

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place
to
**Traffic and Parking Working Party and
Cabinet Committee**
on
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Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations

Executive Councillor: Cllr Terry

A 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 and Appendix 2 (to be circulated at the meeting) 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 and 2, 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 and 2 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 2 – further details of representations received and Officer observations To be provided at the meeting.

**Appendix 1 Details of representations received and Officer Observations
relating to the Report on Traffic Regulation Orders**

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Neil Armstrong Way	Member	Introduce junction protection at junction with Western Approaches	1 letter of objection received. Proposed restrictions would go part over driveway – would like restriction reduced to 13m (to edge of vehicle crossover would not be a problem as no one parks over crossover	No adverse impact on safety by this reduction. Recommend proceed with amended proposal.
West Road Un-controlled “Zebra” Crossing	Member	Installation of Zebra Crossing in West Road near to Wesborough Road	1 letter of objection – not to zebra crossing but to lorries that park on frontage to shops blocking area of where crossing would go. Suggests that it is installed as a controlled crossing instead.	It is likely that vehicles may impede visibility when parked illegally. An option would be to install guardrail to prevent vehicles accessing the frontages (which have no approved accesses) however this is contrary to design guidance and de-clutter principles. In this location, if a crossing is to be provided, it is recommended that a physical barrier be provided due to the exceptional circumstances. Recommend proceed with advertised proposal.
Queensway East Area Prohibition of waiting and permit parking Places	Resident’s and Members	Introduction of Residents Permit Parking	Petition with 10 signatures. Residents in Grange Gardens have requested that they are not included in the permit parking scheme. There is little unrestricted parking in this road and some of the residents currently park over their driveways and do not understand why they should pay for a permit to continue doing this. If they are taken out of the scheme they have asked if they can still purchase visitor permits. 5 letters have been received from properties outside the area in Southchurch Road, Southchurch Avenue and Quebec Avenue west of Queensway. They object to the fact that they currently park within the area as parking is limited in their own roads. They have requested that these sections of the road be included as eligible for permits	If a road is removed from the scheme, those residents will not be eligible for any permit allocations. Officers will discuss this with residents to ensure they are fully aware of the implications should their road not be part of the scheme and assess their views after this discussion. The purpose of the proposal is to ensure local residents have the opportunity to park in their street by deterring non resident parking. It is very likely that these residents already park in the areas and can be accommodated while meeting the objective of deterring long term parking by town centre workers and visitors. Officers can include the

				<p>provision of permits to addresses on the boundary of the scheme.</p> <p>Recommend to proceed with proposals with the inclusion of Westcliff Avenue being subject to the same operational hours as the adjacent roads.</p>
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Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
<p>Queensway East Area Prohibition of waiting and permit parking Places (Cont©)</p>			<p>1 letter objects to the removal of some of the double yellow lines in York Road on the grounds that this road now carries a high volume of traffic and is used as a cut through by commercial vehicles</p> <p>1 letter is from a person who visits their elderly mother who lives in the area. They are concerned that they will have to pay to continue to provide care and parking in the road will be more difficult if the scheme is introduced.</p> <p>1 letter has been received from the head teacher of Porters Grange Primary School. Many of the staff currently park in the area and if the scheme is introduced believe that recruitment of new teachers will become difficult.</p> <p>1 letter of support has been received.</p>	<p>Officers do not consider there to be a safety hazard by removing areas of waiting restrictions which will also deter use of the road by inappropriate vehicles.</p> <p>If the resident requires regular visits for care purposes, a permit can be provided at a very reasonable charge and the introduction of controls will improve parking availability.</p> <p>The purpose of the scheme is to improve the potential for residents to park. Colleagues can arrange to visit the school to advise on alternative modes of travel.</p> <p>During the informal consultation, the residents association worked very hard to ensure residents responded with their views resulting in overwhelming support for parking controls.</p> <p>Recommend to proceed with advertised proposal with minor amendments as described above</p>

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
<p>Shoeburyness Leisure Centre, Library & Youth Centre</p>		<p>Introduction of limited waiting times in the car park area Maximum stay 3 hours return prohibited within 3 hours Daily</p>	<p>31 letters of objection received.</p> <p>Main concerns raised include:</p> <p>Large impact on community putting more parking on the roads especially near the school whose pupils/teachers park in the parking area; Hours of restriction do not meet users of the library and leisure centres needs as will reduce time at these venues; the car park has spaces available throughout the day so does not require time restrictions; Parking areas used by staff of the centres who will end up having to park on the road; restrictions will cause disruption and road safety issues; will have an impact on teaching staff from the school who park there and will force them onto already congested streets; allow the school a number of designated parking spaces with permits and perhaps also to staff of the library and leisure centre; school has agreement with Leisure Centre to use spaces and they pay towards the maintenance and upkeep costs as part of the arrangements this agreement has been in place for many years. Council has already made comments about students and teachers parking on roads in the area and introducing this will increase nos. Problems have only arisen since library moved to the site.</p>	<p>The land is owned and managed by the Council and provided primarily for the use of users of the facilities.</p> <p>Indiscriminate parking is preventing users being able to access the parking areas.</p> <p>No formal agreement is in place regarding the use of the car park for school staff.</p> <p>While parking may be displaced into adjacent roads, this is occurring at present due to the facilities users being forced to park elsewhere. No additional parking pressure is anticipated to be created by implementing parking restrictions in the car park.</p> <p>Recommend to proceed with advertised proposal to ensure the parking area is available for use by those using the facilities.</p>

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
The Maze	Members Officers & Residents	Experimental Traffic Order – No Waiting at Anytime	<p>3 letters of objection – proposals mean that vehicles now park in Rayleigh Road/Dandies Drive. Suggest providing limited number of parking spaces in The Maze at its junction with Rayleigh Road which would help the parking situation.</p> <p>11 letters of support from residents of The Maze A complete success, hope they become permanent; have helped exiting property; very happy with waiting restrictions; safe for residents</p> <p>1 letter of objection to the removal of any of the waiting restrictions.</p>	<p>While there were three initial objections, one letter was from a resident of Rayleigh Road. Officers consider that the resident is unaffected by the waiting restrictions. One objection was resolved by the offer of a reduction in lines which was not responded to and the remaining objection relates to the presence of the restriction directly outside of No.1 The Maze. While this property does have off street parking, it is not possible to access the property directly from this area resulting in the resident having to carry heavy loads from the parking area into the The Maze and creates difficulties for a regular visitor to the property who has mobility difficulties.</p> <p>Recommend to confirm the Order as permanent with any agreed amendments noting the matter for discussion in the last item of the meeting.</p> <p><i>This matter was considered by Members at the meeting on 4th January 2016 however, possibly due to postal issues, a number of residents were unaware that the meeting was to take place and did not have the opportunity to present any views in person.</i></p>

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
<p>Cliffs Pavilion Area Prohibition of Waiting and Permit Parking (Winton Avenue Lydford Road and Milton Avenue)</p>	<p>Resident's and Members</p>	<p>Introduction of Residents Permit Parking 11 am to 9.00 pm daily</p>	<p>1 letter of objection received parking in roads will be restricted when visiting relative in care home in Winton Avenue Residents of the care home should be allowed permits for their visitors to park in the scheme roads.</p> <p>1 Petition received via Ward Cllr- Residents in Westcliff Avenue would like to have residents parking permits but for 8am to 8pm 7 days per week</p>	<p>permits will be available to those properties within the permit parking areas.</p> <p>While it is possible to include this road, controls should match that of the proposed permit parking area. varying times of similar restrictions can lead to confusion for motorists which should be avoided.</p>