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) (LUCY ROAD) AMENDMENT NO.* ORDER 2026

Reasons

Southend-on-Sea City Council proposes to amend the existing parking arrangements on Lucy Road by introducing a designated Loading Only bay outside Nos. 29–30. Lucy Road is located close to Southend seafront and accommodates a number of commercial premises which require access for deliveries and loading activities. There is currently no designated loading facility along the road, creating difficulties for businesses requiring vehicles to stop for loading and unloading.

The proposed scheme will introduce an approximately 15-metre Loading Only bay, replacing three existing pay-and-display parking bays. The facility will provide a dedicated area for vehicles undertaking loading and unloading activities, improving access for deliveries and servicing of nearby commercial premises.

The proposed loading bay will operate 24 hours a day, with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 2 hours. These restrictions are intended to encourage turnover and help ensure the facility remains available for short-term loading and unloading activities.

Although the proposal will reduce the number of pay-and-display parking spaces available on Lucy Road, the introduction of a dedicated loading facility will provide improved provision for commercial servicing requirements and support the needs of businesses operating within the area.

The proposed amendments seek to provide a more effective arrangement for loading and unloading on Lucy Road, improving access for commercial deliveries while ensuring the facility remains available through appropriate time restrictions.

Proposal

- Convert the pay and display parking bay outside Nos, 29-30 Lucy Road to a loading only bay, 24hours a day, maximum stay 30 minutes, and No Return within 2 hours.

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