

Statement of Reason

THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (WAITING, LOADING, STOPPING AND PARKING PLACES) (MAP BASED) (VARIOUS AMENDMENTS) AMENDMENT NO. X ORDER 2025

Proposal

It is proposed to introduce a Restricted Parking Zone – No Waiting at Any Time on High Street, Southend-on-Sea between Queensway and Weston Road, between Royal Terrace and Clarence Street, and at its junctions with London Road, Elmer Approach, Queens Road, Warrior Road, Whitegate Road and Southchurch Road as a new permanent Traffic Regulation Order.

Reasons

Due to procedural impropriety relating to the waiting restrictions element of the scheme consultation and Traffic Regulation Order process, a decision has been made to abandon that order and to restart the advertisement and consultation for the waiting restrictions element only, ensuring a transparent and compliant process is completed. The scheme will not change in design or nature.

Any representations received in response to the waiting restriction element only of the original consultation remain valid and will be duly considered in line with relevant legislation and regulations. There will be no requirement for the public to re-submit comments. Any new representations will need to be submitted via the correct process, as set out on the Notice of Intent, within the dates specified.

Scheme Reasons

Following the making of a Pedestrian Zone and Pedestrian Cycle Zone on the High Street, it is proposed to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions which will strengthen and compliment the pedestrian scheme to ensure that vehicles are not parked on the pedestrianised area. The improvement to the High Street are following the Central Government's production of the National Security Policy Framework which means there is a need to protect public areas (where reasonably practical) where large numbers of people may congregate.

This scheme will aim to protect members of the public and manage the day to day operation of the city centre. A bollard system will be in place and operated in accordance with the provisions of the traffic regulation order which was made earlier this year to minimise access, to effectively maintain safety for all road users.

The scheme will further formalise the Pedestrian Zone in Southend-on-Sea High Street by preventing vehicles from waiting at any time.

The consultation process will include engagement with relevant stakeholders including the BID.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The sections which the City Council are using for the implementation of this order as above are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 124 (and parts III & IV of Schedule 9) of the RTRA 1984.

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.