

MINUTES
of the
SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS SUB-COMMITTEE
held on 1 November 2023 at 2pm

Members present:

Councillor Laureen Shaw – Essex County Council
Councillor Carole Morris – Basildon Borough Council
Councillor Darryl Sankey – Brentwood Borough Council

Officers present:

Nick Binder – Chelmsford City Council
William Butcher – Chelmsford City Council
Dan Sharma-Bird – Chelmsford City Council

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting of the Sub-Committee.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Matters Arising and minutes of meeting on 1st November 2022

There were no matters arising from the last meeting and the minutes of the meeting on 1st November 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH)

(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)

(AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202*

Relating to Tresco Way and Westray Walk, Wickford.

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed the

introduction of double yellow lines on the junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk. The Sub-Committee heard that during the site visit vehicles were observed parking too close to the junction and rule 243 of the Highway Code clearly stated vehicles should not park within ten metres of a junction, which as a fundamental part of road safety.

Six representations, all objections had been received from the public following advertising of the proposed Order. A Local resident felt that the sightline was difficult for large vehicles, but it was not a high traffic area and focus should instead be on the nearby school.

The Sub-Committee felt that the proposals would reinforce the Highway Code and improve road safety and therefore should be approved.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)

(AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Tresco Way and Westray Walk. Wickford, be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

5. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202*
Relating to Tenterfields, Shirley Gardens, Langford Grove and Fairfax
Avenue, Basildon.

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed the introduction of double yellow lines in Tenterfields and the other junctions with Shirley Gardens, Langford Grove and Fairfax Avenue, Basildon. The Sub-Committee heard that during the site visit vehicles were observed parking too close to the junction and rule 243 of the Highway Code clearly stated vehicles should not park within ten metres of a junction, which as a fundamental part of road safety.

Five representations, all objections had been received from the public following the advertising of the proposed order.

The Sub-Committee however felt that the proposals would reinforce the Highway Code and improve road safety and therefore should be approved.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Tenterfields, Shirley Gardens, Langford Grove and Fairfax Avenue, Basildon, be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.16pm to 3.20pm)

6. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202*
Relating to Heathleigh Drive, Berry Lane and The Durdans, Langdon Hills.

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above order, which proposed the introduction of double yellow lines on the junctions of Berry Lane/Heathleigh Drive and Heathleigh Drive/The Durdans and opposite No.5 The Durdans. The Sub-Committee heard that during site visits, vehicles were observed parking too close to the junctions.

Seven representations, five in support and two in objection had been received from the public following the advertising of the proposed order. The Sub-Committee heard from a Local Ward Cllr and a Local resident, who felt that the area would be made safer with the parking restrictions in place as it would allow lines of sight at the junctions and enforce the law surrounding parking close to junctions.

The Sub-Committee felt that the proposals would reinforce the Highway Code and improve road safety and therefore should be approved.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Heathleigh Drive, Berry Lane and The Durdans, Langdon Hills, Basildon, be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(2.06pm to 2.13pm)

7. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202*
Relating to High Road North and Winchester Gardens, Basildon.

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above order, which proposed the introduction of double yellow lines on the junction of High Road North and Winchester

Gardens in Basildon. The Sub-Committee heard that during the site visits, vehicles were observed parking too close to the traffic calming chicane and junction with Winchester Gardens. It was noted that rule 243 of the Highway Code clearly stated vehicles should not park with ten metres of a junction, which was a fundamental part of road safety. The Sub-Committee heard that due to the objections and a lack of representations supporting the proposal and the level of on-street parking observed since the formal consultation, the technicians recommended that the order be made in part, by only implementing double yellow lines on the junction of High Road North and Winchester Gardens. It was noted that the Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Basildon concurred with the recommendation and to monitor it going forward.

Six representations, all objections had been received from the public following the advertising of the proposed order.

The Sub-Committee felt that the proposals would reinforce the Highway Code and improve road safety and therefore should be approved.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to High Road North and
Winchester Gardens, Basildon, be made in part by only implementing double yellow lines
on the junction of High Road North and Winchester Gardens and those who made
representations be advised accordingly.

(3.20pm to 3.28pm)

8. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202*
Relating to Queens Road, Kings Crescent and Chesham Drive, Basildon.

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above order, which proposed the introduction of double yellow lines for the junction of Queens Road/Chesham Drive and where Queens Road met Kings Crescent. The initial application had been for parking restrictions for Queens Road, Kings Crescent and Chesham Drive in Basildon. During site visits it was observed that vehicles were parking too close to the junctions, but considering the remaining vehicles parked within the road did not constitute a concentrated parking problem and did not meet the SEPP policy for restrictions, it was not recommended to implement the no waiting restrictions between the hours of 8:30am -10:30am and 4:30pm – 6:30pm. It was also noted that a single yellow line would also be detrimental to residents and their visitors. Therefore, a recommendation for double yellow lines on the junction of Queens Road/Chesham Drive and where Queens Road met Kings Crescent had been recommended instead.

One representation, in objection had been received from the public following the advertising of the proposed order, however the Sub-Committee felt that the proposals would reinforce the Highway Code and improve road safety and therefore should be approved.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Queens Road, Kings Crescent and Chesham Drive, Basildon be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.28pm to 3.30pm)

9. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202*
Relating to Swan Mead, Clay Hill Road and Collingwood Road, Basildon.

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above order, which proposed the introduction of Double Yellow Lines in Swan Mead, Clay Hill Road and Collingwood Road, Basildon. During site visits vehicles were observed parking too close to junctions, parking along Swan Mead was causing difficulties for larger vehicles and residents access along with noting that footway repairs had been required as a result.

One representation, in objection had been received from the public following the advertising of the proposed order. The Sub-Committee heard from the member of the public who felt that the proposals would devalue their property, the parking problems were caused by inconsiderate parking from residents on nearby roads, they were being unfairly penalised and how would tradespeople work at their property. In response officers informed the member of the public that dispensations would be available for tradespeople to carry out works on their property if required and that parking restrictions along one side would not help on an already very narrow road.

The Sub-Committee felt that the proposals would reinforce the Highway Code and improve road safety and therefore should be approved.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Swan Mead, Clay Hill Road and Collingwood Road, Basildon be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(2.14pm to 2.23pm)

10. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202*

Relating to Westbourne Drive, Shevon Way, Lilley Close and Lindsey Close,
Brentwood.

The Sub-Committee considered representation on the above order, which proposed the introduction of Double Yellow Lines at junctions on Swan Mead, Clay Hill Road and Collingwood Road, Basildon. The Sub-Committee heard that the initial request had been for parking restrictions on the above roads, but the 50% response rate in SEPP policy had not been met, therefore the Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Brentwood agreed that there was insufficient support to proceed to the formal consultation stage. During site visits however, parking too close to junctions had been observed and therefore the proposal for double yellow lines on the junctions had been taken forward.

Two representations, in objection had been received from the public following the advertising of the proposed order. The Sub-Committee heard from a local resident, who felt there was not a parking problem in the area, there was sufficient room for emergency services vehicles, various people living in the maisonettes would lose the areas within which they park and would have to walk long distances to their properties as a result. In response officers stated that the proposals would simply reinforce the existing highway code, in preventing parking near to junctions, and it was important to have safe sight lines. The Sub-Committee felt that they had to consider the highway safety and existing highway code rules about parking near junctions and that the scheme should therefore be approved.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Westbourne Drive, Shevon
Way, Lilley Close and Lindsey Close, Brentwood be made as advertised and those who
made representations be advised accordingly.

(2.24pm to 2.39pm)

11. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202*

Relating to Primrose Hill, Brentwood.

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above order, which proposed the amendment of the resident permit scheme from Mon-Sat 9am-6pm to all days 8am-11pm

and for the single yellow lines to be amended to a double yellow line. The Sub-Committee heard that the level of parking had increased significantly since the initial introduction of the restrictions 15 years ago, however it should only be extended 8am-11pm when enforcement could be carried out. Therefore, SEPP had recommended that the single yellow line in Primrose Hill be amended to a double yellow line and that the times of the permit be extended, but that Primrose Hill should remain in Zone B as giving it its own zone would lead to other requests being received and schemes would become less effective.

Seven representations, six in support and one in objection had been received from the public following the advertising of the proposed order. The Sub-Committee heard from a local resident who spoke on behalf of various neighbours. They stated that the lane was narrow and one way, and therefore inconsiderate parking had been blocking the road. They also stated that it was difficult for vehicles to turn in and out of the lane and drivers were often forced to reverse dangerously.

The Sub-Committee felt that the proposals would reinforce the Highway Code and improve road safety and therefore should be approved.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Primrose Hill, Brentwood be
made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(2.40pm to 2.46pm)

12. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202*
Relating to Roman Road and Roman Close, Mountnessing.

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above order, which proposed the introduction of Double Yellow Lines on junctions on Roman Road and Roman Close. During site visits, it had been observed that vehicles were parking too close to the junctions, in contravention with the Highway Code. The Technician noted that due to the nature of the junction, Double Yellow Lines were recommended up to the block paving with Roman Close, which would also protect the entrance to the properties on the right as entering Roman Close, for a total of approximately 15 metres.

Two representations, one in support and one in objection had been received from the public following the advertising of the proposed order. The Sub-Committee heard from a Local Ward Cllr and local resident, who stated that the junction protection was required as there were no sight lines available. They also stated that they would prefer a longer restriction but understood that would require another application and they were keen for the current one to go ahead first.

The Sub-Committee felt that the proposals would reinforce the Highway Code and improve road safety and therefore should be approved.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Roman Road and Roman Close, Mountnessing be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(2.46pm to 2.53pm)

13. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202*
Relating to The Quorn, Whadden Chase and Wakelin Chase, Ingatestone.

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above order, which proposed amending the single yellow lines in the turning head and on the junctions to Double Yellow Lines. The Sub-Committee heard that during site visits, vehicles had been observed parking in the turning head at the end of The Quorn and on the bend where entering the Quorn, causing damage to the grass verge as larger vehicles could not gain access without driving over it to pass the parked vehicle. It was noted that neither location was adequate for on street parking and it would be prudent to protect the bend and the turning head with double yellow lines to at least ensure access and turning. It was also noted it would be prudent to amend the single yellow line on the junctions of Whadden Chase with the Quorn and Wakelin Chase to double yellow lines to enforce Rule 243 of the Highway Code. It was noted that the double yellow lines would also ensure easier access for larger vehicles, alongside keeping turning facilities clear.

One representation, in objection had been received from the public following the advertising of the proposed order. The Sub-Committee heard from comments from a Local resident that were read out, stating they did not see any parking problems and querying how family members would park to visit them. In response officers stated that the driveway of the property referred to would not be affected by the restrictions and it would be consistent with other schemes.

The Sub-Committee felt that the proposals would reinforce the Highway Code and improve road safety and therefore should be approved.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)

(AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to The Quorn, Whadden Chase and Wakelin Chase, Ingatestone be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.30pm to 3.35pm)

14. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202*
Relating to Station Lane, Gatehouse Mews and The Paddocks, Ingatestone.

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above order, which proposed amending the single yellow line to Double Yellow lines in Station Lane near to the level crossing, due to vehicles parking there and causing an unsafe situation. The Sub-Committee heard that during site visits no vehicles were parked in the location, but on two occasions vehicles were parked close to the level crossing near the Gatehouse Mews Junction, causing a potential issue. It was noted that due to being near a level crossing the parking restrictions should be amended for obvious safety issues to ensure safe access and strong sight lines.

One representation, in objection had been received from the public following the advertising of the proposed order. The Sub-Committee heard from a local resident who stated that they did not feel parking in the area was a significant problem. They said that on rail replacement days there could be issues, but the main problems were caused by people waiting to pick up from the station. They did not feel the restrictions would stop this as they could simply drive away if an enforcement officer was nearby. They felt that the restrictions would move the problems into the Paddocks area instead.

The Sub-Committee felt that it was important to ensure clear lines of sight on junctions and also to prevent parking near to the level crossing for obvious safety issues. They also clarified that all schemes were looked at once implemented to consider other issues that may have arose nearby, such as examples where a problem may simply be moved elsewhere.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Station Lane, Gatehouse Mews and The Paddocks, Ingatestone be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

15. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 3.35pm

Chair