

## Statement of Reasons

### **THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (WAITING, LOADING, STOPPING AND PARKING PLACES) (MAP BASED) (VARIOUS AMENDMENTS) AMENDMENT NO. X ORDER 202\***

### **THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) (VARIOUS AMENDMENTS) AMENDMENT NO. X ORDER 202\***

#### **Proposals**

##### *On street:*

Southend-on-Sea City Council intend to make the following amendments to on street provisions:

- Replace the Loading Bay and part of the Limited Waiting bays (9am-6pm, 2hrs no return within 4hrs) on Western Esplanade outside The Arches with a Loading Only bay, operating 6am-9pm with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 2 hours;
- Replace part of the Limited Waiting bays (9am-6pm, 2hrs no return within 4hrs) on Western Esplanade outside The Arches with shared use bays for Payment Parking (Zone 1A, 8am-9pm) and Business Permit Holders Only (8am-9pm);
- Introduce a new "Zone 2A in CP-1" 11am-9pm Tariff Zone to align with the permit zone operational times;
- Introduce a new "Zone 3B in CP" 11am-9pm Tariff Zone to align with the permit zone operational times;
- Introduce a new "Zone 3A in V" 9.30am-4.30pm Tariff Zone to align with the permit zone operational times;
- Introduce a new "Zone 3B in C" 8.30am-6.30pm Tariff Zone to align with the permit zone operational times;
- Introduce a new "Zone 3A in SH" 9am-9pm Tariff Zone, to align with the permit zone operational times;
- Introduce a new "Zone 2A in M" 9am-6pm (Mon - Sat) and 11am-5pm (Sunday) Tariff Zone, to align with the permit zone operational times;
- Replace the Payment Parking bay (Zone 3A, 8am-6pm) on Rampart Street with shared use bays for Payment Parking (Zone 3A in SH, 9am-9pm) and Resident Permit Holders (Zone SH);
- Convert all existing Business Permit Holder bays and existing shared use bays for Business Permit Holders/Resident Permit Holders into shared use bays for Payment Parking (Zone 3B in C) and Permit Holders (Zone C) on Baxter Avenue, Boston Avenue, Harcourt Avenue, Sweyne Avenue and Wallis Avenue;
- Convert all existing Business Permit Holder bays into shared use bays for Payment Parking (Zone 3A in V) and Permit Holders (Zone V) on Coleman Street, Guildford Road, Milton Street, Prittlewell Street, St Ann's Road, Sutton Road and Wimborne Road (within Permit Zone V, tariff Zone 3A in V will apply at these locations);
- Convert the following Business Permit Bays into Resident Permit Bays, within Permit Zone H; Colemans Avenue, outside No.77 to No.79 and adjacent to No.220 Prince Avenue Service Road; Northville Drive, outside No.6 to No.8; Queen Anne's Drive, outside No.9 to No.19 and outside No.19, Richmond Drive, outside No.2, Rochester Drive, adjacent to No.151 Carlton Avenue;
- Replace part of the double yellow lines under the Pier on Western Esplanade with a Loading Only bay, operating 6am-9pm with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 2 hours;
- Replace part of the double yellow lines under the Pier on Western Esplanade with Business Permit Holders Only bays, operating 8am-9pm;

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- Replace the shared use bays for Loading Only 6am-8am/Payment Parking 8am-9pm bay on Western Esplanade with Business Permit Holders Only, operating 8am-9pm; and
- Introduce a No Loading at any time restriction under the Pier on Western Esplanade, for a distance of approximately 10 metres.

### *Off street:*

Southend-on-Sea City Council intend to make the following amendments to off street provisions:

- To amend the operational charge period for Civic Centre East Car Park to Saturday and Sunday and Bank Holidays. Eligible Permit Holders Only Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays .
- Revoke Permit (Red), Staff Permit (Orange) and Staff Permit (Blue).
- Introduce Staff Permit (Priority One), Staff Permit (Priority Two) and Staff Permit (Priority Three).
- Introduce Electric Vehicle bay parking in Eastwood Boulevard Car Park, Hadleigh Road Car Park, Leigh Hill Car Park, Parget Drive Car Park, Southchurch Park East Car Park and Sutherland Boulevard Car Park; and
- Schedule 1 of the 2022 Order will be replaced by Schedule 3 of this Order.

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### *On street:*

A review of parking demand in Zones C and V has identified several underutilised Business Permit Bays. To improve kerbside management and increase parking availability for paying customers, it is proposed that the Business Permit Bays listed in Section 3 be converted to Shared-Use Bays for Permit Holders and Paid Parking.

It has been identified that within Zone H, there are various Business Permit bays that have not been utilised in the last 4 years, as no business permits have been sold for this zone. To effectively manage kerbside space and allow additional parking for residents, it is proposed that the current Business Permit bays detailed in Item 3 of this report be converted to Resident bays.

The proposed amendment to parking on Western Esplanade would better accommodate local businesses and their specific parking needs, supporting economic activity in the area while optimising parking capacity.

Aligning the payment parking times with the permit parking times in Zones CP, CP-1, C, M, SH and V will help to avoid confusion and will eliminate enforcement ambiguity.

The changes proposed to the parking bay outside The Arches would align this parking bay with others in the area helping to avoid confusion and eliminate enforcement ambiguity.

### *Off street:*

The change in staff permit types is part of the broader Work Smart review conducted by the Council. This initiative reflects a commitment to creating a fair and efficient working environment, tailored to the evolving needs of employees.

To ensure proper management and enforcement of the car parks where the new permit types are authorised, they need to be included in the Off-Street Traffic Order.

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The Permit (Red) is revoked from use in Civic Centre East Car Park and Staff Permits (Priority Two) introduced. This Permit (Red) was previously assigned for use for one of the corporate tenants based in Civic 2 building, for parking in marked bays in Civic Centre East Car Park. The dedicated bays where the permits were used are to be returned to staff permit holders (Monday to Friday) and made available for all other customers on public holidays and weekends. This is to ensure public use is limited but available for use on public holidays and at weekends in Civic Centre East Car Park.

The introduction of Electric Vehicle bays into the Off-Street Order for every car park, will allow proper management and enforcement of these bays, when it is appropriate to enhance the number available.

Staff parking permits will continue to be provided for all employees who need them as part of the Work Smart Initiative.

### **Legislation**

The specific grounds with which the Council are using for the implementation of the proposals are encompassed in Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 44, 45, 46, 122 and 124(1)(d) and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

In considering whether to make this Order, Southend-on-Sea City Council has had regard to all relevant matters including its responsibility pursuant to Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), to secure so far as practicable the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway having regard to the matters specified in Section 122(2).

### **Equality Act 2010, Section 149**

Consideration has been given to the equalities duty of Southend-on-Sea City Council.