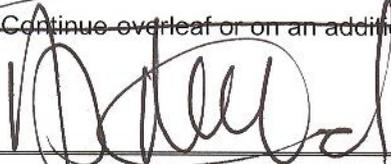


ED2. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS BY A CABINET MEMBER OR AN OFFICER

A. Report Title: Southend Road, Grays – Parking Restrictions	
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C. Decision Maker: Andrew Millard	
D. Position held: Head of Strategic Planning and Transportation	
E. Key decision: YES/NO No	F. Delegation ref:
G. Is the decision urgent? YES/NO No	
H. If yes, state why.	

I. DECISION (strike out whichever does not apply) : 1. I agree the recommendations in the attached report for the reasons given in the report; OR 2. *My decision is: *The reason for my decision is: * Continue overleaf or on an additional sheet if necessary.	
Signed: 	Date: 15.2.11

URGENCY

Democratic Services will arrange for the completion of the following:	
J. I confirm that in my opinion a decision on this matter is urgent and cannot reasonably be delayed:	
Signed:	Date:

To be completed by Democratic Services

Date decision received by Dem. Services:	Date decision published:
Implementation date:	

JANUARY 2011		ITEM
Delegated Decision Report		
SOUTHEND ROAD, GRAYS – PARKING RESTRICTIONS		
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Yash Gupta - Environment		
Wards and communities affected: Little Thurrock Rectory	Key Decision: No	
Accountable Head of Service: Andrew Millard, Head of Planning and Transportation		
Accountable Director: Bill Newman, Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities		
This report is Public		
Purpose of Report: To consider objections to a proposal to implement double yellow lines in and around Southend Road, Grays.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A request was received to provide double yellow line parking restrictions along Southend Road between Lenmore Avenue and St. Georges Avenue, and also into and around the side road junctions. Objections to the proposal were received. To prevent problems with displaced parking, it is recommended that the proposed restrictions are relaxed to permit parking after 6.00pm at night.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 It is recommended that following consideration of the objections, the proposed parking restrictions should be amended to prohibit parking between 8.00am – 6.00pm Mon-Sat on Southend Road and At any time around the junctions as proposed for reasons of safety.**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1** Following the receipt of a service request for double yellow lines to be provided around the junctions off Southend Road, the statutory consultation was carried out between 8th October 2010 to 5th November 2010. During this time, a number of objections were received.

- 2.2 The extent of the proposed restrictions was to provide a short distance of double yellow lines into, and around the side road junctions of Tennyson Avenue, Ward Avenue, St. Georges Avenue, Lenmore Avenue, Balfour Avenue and College Road. It was also proposed to provide double yellow lines along Southend Road from Ward Avenue to St. Georges Avenue. The attached plans show the extent of the proposals.
- 2.3 15 of the objections were received from 6 households, 7 were visitors to residents of Southend Road and 2 were from businesses in Southend Road.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The nature of the objections is that residents with more than one vehicle and their visitors would have nowhere to park. Of the households that raised objection, parking restrictions are proposed directly in front of just one of them. Single yellow line parking restrictions are already in place in front of the majority of the objectors' properties. The length of the double yellow line restrictions proposed into the junctions is approximately 10m long which is 2 car lengths.
- 3.2 Southend Road is a busy road for traffic going into and out of Grays and is also a bus route.
- 3.3 In Southend Road, between the Lenmore Avenue and Balfour Road junctions, there are two pedestrian islands in the centre of the carriageway and central hatching. Vehicles are frequently found to be parked two wheels up on the footways along this stretch, causing vehicles to over-run the central hatching at busy times.
- 3.4 The single yellow lines that are in place along other areas of Southend Road at present permit parking outside the hours of 8.00am – 6.00pm Mon-Sat. To provide consistency and to prevent potential parking displacement problems, the proposed restrictions along the length of Southend Road could be reduced to a single yellow, 'No parking 8.00am – 6.00pm Mon-Sat' restriction. The proposed restrictions at the junctions should remain as double yellow 'At any time' restrictions.

4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

Ward Members were consulted on this report between 25/01/2011 and 01/02/2011. No comments were received.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 5.1 These actions accord with the Council priorities to create a safer environment.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

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The cost of implementing the restrictions as recommended would cost approx £1500 and would be funded from the Capital parking code E1843 9881 T3451. There is sufficient funding available for this scheme

6.2 **Legal**

Implications verified by: Alison Stuart
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At a general level, it is important to ensure that delegated decisions are taken by the appropriate officer, and that the origin of the delegation can be readily identified in case of future challenge.

In this instance, should a parking restrictions be carried forward to implementation, they would be subject to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Under the provision of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, local authorities can implement TROs, designed to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use of a road or any part of the width of a road by vehicular traffic. A TRO may take effect at all times or during specified periods, and certain classes of traffic may be exempted from a TRO.

Permanent TROs are subject to the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, which impose various legal requirements prior to the making of an order. These requirements include publishing a notice of the proposals in a local newspaper and allowing potential objectors 21 days to make representations. It is incumbent on the Council to take account of any representations made as a consequence of such an advertisement.

Enforcement of parking restrictions falls within the remit of the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers.

6.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: Samson DeAlyn
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There are no direct diversity and equality implications noted in this report.

6.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

None

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 Vehicles are frequently found to be parking 2 wheels up on the footway along Southend Road, causing vehicles to over-run the central hatching. This practice should be discouraged. However, residents in other areas of Southend Road are currently permitted to park outside their properties outside of the hours 8.00am – 6.00pm. For consistency and to prevent potential problems arising from the displaced parking, the proposed restrictions should be amended to single yellow, as other areas of Southend Road. The restrictions at the junctions should remain as double yellow 'At any time' as proposed.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- Objections

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- Plan showing extent of proposed restrictions

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