

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 Woodley
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
St Vincent's Road	Member	Proposed residents permit area (extension to the Cliff Pavilion Scheme Zone CP)	<p>4 letters of objection received, Main comments are that residents in adjoining roads will find it even more difficult to park as St Vincent's Road will be only for residents and displaced vehicles will be forced into surrounding area.</p> <p>Majority of properties have off-street parking, staff and visitors at the Care Homes will have difficulty parking; scheme should be extended to include other roads in the area. Problems of blocked driveways could be solved by the introduction of double yellow lines either side.</p> <p>4 letters in support have been received and they raise the following issues: Area suffer parking from commuters, staff at St Bernard's School and the University and it is impossible for friends and relatives to park. Also there has been a knock on effect from schemes introduced around the cliffs pavilion.</p>	<p>A wider area was consulted which included 5 roads situated to the east. St Vincent's Road was the only road to come close to the agreed threshold to progress a scheme to advertisement.</p> <p>There has been some displacement of parking into this road as a result of the permit scheme around the Cliffs Pavilion. To do this road in isolation would create a number of roads sandwiched between two permit schemes; which may give rise to additional parking pressures in these roads.</p> <p>There are concerns that introducing permit parking controls in isolated streets will displace the parking and lead to further requests to extend controls rather than addressing the issue on an area wide basis.</p> <p>Members are asked to consider the proposal, the comments received and any presentations at the meeting.</p>