

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

to
Traffic and Parking Working Party and
Cabinet Committee

on
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Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders

Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox
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 There is no significant environmental impact as a result of introducing the Traffic Regulation Orders.

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
Colbert Avenue	Member	To introduce No Waiting 9am-6pm - 1 st March to 31 st October	<p>10 letters received. 3 letters of Support – 1 from a resident of Colbert Ave 2 from a residence in Walton Road</p> <p>7 letters of Objection received main concerns include: What is the purpose served by blocking whole of north side; where do the residents and their visitors park and visitors to the area; restrictions on side roads need to be lifted; best part is extension to junction protections; congestion only in summer months especially at weekends/Bank Holidays; will increase traffic speeds; on the south side there is no pavement thereby forcing passengers into the road; would be more effective at weekends; by reducing parking will force more residents to pave over their front gardens to create off-street parking; negative impact on road safety; when previously discussed there was no consensus as to a solution but there was agreement that the implementation of a scheme like this would be dangerous as would lead to loading and unloading passengers in the road; the restrictions not a good idea – there are only minor parking problems at weekends; would lead to parking problems on Burges Rd – restrictions need to be taken to Thorpe Hall Ave, already have problems entering and exiting property due to parked cars opposite</p>	<p>Several proposals relating to waiting restrictions have been advertised for this area in the last two years resulting in no further action.</p> <p>Residents do not appear to be supportive of any change to existing arrangements.</p> <p>Recommend no further action.</p>

<p>Tyrone Road & Fermoy Road</p>	<p>Member</p>	<p>To introduce No Waiting Mon-Fri 11am-12 Noon (Tyrone & Fermoy Rds.) And Limited Waiting Mon-Fri 9am-5pm 1 Hour No Return within 4 Hours (Tyrone Rd)</p>	<p>6 Letters of Objection – which include 3 from the Doctors Surgery. Main concerns are that the change of parking times would be detriment to their patients – many are elderly and have mobility problems which would stop them parking near to the surgery; can see the need for some form of restrictions but not at the same times as the surgery times; would have a negative effect on patients health. Existing Orders was to prevent commuter parking not restrict access to the surgery or residents parking on the road where they have limited off-street parking; current system works well feels that the proposals are just for the benefit of residents of Tyrone Rd and not the community; Car park in The Broadway is small and would be too far for elderly and infirm to walk to the surgery as would if you park in joining roads, Waste of Council money; existing restrictions are perfect, if changed parking will be horrendous; do not allow this to happen.</p>	<p>There does not appear to be support for any changes to existing arrangements.</p> <p>This is the third proposal for this street in the last two years and comment from this and previous proposals indicate no support for change.</p> <p>Recommend no further action.</p>
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Rayleigh Road	Member	To introduce No Waiting at Any time	1 letter of objection received; proposal would not improve safety or traffic flow would prevent parking outside property, already restrictions on other side of road, proposals would only make parking available in side roads which are already congested.	No support for proposal. Recommend no further action.
The Rodings	Member	To introduce No Waiting at Any time	5 letters of objection received – main concerns are loss of parking – currently parking from flats above shops causes no problems. Further new builds nearby will increase no. of vehicles to the area already with limited parking availability ; restrictions will cause hardship for Nos 15 & 17 and would prevent parking in front of properties; main reasons for installation was to remove cars on approach to corner opposite 8/10 The Rodings; suggest restrictions from lamppost No. 2 for a distance of 10m only; if restrictions go in between church car park and vicarage will push traffic round into already congested and narrow Rodings. Flats above shops will have nowhere to park; will have a major impact on residents and businesses	No support for proposal. Recommend no further action.
Chalkwell Park Drive	Member	To introduce a One-Way Street Southwards between A13 London Rd and Pall Mall	7 letters of Support – 6 from Chalkwell Park Drive and 1 from a resident of Marguerite Drive 44 letters of objection received 34 letters from residents of Chalkwell Park Drive and 10 from residents of Marguerite Drive Main concerns include increase speed, difficulties access driveways; would rather have a 20mph scheme; increase of speed and frequency of vehicles will impact on street scene; no evidence to support why it is proposed; only those who will benefit will be those using it as a cut through; not environmentally friendly; cause inconvenience for properties at	The proposal has attracted significant opposition. Recommend no further action.

			<p>top of road; monies better being spent elsewhere; no benefit to residents; would have detrimental effect on nearby roads; would have to drive round the block to gain access to main road; want it to stay two-way; would like residents parking; one way streets do not reduce traffic flow; safety grounds; no logic in changing things that do not need changing; no evidence will reduce non-resident parking; traffic flows will increase on neighbouring roads; will not make any difference; waste of money; what's the point in the proposals, parking near to your house will become harder;</p>	
Borough Wide	Officers and Members	Amend structure of parking charges; Town Centre Car Parks excluding Tylers Avenue and York Road		<p>The proposals are designed to encourage longer stay parking in a number of the town centre and seafront parking areas by removing the parking tariff for 1, 3 and 5 hours. Several car parks will remain available for short term parking.</p> <p>Recommend to proceed with proposals.</p>