

Statement of Reason
THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (WAITING, LOADING, STOPPING AND
PARKING PLACES) (MAP BASED) (WARRIOR SQUARE) AMENDMENT NO.9 ORDER
2026

Proposal

- To introduce No Loading at Any Time restrictions where there are existing No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (which are not proposed to be revoked in this Notice) within Warrior Square, Warrior Square East and Warrior Square West.
- To amend the current No Loading, 11am – 6pm restrictions to No loading at Any Time restrictions within Warrior Square, Warrior Square East and Warrior Square West.
- Revoke the 17 metre (m) Loading Only bay on Warrior Square North, replacing this with Payment Parking bays (8am – 6pm).
- To revoke 13 Payment Parking bays (8am – 6pm) replacing this with approx. 86m of No Waiting at Any Time and No Loading at Any Time on the south side of Warrior Square North.
- To introduce x5 solo motorcycle only bays approx. 2.5m each, on the south side of Warrior Square.
- To revoke all of the Payment Parking bays (8am – 6pm) excluding two (2), on the south side of Warrior Square, and to replace this with 107m of No Waiting at Any Time and No Loading at Any Time.

Reason

This project has been required due to footway reconstruction works and alignment, caused by damage from tree roots. The on-street parking amendments proposed, will realign the current traffic order with the new road layout.

The primary reason for charging for parking is to effectively manage kerb-side space and demand, in central on-street locations within busy residential and business areas. Effective parking management will aim to support wider transport policy objectives, ensuring that on-street space is used more effectively.

Effective management of parking provision is recognised as making a significant contribution to reducing congestion, whilst supporting access to residents, visitors and businesses.

Any income generated from on-street parking charges will be utilised to effectively manage parking in the first instance. Any surplus generated by the operation of the on-street parking service is used for other improvements in traffic management, highway improvements, environmental improvements, and subsidised and concessionary transport. This is in accordance with the current legislation and associated regulations.

No loading and unloading at any time restrictions (double yellow kerb blip markings) have been proposed to replace the current No Loading 11am – 6pm restrictions to prevent vehicle obstruction at all times within Warrior Square, Warrior Square East and Warrior Square North.

Solo motor-cycle bays have been proposed to allow motor-cycle vehicle parking on-street for access to local business. We have designated motorcycle bays located across the city, both on-street and within some of our Council operated car parks. Motorcyclists can park free of charge and with no time restriction if parked within these designated motorcycle bays. These bays are typically identified with “Solo Motorcycles Only”, “Solo M/C” or just “M/C”.

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, 35, 45 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.