

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Executive Director
(Neighbourhoods and Environment)

To

Traffic Regulation Working Party & Cabinet Committee

On

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London Road Parking Restrictions

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Steven Wakefield – Cabinet Member for Highways,
Transport and Parking
(Public Agenda Item)**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the Traffic Regulation Working Party and Cabinet Committee of the commencement of the statutory consultation of the Traffic Regulation Order in respect of London Road (from Queensway Roundabout to High Street) and implementation of the scheme should the Traffic Regulation Order be made.
- 1.2 The scheme is a capital funded complimenting the recently completed Southend Central Area Transport Scheme (S-CATS) project.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 For information only.

3. Background

- 3.1 Subject to requests received from Councillors and members of the public, the existing parking restrictions in London Road (from Queensway Roundabout to High Street) are being reviewed. The existing parking restrictions is a 'Restricted Parking Zone' with parking in marked bays only.
- 3.2 Due to limitations with the existing restrictions, some parking contraventions cannot legally be enforced, such as pavement parking.
- 3.3 Due to the nature of the area, the existing restrictions do not act as a deterrent to dangerous parking which increases the risk of pedestrian/vehicle conflict.
- 3.4 The draft design, shown in Appendix 1, reintroduces 'traditional' parking restrictions to aid both driver and Civil Enforcement Officer. The proposals will aid compliance and allow enforcement of both on-street and off-street parking contraventions.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The proposals aim to improve the operation of the parking controls to contribute to highway safety, improve sightlines and to reduce of pedestrian/vehicle conflicts.
- 4.2 The proposals will also aid compliance and allow enforcement of both on-street and off-street parking contraventions.

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, general traffic flow and improved sightlines. 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 implementation of the Order and subsequent scheme costs, will be met from the capital funding that has been agreed for the Southend Central Area Transport Scheme (S-CATS).

5.3 Legal Implications

- 5.3.1 The statutory consultation process for Traffic Regulation Orders will be followed. Any objections received will be responded to by the service area. Ward members will be included in the circulation of the notice and any comments received will be considered in the consultation process.

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 (As 5.3) The statutory consultative process for Traffic Regulation Orders will be followed.

5.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

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

5.8 Risk Assessment

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

5.9 Value for Money

5.9.1 Works associated with the proposed scheme – draft design provided 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 – draft design provided in Appendix 1- if implemented, are 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 the Traffic Regulation Order.

6. **Background Papers**

None

7. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Draft London Road Design Proposals

Appendix 1



Proposed London
Road Parking Restrict