

Statement of Reason (SOR)

Proposal

The proposal is to extend the existing double yellow lines (No Waiting at Any Time) restrictions at the junction of Watson Close with Ness Road:

- on the west side of the road to the property boundary of No.2 and No.3,
- on the east wide of the road to the property boundary of No.18 and No.19.

Reasons

Watson Close, a residential cul-de-sac, has experienced issues with obstructive parking at its entrance and the entire length of the Close. The review of the Close identified that vehicles parked close to the junction and within the entrance and exit of the narrow road, restrict visibility creating safety concerns for both residents and road users. Due to vehicles parked down the narrow road, access, on occasions, becomes restricted for refuse vehicles and emergency services. Vehicles are required to mount the pavements, therefore damaging footways. Extending the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) at the junction and throughout the close will address these issues by improving sightlines and ensuring safe vehicle movements in and out of Watson Close.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The sections which the City Council are using for the implementation of the proposed scheme as above are 1, 2, 4 and 122. The grounds that encompassed the reason for these proposals in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 are:

- (a) 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, or
- (b) for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or
- (c) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

In addition, thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this scheme.

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.