

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Report of Executive Director
(Neighbourhoods & Environment)

to

Traffic Regulations Working Party
and Cabinet Committee

on

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Agenda
Item No.

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Traffic Regulation Orders (Junction Protection)

Cabinet Member: Steven Wakefield – Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport & Parking
Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the Traffic Regulations Working Party and the Cabinet Committee of the commencement of consultation and implementation of the Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of one junction – Blatches Chase / Whitehouse Road – which is to be included in the Junction Protection Project schemes across the City. However, this particular junction is across the boundary of two wards, Eastwood Park ward and St Laurence ward and therefore requiring TRWP agreement.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Approve the advertising of draft traffic regulation orders for the proposed junction protection measure set out in this report; and,
- 2.2 Where there are no objections make the appropriate traffic regulation order and implement the restrictions on site through delegated authority to the Head of Service.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee at its September 2021 meeting considered a report setting out the response to

public consultation on proposals for the introduction of city-wide no waiting and no loading at any time junction protection safety measures (Report No.4).

3.2 The Cabinet Committee agreed the extent of the junction protection measures to be implemented at each location would be discussed and agreed with the relevant Ward Members based on the default length of the restrictions is a maximum length of 10 metres.

3.1 The Cabinet Committee agreed to delegate to the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Parking for the final confirmation of the traffic order for the measures.

4. Reasons for Implementation of Junction Protection

4.1 Junction protection measures are proposed to reinforce the Highway Code (rule 243) that vehicles should not park within 10m (32 feet) of a junction, for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, and for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic including pedestrians being seen and wishing to cross the road at the junction.

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 and improved sightlines at the various junctions is consistent with the Council's vision and corporate priorities of safety, prosperity, and health.

5.2 Financial Implications

5.2.1 Costs for the advertising of the Orders and implementation of the measures will be met from the capital funding which was agreed for the junction protection project.

5.3 Legal Implications

5.3.1 The statutory consultative process for Traffic Regulation Orders will be followed. Any objections received will be responded to by the service area. 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 Equalities and Diversity Implications

5.6.1 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 traffic flow and as such, is likely to have a positive impact.

5.9 Value for Money

5.9.1 Works associated with the scheme 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, 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 the Traffic Regulation Order.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

7.1 **Appendix 1** – The draft notice for the Traffic Regulation Order advertisement.

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CITY OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (WAITING, LOADING, STOPPING AND
PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2023

PTO1059 – Blatches Chase / Whitehouse Road junction protection

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Southend-on-Sea City Council proposes to make the amendments to the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders will be:

To introduce junction protection; no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) **AND** no loading or unloading at any time (double yellow kerb blips) for approximately 10 metres at each of the locations in below:

a) Blatches Chase with White House Road

3. Copies of the draft Order, plan and Statement of Reasons may be viewed at the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours, the documents can also be viewed online at: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/tro> or <http://www.southendtraffweb.co.uk/consult/main.html> from the date of this notice.
4. Comments on the proposals together with the reasons for which they are made must be in writing to the Business Change and Development Team at the address below or by email to traffweb@southend.gov.uk by no later than **(date to be agreed)**.
5. All written representations received concerning Traffic Regulation Orders are public documents that may be inspected by any person on demand.

Dated: **(Dates to be agreed)**

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