

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Executive Director
(Neighbourhoods & Environment)

to

**Traffic Regulations Working Party
and Cabinet Committee**

on

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Traffic Regulation Order (Waiting Restriction)

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Woodley
Part 1 Public Agenda Item**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Traffic Regulations Working Party and the Cabinet Committee to agree to the commencement of consultation and implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order in Thames Close in accordance with Statutory processes.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **That the Traffic Regulations Working Party approve the commencement of the consultation and implementation of the no waiting restriction referred to in Appendix 1 in Thames Close and recommend the Cabinet Committee to :**

(a) Agree to the commencement of the statutory consultation process to implement the waiting restriction referred to in Appendix 1, and subject to any objections received, they are dealt with by the service area and not referred back to this committee.

(b) take no further 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 All requests are assessed and investigated against the policy criterion agreed criteria by the Cabinet Committee in November 2018.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 The proposal aims to reduce traffic flow and increase parking availability for residents by reducing commuter parking.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map

5.1.1 Ensure the highway network is effectively managed while maintaining safety and reduction of 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 Where recommended, the source of funding will be from allocated budgets, where funding is provided from alternative budgets, this is highlighted as appropriate.

5.3 Legal Implications

5.3.1 The formal statutory consultative process for Traffic Regulation Orders will be followed.

5.4 People Implications

5.4.1 Works required to implement the agreed scheme will be undertaken by existing staff resources.

5.5 Property Implications

5.5.1 None

5.6 Consultation

5.6.1 Formal consultation will be undertaken including advertisement of the proposal in the local press and on street as appropriate.

5.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

5.7.1 Any implications have been taken into account in designing the scheme.

5.8 Risk Assessment

5.8.1 The proposals are designed to improve highway safety and traffic flow and as such, is likely to have a positive impact.

5.9 **Value for Money**

5.9.1 All works resulting from the scheme design are to be undertaken by term contractors appointed through a competitive tendering process.

5.10 **Community Safety Implications**

5.10.1 The proposals in **Appendix 1**, if implemented, is likely to lead to improved community safety.

5.11 **Environmental Impact**

5.11.1 There is no significant environmental impact as a result of introducing this Traffic Regulation Order.

6. **Background papers**

None

7. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Details of the request and comments.

APPENDIX 1 – WAITING RESTRICTIONS REQUEST

Item	1
Location	Thames Close
Proposed by	Councillor Hooper; local residents.
What is this request for	Measures to prevent all day commuter parking in the Close which causes access difficulties, limited parking and increased traffic and safety problems.
Proposal	To introduce parking restrictions prohibiting parking between 2pm and 3pm Monday to Friday
Current Restrictions (if any)	10 metres of junction protection both sides at its junction with Thames Drive with an additional 10 metres extension recently advertised which received support from a number of residents
Reason for request	Access, safety and availability of parking.
Has this request been made previously (if so when)	Yes in September 2018
If this request was made previously what was the outcome	Minute 250(4) of 13/9/18 Committee resolved That in respect of Request Reference No. 17/46 (Introduction of one hour waiting restrictions in Thames Close to deter commuter parking), the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to commence the survey of residents in the wider area on appropriate parking controls to deter commuter parking.
Who will be consulted	All Councillors, Statutory Consultees and affected Residents.
When will consultation take place	If agreed it will be added to the programme of traffic regulation order requests.
Officer Comments	<p>Thames Close is approximately 65 metres long with a carriageway width of around 3.8 metres leading to a square shaped turning head. It is within walking distance of Leigh railway station.</p> <p>A 1 Hour Parking Restriction for Thames Close was considered on 13th September 2018 when officers in their report recommended no further action as it did not meet criteria. However after discussion by Councillors they agreed that the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to commence the survey of residents in the wider area on appropriate parking controls to deter commuter parking.</p> <p>Although this is still outstanding, we have been approached by residents and a Ward Councillor regarding the close and the parking problems being experienced by the residents due to commuter parking. Following recent site investigations, it is evident that since the original report, the level of commuter parking has increased in the close which has led to concerns regarding access difficulties for both pedestrians and vehicles and general safety.</p> <p>Many roads to the east of Thames Drive already have a one hour restriction in operation to deter all day commuter parking and it is likely that a similar order would be successful. An extension to the junction protection has recently been through statutory advertisement and received several letters of support but these residents have also requested that the remainder of the close is restricted to ensure access to all vehicles including emergency vehicles.</p>
Officer Recommendations	Recommend to proceed to statutory advertisement and implementation subject to no objections being received.
Any other information	None