

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

To

**Traffic & Parking Working Party &
Cabinet Committee**

On

8th March 2018

Report prepared by:
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Petition requesting Parking Controls in Brighton Avenue

Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition signed by 47 residents of Brighton Avenue requesting parking controls to provide priority for residents.

2. Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- a) Thank the petitioner for taking the time to compile the petition, and;**
b) Agree to take no further action at this time.

3. Background

- 3.1 Permit style parking controls are proposed on an area wide basis only, this ensure parking is not merely displaced to adjacent streets.
- 3.2 The area is adjacent to Southend East rail station and suffers with significant parking issues due to commuter parking.
- 3.2 Ward Members and interested residents have undertaken previous surveys in the area north of the rail station to assess the views of residents as to permit parking controls and while the results indicated support for the suggestion, the impact on streets south of the rail station was considered to be significant and residents of these streets were unlikely to support controls in their area.
- 3.3 The area encompasses three separate electoral wards and discussions were held with Members representing these wards with the recommendation that no further action be taken. This recommendation was considered and supported by the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee on 9th January 2017.

3.3 There was sympathy for residents in the area and to try and relieve some of parking pressures, agreement was given to harden some of the verges in the eastern end of Riviera Drive to provide additional parking. Works were completed in January with an additional 21 spaces being provided. Photographs of the areas which have been hardened are show at **Appendix 2** to this report.

4. Other Options

4.1 Take no further action. This option is not appropriate at this stage as the requests require assessment to gather data related to the usage of the locations and any previous accident history before further consideration can be given to the requests.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 To reflect a previous decision by this Committee.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

Consistent application of agreed policy ensures we act fairly and consider applications in accordance with set criteria in relation to parking contributing to the safe and efficient management of the traffic network.

6.2 Financial Implications

No further implications.

6.3 Legal Implications

None.

6.4 People Implications

None.

6.5 Property Implications

None.

6.6 Consultation

None.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

None.

6.8 Risk Assessment

None.

6.9 *Value for Money*

None however the works to harden grassed verges were undertaken by our term contractor procured through competitive tendering demonstrating value for money.

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

None.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

The verge works were designed to maintain soft areas to support drainage and healthy tree growth which reduces the environmental impact of the project.

7. Background Papers

None.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 Map of the area discussed by members

Appendix 2 photographs of the completed works in Riviera Drive