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Reasons

Southend-on-Sea City Council proposes a revised Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) within the Uttons Avenue area of Leigh Ward, designated Zone UA. The area continues to experience significant parking pressure associated with residential demand, visitor parking and activity connected with Old Leigh and nearby attractions. These pressures can result in congestion, obstruction of junctions and accesses, reduced visibility, and difficulties for residents, service vehicles and emergency vehicles. The Council has received consistent concerns regarding parking availability, displacement parking, highway safety and access within the area.

As a result of the consultation feedback, the scheme has been revised to provide greater priority for residents. The proposed shared-use parking arrangements within Hadleigh Road Car Park and Uttons Avenue Car Park have been amended so that these facilities will operate primarily as permit-holder-only parking for eligible Zone UA residents. Leigh Hill Car Park will continue to provide shared-use parking for permit holders and short-stay paying visitors in recognition of the need to balance residential parking demand with the needs of local businesses and visitors to Old Leigh.

The revised proposals also extend the Zone UA boundary to include Leigh Park Road and expand permit eligibility to additional nearby residential properties, including properties within Norman Terrace, Norman Place, Pleasant Terrace, The Terrace and Church Hill. These amendments respond directly to concerns raised regarding displaced parking and the reliance of nearby residents on parking facilities within the proposed zone.

Waiting restrictions at junctions, bends and other critical locations have been reviewed following consultation feedback and retained where necessary to maintain visibility, facilitate access, preserve carriageway width and ensure safe manoeuvring for all road users. A dedicated loading facility near The Ship Hotel is also proposed to support servicing requirements for local businesses while reducing obstruction caused by loading activity.

The revised CPZ proposals seek to provide a balanced and enforceable parking management framework that prioritises residents, improves road safety, supports local businesses through controlled short-stay parking provision and addresses parking displacement concerns identified during the previous consultation. The proposals align with the Council's Parking Zone Policy and wider objectives to improve traffic management, accessibility and highway safety.

As the revised scheme differs materially from the proposals previously advertised, particularly in relation to permit eligibility, zone boundaries and parking bay designations, a further statutory consultation is being undertaken before any final decision is made. All representations received during this consultation will be fully considered before the Council decides whether to proceed, amend the proposals further or not implement the scheme.

Proposal

- Establish Zone UA operating between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Sunday, within the boundary shown on the consultation plans.
- Introduce on-street parking, waiting and loading arrangements, including Zone UA resident permit-holder-only parking, payment parking, loading provision and waiting restrictions at locations shown on the consultation plans.
- Introduce a payment parking bay on Leigh Hill, outside The Ship Hotel, operating between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Sunday, with a maximum stay of 1 hour and no return within 4 hours.
- Introduce a Loading Only bay on Leigh Hill, near The Ship Hotel, operating at all times, with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 2 hours.
- Introduce or amend waiting restrictions within the proposed Zone UA area, including No Waiting at Any Time and No Waiting, Monday to Sunday, 8am to 6pm, as shown on the consultation plans.
- Introduce Zone UA permit-holder-only parking within Uttons Avenue Car Park and Hadleigh Road Car Park, operating between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Sunday.
- Introduce shared-use parking within Leigh Hill Car Park for Zone UA permit holders and paying motorists, operating between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Sunday. Paying motorists would be limited to a maximum stay of 2 hours with no return within 4 hours, while vehicles using a valid Zone UA permit would not be subject to the short-stay limit or payment parking charge.
- Provide eligibility to purchase Zone UA resident parking permits for residential properties specified in the proposed Zone UA Eligible Property Schedule, and introduce, replace or reposition the necessary parking signs, road markings and associated equipment.

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