

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place
to
**Traffic and Parking Working Party and
Cabinet Committee**
on
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Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations
Executive Councillor: Cllr Tony Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee to consider details of the objections to advertised Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of various proposals across the borough.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Traffic and Parking Working Party consider the objections to the proposed Orders and recommend to the Cabinet Committee to:**

- (a) Implement the proposals without amendment; or,
(b) Implement the proposals with amendment; or,
(c) Take no further action

- 2.2 **That the Cabinet Committee to consider the views of the Traffic and Parking Working Party, following consideration of the representations received and agree the appropriate course of 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 The proposals shown on the attached **Appendix 1** were advertised through the local press and notices were displayed at appropriate locations informing residents and businesses of the proposals and inviting them to make representations in respect of the proposals. This process has resulted in the objections detailed in **Appendix 1** of this report. Officers have considered these objections and where possible tried to resolve them. Observations are provided to assist Members in their considerations and in making an informed decision.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The proposals aim to improve the operation of the existing parking controls to contribute to highway safety and to reduce congestion.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & 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 confirmation of the Order and amendments, in Appendix 1, if approved, can be met from existing budgets.

5.3 Legal Implications

- 5.3.1 The formal statutory consultative process has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

5.4 People Implications

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

5.5 Property Implications

- 5.5.1 None

5.6 Consultation

- 5.6.1 This report provides details of the outcome of the statutory consultation process.

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 the schemes listed 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 in Appendix 1 if implemented will 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 Orders.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

7.1 **Appendix 1** - Details of representations received and Officer Observations.

Appendix 1 Details of representations received and Officer Observations relating to the Report on Traffic Regulation Orders

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Greenways	Member	Introduction Residents Permit Parking Places	1 letter of support received fully supporting the proposal	Recommend proceed with advertised proposal.
Cliffs Area Parking Scheme Extension (Westcliff Avenue)	Member	Introduction of Residents Permit Parking Places in Westcliff Avenue	1 letter of support received fully supporting the proposal	Recommend proceed with advertised proposal.
Station Avenue	Member	Introduction of Permit Parking & Waiting Restrictions in Station Avenue	6 letters of objection received including a petition with 34 signatures. Residents of Priory Mews apartments object as they were not included in original consultation – their full postal address being Station Avenue - they feel they should be included as they do not have sufficient parking space within their curtilages for their visitors who have to park in Station Avenue; they state that at different times during the week there is no parking problems. Residents of East Street adjacent to Station Avenue would like East Street to be included in the scheme due to a lack of parking in East Street; Scheme will not help residents of East Street; scheme as proposed will increase parking pressure on East Street; residents of Station Avenue may opt out of scheme and park in East Street; Reduced parking on East Street is due to vehicles from outside East Street; Residents of Station Avenue who park on East Street would not move their vehicles after hours of operation; would like waiting restrictions to deter commuter parking	Recommend defer any decision until ward Members have consulted East Street residents to ensure any schemes are complementary and meet all residents needs.

Road	Proposed By	Proposal	Comments	Officer Comment
Belfairs Park Drive	Member	Extension of existing junction protection	5 letters of objection received. Main concerns are: Extending lines will move parking further back along the road; would like part day waiting restrictions; no benefit to residents; proposal is not what was asked for; commuter parking is causing the problems	The request received was to propose measures to resolve an issue with vehicles on The Fairway waiting to turn into the Belfair Park Drive delaying traffic. The proposal was designed in response to the concern raised. Residents now appear to have concerns with parking by non-residents. Recommend no further action on the advertised proposal and that ward Members consult the wider area with regard to permit parking controls
Western Esplanade		Provision of Loading Bay	1 letter from Proprietor of Premises, the loading bay is being provided for; does not object to the proposal per se but would suggest that it be sited 2 parking bays to the east for convenience of delivery vehicles to premises	The loading facility has been positioned near to the premises. Re-location would require re-advertisement. Recommend agree to proposal