

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Traffic Regulations Working Party

Date: Thursday, 10th June, 2021

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor R Woodley (Chair)
Councillors P Collins (Vice-Chair), M Berry, K Buck, S Buckley*,
D Cowan, D Garston, S Habermel, A Moring, J Moyies, C Nevin and
S Wakefield
*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: G Gilbert, S Harrington and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 7.50 pm

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cox (substitute: Councillor Buckley).

2 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(i) Councillor Buck – Agenda Item No. 5 (Update on Outstanding Schemes per Ward – Scheme No. 335 Highwood Close) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the road;

(ii) Councillor Buckley – Agenda Item No. 4 (Boroughwide Junction Protection Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family members live in roads where junction protection is being implemented:

(iii) Councillor Cowan – Agenda Item No. 4 (Boroughwide Junction Protection Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been lobbied for junction protection restrictions at the junctions within the Astronauts Estate;

(iv) Councillor Moring – Agenda Item No. 4 (Boroughwide Junction Protection Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the Ward where junction is being implemented but not in the road where he lives;

(v) Councillor Nevin Agenda Item No. 5 (Update on Outstanding Schemes per Ward – Scheme No. 337 Seaforth Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Residents have approached her about the proposals; and

(vi) Councillor Woodley – Agenda Item No. 6 (Thorpe Bay Gardens - Covenant) – Non-pecuniary interest: Resident of the Burgess Estate.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 22nd February 2021

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 22nd February, 2021 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

4 Boroughwide Junction Protection Scheme

Prior to the consideration of this item, the Council's Head of Traffic Management & Highways Network gave a brief training session/overview on traffic regulation orders.

The Working Party received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that presented the locations where additional waiting restrictions were required to manage and maintain access at various junctions throughout the Borough. The objective of the restrictions was to improve access and safety by improving visibility at junctions.

The Working Party noted that a further tranche of proposed junction protection restrictions would be submitted to a future meeting of the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.

Resolved:

That Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) be authorised to commence the statutory consultation on the proposed waiting restriction at the junctions illustrated in the plans attached to the submitted report at Appendix 1 and, subject to there being no representations following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the relevant traffic regulation order(s) to be confirmed and the proposals implemented.

2. That, in the event formal objections are received following statutory consultation, any unresolved objections be submitted to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.

5 Update on Outstanding Schemes per Ward

The Working Party received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that presented an update on the progression of traffic regulation order requests in respect of various proposed waiting restrictions and schemes by Ward.

The Council's Head of Traffic & Highways gave her assurances that she would be happy to meet with Ward Councillors to discuss particular schemes.

Resolved:

That the report be noted and that any schemes missing from the list at Appendix 1 to the submitted report or any new schemes be forwarded to the relevant service area by email to traffweb@southend.gov.uk .

6 Thorpe Bay Gardens - Covenant

Pursuant to Minute 848 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on Monday 22nd February 2021, the Working Party received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) regarding a covenant ("the Covenant" as detailed at paragraph 3.1 of the submitted report) in relation to parking restrictions in Thorpe Bay Gardens. The report also set out options for the way forward in relation to this matter.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the Council, acting in its capacity as Highway Authority, commence the statutory consultation for the revocation of the existing seasonal restrictions in Thorpe Bay Gardens from its junction with St Augustine's Avenue to its eastern extremity and the introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions daily between the hours of 8.00 a.m. until 10.00 p.m.
2. That, any unresolved objections to the statutory consultation, be referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party for consideration.
3. That the situation in Thorpe Bay Gardens be monitored and kept under review and that a report be submitted to the meeting of the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee within one year.

Chair: _____