

Statement of Reason

THE SOUTHEND BOROUGH COUNCIL (WAITING, LOADING, STOPPING AND PARKING PLACES) (MAP BASED) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2021

THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (WAITING, LOADING, STOPPING AND PARKING PLACES) (MAP BASED) (NORWICH AVENUE) AMENDMENT NO.* ORDER 2026

Proposals:

- (i) amend the existing No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) on the west side of Norwich Avenue adjacent to Cluny Square Park to provide a continuous restriction, by introducing restrictions across 2 currently unrestricted gaps located to the north and south of the point opposite its junction with Pantile Avenue.

Reasons:

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order is intended to extend the existing No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on the west side of Norwich Avenue, adjacent to Cluny Square Park, across two short sections of currently unrestricted carriageway.

The existing gaps allow vehicles to park between the sections of double yellow lines. When a vehicle is parked within these areas, the available carriageway width is reduced, which can make it more difficult for larger vehicles to pass along Norwich Avenue and to manoeuvre when turning into Pantile Avenue.

The issue has been identified following feedback from the local bus operator, which has advised that vehicles parked within the unrestricted gaps can cause difficulties for buses and other larger vehicles using the road.

Extending the existing No Waiting at Any Time restrictions across the two gaps will prevent vehicles from parking in these locations and maintain a greater available carriageway width. This will assist the movement and manoeuvrability of larger vehicles, including buses, particularly when negotiating the junction with Pantile Avenue.

The proposal is limited to two short gaps in the existing restrictions and is intended to address the specific highway operation issue identified at this location, while maintaining the existing parking arrangements elsewhere along Norwich Avenue.

The Council has therefore concluded that the proposed restriction is appropriate having regard to the existing highway conditions and the need to maintain the safe and unobstructed movement of traffic along Norwich Avenue and at its junction with Pantile Avenue.

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