

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

to

**Traffic Regulation Working Party
and Cabinet Committee**

on

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Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders

**Cabinet Member : Councillor Buck
Part 1 Public Agenda Item**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Traffic Regulation 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 Regulation 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 Regulation 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 the Southend 2050 Road Map.

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
Arnold Avenue	Councillor/ Officers	Shared Residents 9am-9pm daily and Pay & Display/Phone Parking 9am-4pm daily	5 letters of objection received main concerns raised include; not fair on residents; awful idea hard enough parking near to house; was unhappy when first introduced; not sure how many more parking spaces the Council think will generate more revenue; spaces are much needed by residents; withdraw this proposal to reserve bays for residents parking; there are only 8 spaces for 10 properties so will not be able to find space to park during summer season already a problem during the hours of the scheme; not needed with nearby parking in Gas Works Car park, more flats being built which will mean more residents parking required; will become a battle zone; forcing residents to park elsewhere which will cause stress on other streets; elderly and relies on car being outside property; if others are allowed to park on any sunny day the roads in the area would be congested	This parking management scheme was introduced due to residents of the area being unable to park near their homes during summer months. The bays are regularly used during the day time by residents and pay and display parking would undoubtedly reduce the available space for residents parking during the day. Recommend no further action
Beresford Road	Councillor/ Officers	Shared Residents 9am-9pm daily and Pay & Display/Phone Parking 9am-4pm daily	5 letters of objection received and 1 letter with a petition signed by 13 residents objecting to the proposals main comments include: Going ahead with this allowing anyone to park makes no point having residents parking; at weekends there is little space for the pay and display parking due to residents being at home. Will there be a reduction in the parking fee? Will visitors still have use permits? Reasons for the residents parking is the same as when the scheme first went in; if residents go out they will not be able to park when they come back; smacks of the Council endeavouring to make money at the expense of local resident; there are other car parks nearby; fed up as visitors park in the area now without any permits and it is not enforce; lack of thought; if introduced will take residents money but render permits useless; where will residents park when full of visitors; betrayal of residents is disgusting; nothing more than a money scam at residents expense; use the gas works site for cars and coaches; duty of the council to look after welfare of local people not outsiders; carers will not be able to park before 9am in the mornings	This parking management scheme was introduced due to residents of the area being unable to park near their homes during summer months. The bays are regularly used during the day time by residents and pay and display parking would undoubtedly reduce the available space for residents parking during the day. Recommend no further action

Burnaby Road	Councillor /Officers	Shared Residents 9am-9pm daily and Pay & Display/Phone Parking 9am-4pm daily	1 letter of objection received main points raised include: already lack of residents spaces; not in the interest of residents more to make money; cannot park in the road will limit spaces by at least half and then could become an issue in getting space in general; has a blue badge will this be valid in pay and display area? What are the reasons why this is proposed	This parking management scheme was introduced due to residents of the area being unable to park near their homes during summer months. The bays are regularly used during the day time by residents and pay and display parking would undoubtedly reduce the available space for residents parking during the day. Recommend no further action
Arnold Avenue; Beach Road; Beresford Road; Burdett Road and Burnaby Road	Councillor/ Officers	Shared Residents 9am-9pm daily and Pay & Display/Phone Parking 9am-4pm daily	1 letter containing a petition with 79 signatures main points raised include: Any conceivable advantage such as increase in parking and extra revenue is far outweighed by the negative impact on the local community; there are many occasions when it is impossible to find a parking space within a reasonable distance of the homes; young people and the elderly will struggle; poor condition of roads compared to other areas give the impression community are overlooked; the state of the roads will only get worse with increased traffic; there is a large car park nearby which should be used; considerable risk to children due to cars speeding in area; extra traffic will create extra pollution making it detrimental to residents health and safety; must remain a residential area, will likely see increased littering and antisocial behaviour in what is a peaceful residents location	This parking management scheme was introduced due to residents of the area being unable to park near their homes during summer months. The bays are regularly used during the day time by residents and pay and display parking would undoubtedly reduce the available space for residents parking during the day. Recommend no further action
Kursaal Way/ Beresford Road	Councillor /Officers	Shared Residents 9am-9pm daily Pay & Display/Phone Parking 9am-4pm daily and No waiting at Any time	1 letter of objection received main points raised include: proposal is absolutely disgusting and how greedy the council is; bad enough paying for residents permits now having to suffer to make space for visitors to the town; putting spaces along Kursaal Way is madness – just encouraging traffic into a residential housing estate will encourage parking under the blocks of flats will cause nothing but chaos.	Kursaal Way is a one-way estate road running from Beresford Road to Arnold Avenue and is not currently within the parking management scheme area. Recommendation No further action

<p>Hadleigh Road</p>	<p>Councillor</p>	<p>The introduction of series of speed cushions along Hadleigh Road</p>	<p>2 letters of objection, 11 letters of support and 1 letter agreeing something needs to be done but has strong concerns about speed cushions.</p> <p>Objection concerns include; Hadleigh Road is a distributor used by Buses, large vehicles and emergency vehicles. Vehicles will be pushed on to alternative unsuitable side roads. There is also concern regarding vibration, pollution and noise associated with the speed cushions.</p> <p>Support letter comments include. Understand full width humps cannot be used as it is a bus routes. A request for full width humps. Would like scheme extended in to Western Road. Would like a crossing by the school. Would like a 20mph Zone across Leigh.</p>	<p>The proposals were requested from the Ward Councillors to reduce traffic speeds in this section of the road. There is a likelihood is that it will force traffic onto other neighbouring roads leading to complaints and or requests for other roads to have similar restrictions.</p> <p>The Committee's views are sought on whether to proceed with this proposal</p>
<p>Centurion Close</p>	<p>Officer/Bus Company</p>	<p>To introduce No Waiting at Any Time</p>	<p>19 letters of objection received: main point raised include: The adjacent car parking area has been taken away for development and there is limited space available nearby to drop off and pick up their children from the nearby junior school; it will encourage drivers to park indiscriminately to the detriment of safety for the children and parents crossing the road.</p>	<p>This prohibition was advertised following requests from the bus operators who are experiencing difficulties when exiting the bus turning area.</p> <p>Recommend proceed with proposals as advertised</p>
<p>Wells Avenue & Rochford Road Service Road</p>	<p>Councillor</p>	<p>The introduction of Residents Permit Parking Schemes</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Traffic Regulation Working Party/Cabinet Committee on 7th March 2019 it was agreed that the scheme times should be amended to 9am – 5pm daily (Minute 764 refers).</p> <p>However, a member is of the view that the intent of the meeting was for weekdays only and that this is what the residents wanted and was agreed.</p>	<p>The Committee are therefore requested to clarify the agreed times and days for the scheme</p>