

# 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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## St. Laurence Area Parking Consultation

Cabinet Member : Councillor Woodley  
Part 1 Public Agenda Item

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### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee to consider the results of a parking consultation carried out by a Ward Councillor in roads situated to the south of the London Southend Airport

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider the results presented and recommend to the Cabinet Committee to:**

**(a) Thank the Ward Councillor for taking the time to undertake the survey.**

**(b) Note contents of the report but take no further action as per January committee minute 637 Item 2 that said "no further action to be taken in respect of the following requests at this time" in respect to Vickers Road, Avro Road, Wilmott Road and Bristol Road – time restriction or other residents backed parking scheme**

### 3. Background

- 3.1 In September 2017 an item proposing restrictions in Rochford Road Service Road was included on the Members list following complaints from residents regarding parking for the airport.
- 3.2 Officers were aware of the increased residents parking issues and suggested that Ward Members consult a wider area regarding parking issues with a view to considering permit parking controls.

- 3.3 Ward Councillors consulted 2,400 properties and the results of this survey were reported to the Traffic and Parking / Cabinet Committee in March 2018.
- 3.4 The results of the consultation were inconclusive although a number of individual roads came close to meeting the required levels of support. Further surveys were carried out in these individual roads and agreement was reached to advertise residents permit schemes in Eastwoodbury Crescent Service Road, Wells Avenue and Rochford Road Service Roads.
- 3.5 Ward Councillors also requested that restrictions be advertised on all junctions in the area together with a 2 hours restriction in Eastwoodbury Lane, Eastwoodbury Crescent and Alton Gardens. Objections were reported to the Cabinet Committee ( Jan 19 min 578 refers) and the decision was to defer pending a review of parking in the wider area and report to a future Committee meeting in conjunction with Ward Councillors.
- 3.6 A further survey was carried out in September 2019 and the results of this survey are attached at Appendix 1.

#### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 In consideration of the responses received to an informal residents consultation it is clear that there still exists a split in support from roads further away from the influence of parking for the Airport and railway. To only include those roads that have reached the support threshold will give rise to displaced parking in the unrestricted roads and generate further requests to be included in a scheme.
- 4.2 The service will not recommend installing a scheme into individual roads due to the displacement and further complaints that this will encourage.
- 4.3 January committee minute 637 Item 2 that said “*no further action to be taken in respect of the following requests at this time*” in respect to Vickers Road, Avro Road, Wilmott Road and Bristol Road – time restriction or other residents backed parking scheme

#### **5. Corporate Implications**

##### **5.1 Contribution to Council’s Vision and 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 progression of the works if approved, can be met from existing budgets

##### **5.3 Legal Implications**

5.3.1 The formal statutory consultative process will be completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

#### **5.4 People Implications**

5.4.1 Works required to progress the proposals will be undertaken by existing staff resources.

#### **5.5 Property Implications**

5.5.1 None

#### **5.6 Consultation**

5.6.1 If an agreement is reached to progress an extension to an existing scheme, this report requests authority to commence the statutory consultation process and is a result of a consultation demonstrating support for parking controls in a number of roads.

#### **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 any scheme progressed 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 if implemented will lead to improved community safety by reducing non-resident parking and giving residents the opportunity to park near to their homes.

#### **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** – Summary table of Consultation Responses.

## Appendix 1 – Summary Table of Consultation Responses

Road Name	No of Properties	No. in Favour Residents permits	No. Against Residents permits	Total No. Questionnaires Returned	% Response	% In Favour
Eastwoodbury Lane	78	30	12	42	54	71
Eastwoodbury Crescent	44	14	4	18	41	78
Eastwoodbury Close	9	2	2	4	44	50
Avro Road*	15	3	4	7	47	43
Wilmott Road*	19	8	2	10	53	80
Vickers Road*	17	10	1	11	65	91
Bristol Road*	17	2	5	7	47	25
<b>Total Response Area 1</b>	199	69	30	99	50	70

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Road Name	No of Properties	No. in Favour Residents permits	No. Against Residents permits	Total No. Questionnaires Returned	% Response	% In Favour
Alton Gardens	88	7	10	17	19	41
Derek Gardens	91	7	19	26	29	27
Carolines Close	32	3	1	4	13	75
Audleys Close	19	-	1	1	5	0
<b>Total Response Area 2</b>	230	17	31	48	21	35

### OTHER ROADS SURVEYED WHICH DID NOT MEET THE AGREED THRESHOLD CRITERIA