

## **Statement of Reasons Proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), Leigh Ward (Zone UA)**

### **Reasons**

The Council proposes introducing a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Uttons Avenue area of Leigh Ward, designated Zone UA. The area currently experiences unmanaged parking and significant displacement from nearby leisure activity, particularly the High Street. This results in obstruction, reduced visibility and restricted access at junctions and kerb lines, affecting both safety and residents. Local concerns have been raised consistently about these parking pressures over time.

The proposed parking scheme will formalise parking through resident permit bays, shared-use bays for short-stay visitor and paying-customer parking, a dedicated loading bay and waiting restrictions introduced as appropriate. Resident permits, visitor vouchers and carer permits will be available in accordance with the scheme's terms and conditions. The purpose is to prioritise kerbside space for residents while managing wider visitor demand in a controlled manner that supports local businesses without compromising residential needs. The designated off-street car parks at Hadleigh Road, Uttons Avenue and Leigh Hill will operate as shared-use facilities for permit holders, paying customers and short-stay peak-period visitor activity.

To enhance safety and maintain access for emergency and service vehicles, waiting restrictions are proposed at junctions and other critical points. The CPZ model delivers clear entry signage and consistent operating conditions across the area, reducing street clutter while maximising the number of formal parking spaces within required safety and legislative standards. A dedicated loading bay near local amenities will support business servicing needs.

Introducing Zone UA will provide a structured and enforceable parking framework that directly addresses resident concerns, improves traffic management and aligns with the [Council's 2024 to 2028 Corporate Plan](#) and the 2025 Parking Zone Policy. Implementation requires a Traffic Regulation Order. All representations made during the statutory consultation will be considered before a final decision is taken. The Council may proceed as advertised, make minor amendments or decide not to proceed.

### **Proposal**

#### **On-Street:**

- To introduce a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), Zone UA, 8am-6pm (Monday-Sunday). Brief details of the restrictions to be introduced in the CPZ are specified in Table 1 of this document.
- Parking charges apply where parking bays are designated as payment parking bays on the map schedules and by sign plate and subject to the relevant tariff zone.
- Permit charges apply where parking bays are designated as resident permit holders or permit holders only on the map schedules and by sign plate and subject to the permit and voucher charges in line with the Council's Fees and Charges.
- Residents with a registered address in the streets set out in the Order of this Controlled Parking Zone will be eligible for a permit.

#### **Off-Street:**

- To introduce the permit types to allow resident permit holders parking within Hadleigh Road, Uttons Avenue and Leigh Hill car parks.

- To incorporate the listed car park into the proposed Controlled Parking Zone (Zone UA), operating 8am to 6pm (Monday-Sunday). Brief details of the restrictions to be introduced in the CPZ are specified in Table 2 of this document.
- Parking charges apply where parking bays are designated as payment parking bays on the map schedules and by sign plate and subject to the tariff set out in the Order of this CPZ and in line with the Councils Fees and Charges.
- Permit charges apply where parking bays are designated as resident permit holders or permit holders only on the map schedules and by sign plate and subject to the permit and voucher charges in line with the Councils Fees and Charges.

### **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, 45, 46, 46A, 51 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.

**Table 1 – On-street restrictions**

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>
Introduce No Waiting at Any Time	Laurel Close, Uttons Avenue
Introduce Resident Permit Holders Only Zone UA, Mon-Sun, 8am-6pm bays	Laurel Close, Hadleigh Road (from its junction with Leigh Park Road to its junction with New Road), Uttons Avenue.
Introduce No Waiting, Mon-Sun, 8am-6pm	Hadleigh Road (from its junction with Leigh Park Road to its junction with New Road).
Introduce Loading Only bays	Leigh Hill
Introduce Shared Use Bays – Resident Permit Holders Zone UA OR Payment Parking Mon-Sun 8am-6pm	Leigh Hill

**Table 2 – Off-street restrictions**

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>
Introduce No Waiting at Any Time	Hadleigh Road Car Park, Leigh Hill Car Park and Uttons Avenue Car Park.
Introduce Shared Use Bays – Resident Permit Holders Zone UA OR Payment Parking Mon-Sun 8am-6pm	Hadleigh Road Car Park, Uttons Avenue Car Park and Leigh Hill Car Park.