

Statement of Reason

THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (WAITING, LOADING, STOPPING AND PARKING PLACES) (MAP BASED) (HIGH STREET, LEIGH-ON-SEA) AMENDMENT NO.9 ORDER 2026

Proposal

Southend-on-Sea City Council are proposing to amend the waiting restrictions on High Street in Leigh-on-Sea as follows:

- To introduce a Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) - No Waiting at Any Time and No Loading at Any time - between the mini roundabout at the bottom of Belton Bridge to the dead end of the High Street, Leigh.
- To introduce No Loading and Unloading at Any Time restrictions on High Street, Leigh-on-Sea, adjacent to Belton Bridge, on the north side of the road for a distance of approx. 69 metres (m)
- Within the proposed Restricted Parking Zone, to introduce a Goods Vehicle Loading Only bay outside No.7 on the High Street, with an approximate distance of 18m.

Scheme Reasons

The RPZ is proposed, to prevent obstruction caused by vehicles stopping, parking and waiting down the High Street, Leigh-on-Sea which is a narrow road. The obstructions experience in recent years has posed a threat to this high foot fall location particularly in the peak summer period and or during events and emergency services have not been able to travel through or access the road. Businesses have also raised that access for refuse vehicles has been obstructed, risking missed collections.

The proposed RPZ, is the most suitable feasible restriction the Council can propose in this location, a Pedestrian Zone was considered however, this would prevent public access to Leigh Foundry and Victoria Wharf Car Parks which is not in the public interest.

No Loading and Unloading at Any Time restrictions have been proposed on High Street, Leigh-on-Sea adjacent to Belton Bridge, to prevent obstruction caused by vehicles stopping, parking and waiting on the current No Waiting at Any Time restrictions. Allowing unobstructed access to the remainder of the High Street and Belton Gardens South Car Park is essential to ensure vehicles are not parking in contravention due to inability to access the designated car park.

Further off-street disabled parking bays have been proposed in the three surrounding car parks, to increase parking availability for blue badge holders near to the High Street and to ensure blue badge holders are not negatively impacted by the introduction of the RPZ and No Loading and Unloading at any time restrictions.

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.