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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Traffic Regulations Working Party

Date: Monday, 13th September, 2021

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor R Woodley (Chair)
Councillors P Collins (Vice-Chair), M Berry, K Buck, D Cowan, T Cox,
D Garston, S Habermel, J Moyies, C Nevin, S Wakefield and
C Walker*
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.)

In Attendance: Councillors N Folkard and B Hooper
S Harrington, T Row and D Wosca

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.50 pm

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Moring (substitute: Councillor Walker).

2 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

- (i) Councillor Buck – Minute No. 5 (Update on Outstanding Schemes – No. 335 Highwood Close – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the road;
- (ii) Councillor Cox – Minute No. 5 (Update on Outstanding Schemes – No. 215 Radar Close – Non-pecuniary interest: Colleague lives in the road;
- (iii) Councillor Folkard – Minute No. 4 (Traffic Regulation Order Objection Report - Junction protection in Hayes Barton) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the road;
- (iv) Councillor Habermel – Minute No. 4 (Traffic Regulation Order Objection Report – Thorpe Bay Gardens) – Disqualifying Non-pecuniary interest: Family member lives in the section of road affected (withdrew);
- (v) Councillor Hooper – Minute No. 4 – (Traffic Regulation Order Objection Report - Junction Protection in Eaton Road: Lives in the road;
- (vi) Councillor Moyies – Minute No. 4 (Traffic Regulation Order Objection Report - Junction protection in Malmsmead) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the road;
- (vii) Councillor Nevin – Minute No. 4 (Traffic Regulation Order Objection Report - Junction protection in Flemming Crescent) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the road; and

(viii) Councillor Woodley – Minute No. 4 (Traffic Regulation Order Objection Report – Thorpe Bay Gardens) – Non-pecuniary interest: Resident of the Burges Estate.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 26th July, 2021

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 26th July 2021 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

4 Traffic Regulation Order Objection Report

The Working Party received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that presented the representations that had been received in response to the statutory consultation for a traffic regulation order for the introduction of waiting restrictions in the sections of road set out in the Appendices to the submitted report.

The report also sought an appropriate recommendation to the Cabinet Committee on the way forward in respect of these proposals, following consideration of all the representations that had been received in writing and at the meeting.

The Working Party was informed that whilst the extent of the proposed waiting restrictions in the form of junction protection was not specified, the default length for junction protection was 10 metres. The Working Party identified that there may be instances where the length of the junction protection could be reduced to reduce the impact on parking availability whilst maintaining clear and safe sight lines and visibility. One such location was Walker Drive at its junction with Henry Drive, where it was felt that the length of restriction in Walker Drive should be reduced to 5 metres rather than 10 metres.

Whilst noting the recommendations not to proceed with the proposals for Crosby Road, the Working Party felt that the restrictions set out in the advertised draft traffic regulation order could retain some parking availability whilst maintaining the safe and efficient use of the highway. Any issues of speeding that may arise could be addressed should they arise. The scheme could be monitored for 6 months after implementation to ensure its effectiveness.

With reference to the proposals for Thorpe Bay Gardens, the Working Party was reminded that issue relating to the Covenant, as explained at its meeting on 10th June 2021 (Minute 49 refers), was not relevant when determining highway waiting restrictions. The Council should act only in its capacity as Highways Authority in accordance with its powers to regulate the use of the highway in accordance with the Highways Act 1980 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and not in its capacity as landowner.

Resolved:-

That the Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That final confirmation of the draft traffic regulation order PTO1009 introducing waiting restrictions in the form of junction protection at various locations within the

Borough be delegated to the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Asset management and Inward Investment, following discussion with the relevant Ward Members on the extent of the junction protection to be implemented at each location. The default length of the restrictions is a maximum length of 10 metres. The length of waiting restrictions in Walker Drive shall be reduced to 5 metres each side of Henry Drive.

2. That, as specified in Appendix A to the submitted report, a further review of the proposals be undertaken where alternative proposals have been suggested by residents and revised options be submitted to a future meeting of the Traffic Regulation Working Party and Cabinet Committee where appropriate.

3. That Traffic Regulation Order PTO1010 introducing no waiting restrictions from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays in the sections of Crosby Road specified in Appendix B to the submitted report be confirmed as advertised and that a review of the effect of the scheme be undertaken 6 months after implementation.

4. That, in relation to Traffic Regulation Order PTO1011 introducing various waiting restrictions at various locations within the Borough, the following be approved:

(i) The following proposals be implemented as advertised:

- Ringwood Drive – no waiting at any time on both sides on the bend outside no. 26-28;
- Barnstable Close – no waiting both sides Mondays to Fridays between 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. ; and
- Thames Close – no waiting at any time both sides along its entire length.

(ii) That the following proposals not be progressed:

- Seaview Road;
- Thames Close – one hour restrictions; and
- Bunters Avenue.

(iii) That the following scheme proposals be reviewed and reported to a future meeting of the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee, as appropriate:

- Scarborough Drive - opposite No.10;
- London Road – north-side between Scarborough Drive and Madeira Drive;
- London Road – both sides between the Synagogue on the north and No. 817 (Gainsborough Carpets);
- Scarborough Drive – replacement of bay opposite the side of Fortune Gardens takeaway;
- London Road – outside No. 1163;
- Seaview Road – on the whole west-side with the exception of outside No.24 Broadway and as junction protection on the east-side;
- Access Road of Alexandra Street behind Nos. 59-67;
- Rampart Street – south-side west of John Street; and
- Bunters Avenue turning head.

(iv) That the proposals relating to Sairard Gardens be reported to the next meeting of the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee as appropriate, for the reasons detailed.

(v) That the proposals relating to Maya Close between Ness Road and Jena Close be deferred pending a review of the scheme and be considered in conjunction with the petition recently received requesting the introduction of a residents' parking scheme.

(vi) That the proposals for London Road/Scarborough Drive not be progressed at this time and that a revised scheme be prepared for consultation.

5. That Traffic Regulation Order PTO1012 Thorpe Bay Gardens Proposed Waiting Restrictions be confirmed as advertised and the proposals implemented.

5 Update on Outstanding Schemes

The Working Party considered the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that provided an update of the status of the progression of Traffic Regulation Order requests in respect of various Waiting Restrictions and Schemes across the Borough and by Ward.

In response to questions, the Council's Head of Traffic & Highways undertook to provide an update to Ward Councillors on the following schemes:

- the progress of scheme No. 216 regarding the reduction of waiting restrictions in Earls Hall Avenue; and

- scheme No. 263 regarding the introduction of waiting restrictions, the relocation of the parking bay for disabled persons and unrestricted parking bays in Lundy Close.

With reference to scheme No. 216 regarding the introduction of junction protection in Radar Close, the Council's Head of Traffic & Highways gave assurances that the junctions of other roads in the estate would be reviewed and included in tranche 3 of the scheme.

Resolved:-

That the report be noted and that any schemes missing from the list at Appendix 1 to the submitted report or any new schemes be forwarded to the relevant service area by email to traffweb@southend.gov.uk.

Chair: _____