

Statement of Reason

Proposal

Southend-on-Sea City Council proposes to amend the Traffic Regulation Order within St Laurence Ward by revoking the existing Permit Parking Areas (Zones RR, WA and EC) and introducing a consolidated Permit Parking Area (Zone AR).

The proposals also include the introduction of waiting restrictions where necessary, including No Waiting at Any Time and time-limited waiting restrictions, together with the retention and formalisation of parking provision, including limited waiting and disabled persons' parking places where appropriate.

Reasons

The proposals are intended to address existing parking issues within the Airport locality, where three separate permit parking schemes currently operate independently.

This arrangement has resulted in parking displacement between streets, increased vehicle circulation and congestion, particularly along key routes including bus corridors, and pressure on streets without restrictions.

The introduction of a single Permit Parking Area will:

- Create a consistent and coherent parking arrangement across the area.
- Reduce parking displacement and improve the availability of parking for residents and their visitors.
- Manage commuter, airport-related and non-resident parking demand.
- Improve road safety and reduce congestion by limiting unnecessary vehicle movements.
- Simplify enforcement and improve clarity for motorists through a unified scheme.
- Reduce reliance on extensive road markings by controlling parking primarily through signage and permit requirements.

The scheme also responds to concerns regarding parking pressure, pedestrian safety and traffic conditions.

A targeted resident engagement indicated support for the proposal, including strong support for the inclusion of additional roads within the scheme.

Legislation

The Council has exercised its powers under Sections 1, 2, 4 and 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

In particular, the proposals are considered necessary:

- for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or preventing the likelihood of such danger arising.
- for facilitating the safe and convenient movement of traffic.
- for providing suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

In making this Order, the Council has had regard to its duty under Section 122 of the 1984 Act.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All associated signing and lining will be provided in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

Equality Act 2010, Section 149

The Council has had due regard to its duties under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 in making this Order.