

Statement of Reason

THE SOUTHEND BOROUGH COUNCIL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER THE
SOUTHEND (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2022

THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (VARIOUS
AMENDMENTS) AMENDMENT NO. * ORDER 2026

Proposal:

- (i) To introduce provisions restricting the use of Disabled Persons Parking Places within off-street parking places to vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Person's Badge.
- (ii) To introduce Registration Services Visitor Parking Places subject to the applicable parking charges, a maximum stay of 1 hour, and no return within 2 hours at Civic Centre North Car Park.
- (iii) To introduce a Staff Permit (Priority 1A) for employees with limited mobility approved by the Council, permitting vehicles displaying a valid permit to use designated Priority 1A Staff Permit bays.
- (iv) To designate specified parking bays within Civic Centre East Car Park as Priority 1A Staff Permit only bays.

Reason

The permanent amendment to the current parking restrictions in this area is to support accessibility, fairness and inclusion by helping ensure disabled parking bays, visitors' parking places and staff permit (Priority 1A) for Employees remain available to those who rely on them.

These proposals have been carefully considered, for a balance to accommodate residents, and visitors whilst maintaining traffic flow.

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 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

Due Regard for Traffic Orders and Notices

The Southend-on-Sea City Council has a duty to give 'due regard to' the following three aims of the public sector equality duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) during the development of the policy.

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the ACT:
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it; and
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic

An initial assessment against each of the protected groups is provided below – any issues highlighted through the consultation process will be considered and reported at the end of the consultation period.

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Notice/ Traffic Order Title	The Southend Borough Council (Waiting, Loading, Stopping and Parking Places) (Map Based) (Consolidation) Order 2021 The Southend-on-Sea City Council (Off-street Parking Places) (Various Amendments) Amendment No.* Order 2026

Protected group	Challenge or opportunity considered and what we did
Age(A)	No negative or positive impact on this group has been identified at this time.
Disability (D)	No negative or positive impact on this group has been identified at this time. Blue badge holders have certain concessions to park on certain restrictions, free of charge, when displaying a valid blue badge, as follows; • Disabled bays on roadside or in car parks (for up to the period indicated on the adjacent sign) • Any roadside pay-by-phone or pay-and-display bays (free of charge) • Any council-owned car park where pay-by-phone or pay-and-display is in use (free of charge) • Up to three hours on single or double yellow lines, where there is no loading/unloading restriction. (Blue badge and clocks must be displayed). Additional blue badge bay provision located close to local facilities to improve access.
Sex (S)	No negative or positive impact on this group has been identified at this time.
Race (including Gypsy & Traveller) (R))	No negative or positive impact on this group has been identified at this time.
Gender reassignment (GR)	No negative or positive impact on this group has been identified at this time.
Marriage & civil partnership (MCP)	No negative or positive impact on this group has been identified at this time.
Pregnancy & maternity (PM)	No negative or positive impact on this group has been identified at this time.
Religion and/or Belief (RAOB)	No negative or positive impact on this group has been identified at this time.

Sexual Orientation (SO)	No negative or positive impact on this group has been identified at this time.
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Monitoring and Review

Please identify any aspects that require reconsideration following the TRO consultation process, identify any amendments made in relation to due regard and give reasoning.

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