

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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Traffic Regulation Orders Objections

**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 objections and support to Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of various proposals across the Borough.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Traffic Regulation Working Party consider the comments received to the 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 comments detailed in **Appendix 1** of this report. Officers have considered these comments 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 any amendments, in **Appendix 1**, if approved, can be met from existing budgets. Costs for traffic calming measures are funded by the accident remedial budget with the Local Transport Plan funding.

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

Item	1
Location	Crosby Road Westcliff-on-Sea
Proposed by	Cllrs Habermel & Folkard
What is this request for	To deter commuter parking in the road
Proposal	To introduce No Waiting 1pm to 3pm Monday to Friday
Current Restrictions (if any)	Junction Protection at either end and at the junction part way down Crosby Road
Consultation dates	27 th November 2019 to 18 th December 2019
Number of properties consulted	40 properties consulted (all houses in road)
Stakeholder feedback	None
Consultation feedback	<p>2 Letters of objection main comments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will raise traffic speeds and increase volume of traffic; if approved also needs traffic calming features; • road used for parking by users of tennis club in Leigh Road Baptist Club would like times adjusted to fit in with times tennis is played; • would like permits for use of the tennis club; • would deter players if they cannot park near to tennis club <p>13 Letters of support main comments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fully support the scheme • would make it easier to enter/exit driveways; • would deter parking for Chalkwell Station; • any form of parking restrictions on the road would be better than nothing; • ease congestion on the road;
Response rate	38%
% for / against	Of the 38% response, 87% were in favour of the proposal 13% were against the proposal
Officer Comments	<p>Not to progress; this location must not be considered in isolation. The parking review is currently underway looking at various zones across the borough.</p> <p>Commuter parking is being assessed as part of the review and as such any scheme being introduced in isolation may have an impact on displacement parking causing further unnecessary complaints and duplicating consultation.</p> <p>Roads must always be considered in the wider context; undertaking consultation on single roads is not value for money and in fact could impact on additional spend and resources for further consultation on neighbouring locations.</p>
Officer Recommendations	Recommend no further action
Any other information	None

Item	2
Location	Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea
Proposed by	Cllr Woodley
What is this request for	To deter anti-social driving behaviour along this section of road
Proposal	Introduction of traffic calming measures in Thorpe Bay Gardens in the form of speed humps between St Augustine's Avenue and the hammer head (yacht club)
Current Restrictions (if any)	No Waiting Both sides of road 9am-6pm Mon-Fri (including hammer head) and double yellow lines in form of junction protection, at the junction of St Augustine's Avenue all junctions; the junction with Marcus Avenue; and junction protection on either side and opposite the junction with Barrowsands
Consultation dates	10 th – 31 st January 2020
Number of properties consulted	30 properties
Stakeholder feedback	None
Consultation feedback	<p>1 letter of objection received main comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • do not consider they address the root cause of the dangers; • better ways for the costs being spent on the proposals • if are confirmed limit to only 2 humps on the west side of the yacht club positioned to the east of 103 and by Marcus Avenue <p>13 letters of support received main comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include fully support scheme and proposals; • total support for the measures proposed; • measures are promptly introduced; • support the scheme but would like humps east of yacht club to be moved west just before junction; • waiting restrictions in Barrowsands on the east side • strongly endorse proposals; • humps will be a great benefit; • in favour of proposals
Response rate	47%
% for / against	Of the 47% response 93% were in Favour 7% were Against
Cost of Scheme	£35k
Officer Comments	None
Officer Recommendations	Recommend proceed with implementation of traffic calming scheme as per original proposal
Any other information	None