

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Executive Director
(Neighbourhoods & Environment)

to

Traffic Regulation Working Party
and Cabinet Committee

on

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Petition Report – Mariner House Southend-on-Sea

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 a petition from the Residents of Mariner House which was presented by Councillor Mitchell to Council on 12th September 2019 which contained 21 validated signatures requesting parking permits due to the issues they have with parking due to permit holder zones in the surrounding area.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Traffic Regulation Working Party consider the request and

(a) Thank the petitioner for taking the time to compile the petition and;

(b) That the views of the Committee are sought on this request.

3. Background

- 3.1 Mariner House is a car free development granted planning consent through the prior approval process (I.e. where we have less control over how the application is considered). The property was converted as permitted development.

- 3.2 ***The Planning Officers comments on the submission under section 6.3 of the planning report clearly stated that “The future occupiers will not be eligible for a town centre parking permit. This site is in a sustainable location with regard to the public transport with good links in close proximity”***

3.3 The Council appreciates this is frustrating for those residents of Mariner House, however, the Council is not responsible for providing parking where a development does not feature dedicated parking for residents as part of the planning approval process. Residents appear to have been misled by the developer.

3.4 In addition, no residents of High Street are eligible to purchase the town centre permit as there is no parking directly on their street, this is the case for any street within the zone which does not feature any on–street parking such.

3.5 However; there are options that could be considered as outlined below:

Option 1:

Residents can purchase an annual Season Ticket which allows them to park without additional payment in one of the car parks owned and maintained by the Council and these are currently priced at £600.00 for the year however, there is a waiting list for these permits. Residents can apply to be added to the waiting list and as and when space becomes available, they will be contacted.

Option 2:

There are privately owned car parks located near to Mariner House and at The Royals and also South East Essex College.

Option 3:

Under committee approval parking permits could be issued to residents of Mariner House to purchase; however this will put additional pressure on the kerb space in the vicinity that already has parking pressures. Members are also advised that this option would enable any property within the High Street to apply for permits and could result in other streets/properties which are currently excluded from purchasing permits being included as eligible to purchase permits.

3.5 Following consultation on these options, the Ward Councillors are in the opinion that Option 3 would be the best option. However, the Committees views on the preferred option are sought.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 To ensure any action is appropriate to the issue and results in a beneficial impact without negatively impacting on parking.

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 will be met through any requests received for parking permits.

5.3 Legal Implications

5.3.1 None **5.4 People Implications**

5.4.1 Staff time will be required to organise any agreed recommendation and will be undertaken by existing staff resources.

5.5 Property Implications

5.5.1 None

5.6 Consultation

5.6.1 If the Committee agree to proceed with Option 3 the normal statutory consultation will be carried out

5.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

5.7.1 Any parking is provided for the benefit of all road users and takes account of all users of the public highway including those with disabilities.

5.8 Risk Assessment

5.8.1 The requests have been assessed against current parking policies.

5.9 Value for Money

5.9.1 Any works associated with the agreed recommendations 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 requests were assessed against current parking policies.

5.11 Environmental Impact

5.11.1 None, however, should Option 3 be agreed and Members decide to proceed with the residents of Mariner House request, there will be an impact on the number of parking spaces available and could lead to other requests and there will be increased congestion and pollution. Members are also advised that this option would enable any property within the High Street to apply for permits and could result in streets/properties which are currently excluded from purchasing permits being included as eligible properties.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

None