

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place  
To  
**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet  
Committee**  
On  
**4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

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**Petition Requesting Additional Residents Parking Bays  
Colchester Road**

**Executive Councillor: Councillor Martin Terry**  
***A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition received from 33 residents of Colchester Road requesting additional parking bays be provided for residents.

**2. Recommendation**

**That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:**

- a) Note the petition and thank the residents for taking the time to compile the petition; and,**
- b) Agree to advertise a proposal to remove one area of waiting restrictions to provide three additional parking bays**
- c) Agree to remove the existing barrier, remove existing waiting restrictions and replace with an additional eight parking bays,**
- d) If recommendations b and c are agreed note that resource permitting, these will be implemented during the financial year 2016/17**

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Colchester Road is part of a Controlled Parking Zone adjacent to Victoria Avenue, extending westwards to (but not including) North Road.
- 3.2 All existing parking bays in the road (50 bays) are dedicated for resident use including several parking bays provided for disabled residents. Due to the width of the road, the parking bays are placed partially on the footway.

- 3.3 Colchester Road is currently a no through route, two areas of waiting restrictions have been maintained to provide an area for traffic to pass and also for servicing (such as deliveries and waste collections) to be accommodated. The petitioners are requesting these areas be removed to provide additional bays however at least one area should be maintained to provide a passing place and an area for deliveries/servicing vehicles.
- 3.5 The current layout consists of a physical barrier across the road which was initially installed to deter inappropriate levels of traffic attempting to find parking in the road. As the parking is now controlled, the barrier may be removed along with the implementation of the associated waiting restrictions to provide turning areas. This would release space for an additional ten parking spaces.
- 3.4 In addition, the petitioners are complaining that the area is used by worshippers visiting the local Mosque and Church and have access to free permits. Both premises are within the controlled Zone and entitled to purchase permits for their visitors. Members are asked to note that neither establishment receive any free permits, therefore no action is proposed on this issue.
- 3.5 A further issue raised by residents is disabled drivers parking on disabled parking bays; however this would not be considered as a parking contravention as vehicles parked in these bays must display both a resident permit and a blue disabled drivers badge therefore no action is proposed on this issue.
- 3.6 The complaint also includes the inability to park in Colchester Close however this small close is of insufficient width to accommodate any parking. No residents of the Close have signed the petition and therefore no action is proposed on this issue.
- 3.7 The timing of the parking restrictions is also highlighted as an issue as the controls end at 6.30pm. Amendments to the times would require consultation within the entire area, officers are not aware of complaints in other areas of the Zone therefore no action is proposed on this matter.

#### **4. Other Options**

- 4.1 Take no further action. The Council is required to consider petitions related to parking controls and the recommendation is designed to meet the needs of residents where possible.

#### **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 To reflect the request from residents.

#### **6. Corporate Implications**

##### *6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities*

- 6.1.1 The recommendation meets the objectives of the Local Transport and Implementation Plan and the Council's aims of being a Safe and Prosperous Southend.

6.2 *Financial Implications*

6.2.1 Any costs are met through existing budgets.

6.3 *Legal Implications*

6.3.1 Statutory consultation will be undertaken if the requisite levels of support is achieved.

6.4 *People Implications*

6.4.1 Any works will be undertaken with existing resources.

6.5 *Property Implications*

6.5.1 None.

6.6 *Consultation*

6.6.1 Statutory consultation will be undertaken.

6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

6.7.1 Parking restrictions are proposed to manage parking. The objectives of managing parking takes account of all users of the public highway including those with disabilities and childcare responsibilities.

6.8 *Risk Assessment*

6.8.1 None.

6.9 *Value for Money*

6.9.1 N/A

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

6.10.1 Parking restrictions are proposed to manage parking. The objectives of managing parking takes account of implications for community safety.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

6.11.1 None

**7. Background Papers**

7.1 None

**8. Appendices**

8.1 None