) be authorised to undertake the necessary steps to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to introduce appropriate waiting restrictions in Crosby Road, Leigh-on-Sea and that the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) be appointed as the specified officer of the authority who making the order, or to authorise any other appropriate officer, to modify or suspend the operation of the order or any provision of it if it as may be required, in accordance with the Act.
3. That, in accordance with Section 90 A-F of the Highways Act 1980, the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) be authorised to arrange the construction of road humps, which will take the form of round top speed humps across the width of carriageway, in Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea at the locations and in accordance with the dimensions set out in the Schedule published in the Statutory Notice.

6 Petition - Eastern Esplanade - Request for provision of pedestrian crossings and extension of average speed monitoring scheme and installation of additional speed monitoring cameras

Pursuant to Minute 442 of the meeting of Council held on 24th October 2019, the Working Party received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) concerning the petition that had been submitted by Councillor Woodley on behalf of local residents requesting the introduction of more formal pedestrian crossings and the extension of the average speed monitoring scheme, with the installation of additional speed monitoring cameras, on Eastern Esplanade.

The Working Party noted that the petition sought additional pedestrian crossings in Eastern Esplanade. There were, however, other locations along the whole of the B1016, which included Eastern Esplanade, Thorpe Esplanade and Shoebury Common Road that could benefit from additional formalised pedestrian crossings.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet Committee be recommended:-

1. That the petitioner be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.
2. That the request relating to the extension of the average speed monitoring scheme, with the installation of additional speed monitoring cameras, on Eastern Esplanade, be referred to the Essex Safety Camera Partnership for consideration.
3. That officers be requested to review the pedestrian crossing facilities on the B1016 and identify appropriate locations for the introduction of appropriate formalised pedestrian crossings, whether signal controlled or otherwise, for consideration by the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee.

7 Milton Road Area Residents Parking Consultation

The Working Party received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that presented the results of a parking consultation that had been carried out in the roads situated in an area bounded by Park Road in the east, Hamlet Court Road in the west, A13 in the north and the C2C railway line to the south.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the matter be considered as a priority as part of the development of the Parking Strategy currently being developed.
2. That consideration of any further requests/petitions for parking schemes referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee be deferred pending the outcome of the Parking Review.

8 St Laurence Area Parking Consultation

The Working Party received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that presented the results of a parking consultation carried out by a Ward Councillor in roads situated to the south of the London Southend Airport.

The Working Party acknowledged the sterling work that had been undertaken by the Ward Councillor but felt that further consideration should be given to the parking situation in the wider area around the airport.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the Ward Councillor be thanked for taking the time to undertake the survey.
2. That the matter be considered as a priority as part of the development of the Parking Strategy currently being developed.

Chair: _____