

CITY OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA
(LEIGH-ON-SEA 20MPH SPEED LIMITS)
EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Southend-on-Sea City Council, on the 18th December 2023, acting as the local highway authority, made an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act, the effect of which be as follows:

To introduce 20mph speed limits in various roads within Leigh-on-Sea specified in Table 1 to this notice:

Table 1

Road Name	Extent
Salisbury Road	North of Hadleigh Road
Southsea Avenue	North and south of Glendale Gardens
Lymington Avenue	North and south of Glendale Gardens
Leighville Grove	Entire length of the road
Grange Road	Entire length of the road
Glendale Gardens	Entire length of the road

The Experimental Order shall come into operation on 18th December 2023, and shall remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months during which time the Council will monitor the scheme and consider representations made to it before deciding whether or not to introduce a permanent scheme.

A detailed copy of the Experimental Order, together with a design to which the Experimental Order relates and the statement of reasons for making the Order, may be viewed at the Civic Centre Reception at the address stated on this notice or online at:

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/transport-policies-traffic-regulation-orders/traffic-regulation-orders-consultations/2>

Within a period of six months from the Experimental Order coming into force, or if that order is subsequently varied by another order under that Section or modified pursuant to sub-section 2 of Section 10 of the Act, from the coming into operation of that variation or modification (whichever is the latest), any person may object to the making of the order permanent. Objections to the provisions of this Experimental Order being made permanent, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be sent in writing to the Traffic Regulation Order Team at the address below by no later than 18th June 2024 or via email to traffweb@southend.gov.uk.

All written representations received concerning Traffic Regulation Orders are public documents that may be inspected by any person on demand.

Dated: 11th December 2023

R. Lumley
Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste

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The Southend-on-Sea City Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the 1984 Act”), as and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby makes the following Order:

- This Order may be cited as “The City of Southend-on-Sea (Leigh-on-Sea 20mph Speed Limits) Experimental Order 2023.”
- The effect of the Experimental Order, will be to introduce 20mph speed limits in various roads within Leigh-on-Sea. Location details have been provided in Schedule 1 to this Order.
- In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:-
 - “civil enforcement officer” has the same meaning as in Section 76 of the Traffic Management Act 2004
 - “Council” means The Southend-on-Sea City Council;
 - “penalty charge” and “penalty charge notice” have the same meanings as in The Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General Regulations 2007;
 - “restricted hours” means in relation to any restricted road the hours during which waiting is restricted as specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to this Order;
- The Experimental Order shall come into operation on **18th December 2023** and shall remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months.
- In accordance with Section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police, the Council’s Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment – now Environment and Place) shall be authorised to modify/suspend the operation of the Experimental Order or any provision of it.
- The prohibitions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the 1984 Act or by any other enactment.
- The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Given under the Common Seal of Southend-on-Sea City Council the 18th December 2023.

THE COMMON SEAL of
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed

in the presence of:

Richard Lumley

Director Highways, Transportation and Waste

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Lumley", is centered within a light gray rectangular box. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Schedule 1

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Statement of Reason/s

Proposal/s

The extent of the proposed scheme is the area bounded by London Road, Hadleigh Road, Station Road and Rectory Grove.

The boundaries between Leigh Ward and West Leigh Ward run along Grange Road and Marine Avenue. Thus the only roads in West Leigh Ward affected by the proposals is the western half of Grange Road and Salisbury Road as all other West Leigh roads within the area are already subject to 20mph speed limits. The scheme will introduce experimental 20mph speed limits, associated speed limit signage & road markings, entry treatments and speed tables on the following roads:

1. Salisbury Road north of Hadleigh Road
2. Southsea Avenue north and south of Glendale Gardens
3. Lymington Avenue north and south of Glendale Gardens
4. Leighville Grove
5. Grange Road
6. Glendale Gardens

There will also be speed tables installed on the following roads which are already subject to a 20 mph speed limit:

- 1) Percy Road
- 2) Westleigh Avenue
- 3) Fairleigh Drive

Raised tables will be constructed to a maximum height of 75mm. The pilot will remain in place for a period of 12 months and then depending on the outcome the scheme will either be formalised permanently or the measures will be removed. The success of the pilot will be assessed by comparing the '85th percentile speeds' prior to the installation of these measures with post-scheme speed data.

Reason/s

Department for Transport's Circular 01/2013 – 'Setting local speed limits', provides guidance on speed control measures in 20 mph zones. The scheme options have been designed in accordance with this publication; considering the following:

- a) Non-physical measures of speed reduction, such as vehicle activated speed limit signs and review of existing signing.
- b) Physical measures, such as build-outs, speed cushions and pillows and raised tables.

There is a significant difference between the characteristics of a 20mph speed limit and 20mph zone. 20mph speed limits are areas where the speed limit has been reduced but there are no physical measures to reduce vehicle speeds and drivers are alerted only with 20mph speed limit repeater signs and 20mph zones use traffic

calming measures which slow vehicles down to the speed limit and in this way the zone becomes self-enforcing.

The installation of regular traffic calming features would significantly reduce the amount of parking space available and would not be supported by the residents given the parking stress in all of the roads concerned.

20mph limits are most appropriate on roads where traffic speeds are already low, guidance (Department for Transport's Circular 01/2013 – 'Setting local speed limits') suggests below 24mph. All of the roads we intend to include within the 20mph limit have '85th percentile' speeds exceeding 24mph which suggests that signs alone will be insufficient.

Whilst it would have been preferable to install a 20mph speed zone, without the regular self-enforcing physical measures this is not possible. Due to the higher than usual '85th percentile' for 20mph speed limits, it is intended to install physical features at the entry points of the roads. This will reduce speeds to a level that will facilitate the implementation of 20mph speed limits instead.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Southend-on-Sea City Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act"), as and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All of the associated signing and lining will be in accordance with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) 2016.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of Southend-on-Sea City Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010