STATEMENT OF REASONS

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) (MILTON AREA - ZONE AT) AMENDMENT NO.* ORDER 2026

Reasons

1. To create a single coherent parking regime within the existing Zones M and MW, thereby providing greater flexibility for residents through access to a wider combined permit area.
2. To standardise operational hours across the merged area and provide greater clarity and consistency for residents, visitors and other road users.
3. To improve the management of parking demand, including nuisance parking, visitor demand and displacement from surrounding areas.
4. To introduce and amend parking places, waiting and loading restrictions where required to support the safe and effective management of the highway.
5. To consolidate and clarify resident permit eligibility across the merged area and provide a consistent basis for determining eligible residential properties within the new parking zone.
6. To reflect the outcome of the informal engagement undertaken, including support received for the proposed changes affecting Queens Road.

Proposal

The proposal requires the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to merge the existing Milton Resident Parking Scheme (Zone M) and Milton West Resident Parking Scheme (Zone MW) to form a single new Milton Area Controlled Parking Zone.

The proposed Order will standardise the operational hours across the merged area to Monday to Sunday, 8am to 6pm, and make associated changes to parking places, waiting and loading restrictions, signage and resident permit eligibility.

The proposal also includes revised parking arrangements on Queens Road and the consolidation of the existing Zone M and Zone MW resident permit eligibility arrangements into a single Eligible Property Schedule.

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