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) (THORPE BAY GARDENS) AMENDMENT NO.* ORDER 2026

Reasons

Southend-on-Sea City Council proposes to introduce new waiting restrictions along sections of Thorpe Bay Gardens where parking is currently unrestricted. Concerns have been raised regarding parking activity within these sections, with the area also identified as a hotspot for anti-social behaviour. Parking activity has formed part of the wider concerns reported within the locality.

The existing unrestricted parking arrangements provide no formal control over waiting within the affected sections of the road. The proposed restrictions seek to provide greater control over parking activity and introduce clear and enforceable parking arrangements to assist in managing the parking-related element of the concerns identified.

The proposals will introduce a No Waiting restriction operating daily between 8am and 9pm along both sides of Thorpe Bay Gardens, serving Nos. 1 to 47 and extending to its junction with St Augustine's Avenue. This will provide greater control over parking during the specified hours while allowing parking outside the restricted periods.

Further No Waiting at Any Time restrictions will be introduced along both sides of Thorpe Bay Gardens, serving Nos. 57 to 131, including the turning area at the end of the restricted section. These restrictions will provide continuous parking control within this section.

The proposed arrangements seek to improve the management of parking within Thorpe Bay Gardens by addressing the parking-related concerns through appropriate waiting restrictions. Wider anti-social behaviour and other matters outside the scope of parking enforcement will continue to be addressed separately by the appropriate services and partner organisations.

Proposal

- To introduce No Waiting restrictions, operating daily from 8am to 9pm and indicated by single yellow lines, on both sides of Thorpe Bay Gardens along the section serving Nos. 1 to 47 and extending to its junction with St Augustine's Avenue.
- To introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions, indicated by double yellow lines, on both sides of Thorpe Bay Gardens along the section serving Nos. 57 to 131, including the turning area at the end of the restricted section.

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