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) (TUNBRIDGE ROAD AREA - ZONE TR) AMENDMENT NO.* ORDER 2026

Reasons

Southend-on-Sea City Council proposes to introduce a new Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) within the Tunbridge Road area of Victoria Ward, designated Zone TR. The area experiences ongoing parking pressures associated with visitor activity and displacement from nearby paid parking facilities, particularly those associated with the Civic Centre. These pressures have resulted in nuisance parking within residential streets and reduced availability of on-street parking for local residents.

Concerns have also been raised regarding speeding and pedestrian safety within the area. The absence of a controlled parking arrangement has contributed to parking pressures and makes it difficult to prioritise available kerbside space for residents.

The proposed scheme seeks to introduce a regulated resident permit parking arrangement to provide greater priority for local households, discourage long-stay parking by non-residents and establish a structured and enforceable approach to parking management. The introduction of controlled parking will also help address parking displacement and improve the management of available highway space.

The proposed arrangements include the introduction of marked resident permit-holder-only parking bays, together with appropriate waiting restrictions at junctions, bends and other locations where restrictions are necessary to maintain visibility, facilitate access, support pedestrian safety and ensure effective traffic management.

The proposed Zone TR arrangements seek to provide a balanced and enforceable parking management framework that prioritises residential parking, addresses nuisance and displacement parking, and supports improved highway safety and accessibility within the surrounding residential streets.

Proposal

- Establish a new Controlled Parking Zone (Zone TR), operating between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Sunday, within the boundary shown on the consultation plans.
- Introduce marked Resident Permit Holders Only parking bays within the proposed Zone TR area, operating between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Sunday, at the locations shown on the consultation plans.

- Introduce or amend waiting restrictions within the proposed Zone TR area, including No Waiting at Any Time and No Waiting, Monday to Sunday, 8am to 6pm restrictions, at locations shown on the consultation plans.
- Provide eligibility to purchase Zone TR resident parking permits for the residential properties specified within the proposed Zone TR Eligible Property Schedule.
- Apply the Council's approved resident parking permit and visitor voucher charges to Zone TR.
- Introduce, replace or reposition the necessary Zone TR entry and exit signs, parking signs, road markings and associated equipment to reflect the proposed parking arrangements.

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