

**SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP  
(TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS) SUB COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 – 3.15PM**

**AGENDA ITEM 3**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELMSFORD CITY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT NO.56) ORDER 202*</b>
	Relating to Timsons Lane, Springfield
<b>Report by</b>	South Essex Parking Partnership Manager

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**Purpose**  
 To report the receipt of representations made on part of The Essex County Council (Chelmsford City) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.56) Order 202\*

**Options**  
 The Joint Committee has the following options available:

1. to agree that the proposed Order be made as advertised.
2. to agree that the proposed Order be made subject to modifications which result in less restrictive provisions or reduced scope; or
3. to agree that the proposed Order should not be made.

**Recommendation(s)**

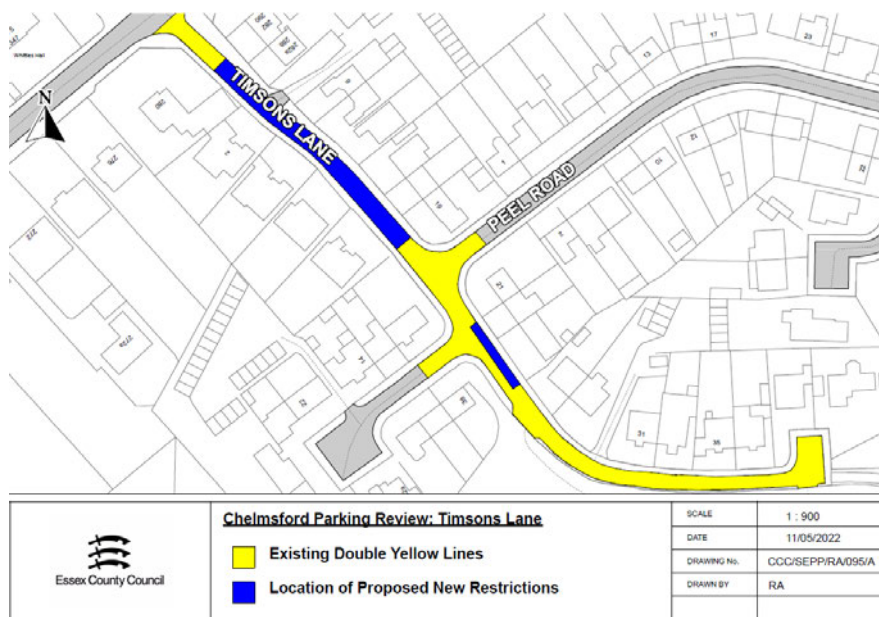
1. The Order be made as advertised.
2. The people making representations be advised accordingly.

<b>Consulters</b>	South Essex Parking Partnership
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**Policies and Strategies**  
 The report takes into account the South Essex Parking Partnership Document setting out how the SEPP will deal with requests for parking restrictions requiring TROs.

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Background</u></b> The purpose of this Order is to amend The Essex County Council (Chelmsford City) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) Consolidation Order 2019 as set out below:
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- 1.1 The SEPP received a completed application form on 17 March 2020 from Cllr Mike Mackrory requesting 'No Waiting' restrictions on Timsons Lane, Springfield. The request is to prevent vehicles parking inappropriately on Timsons Lane creating problematic and unsafe movement. It is thought these vehicles are non-residents, therefore restrictions would encourage them to use the nearby car park (max stay 3hrs). The application was supported by one local resident.
- 1.2 Following receipt of the application the SEPP carried out a number of site visits. During the site visits conducted it was noted that approx. 8 vehicles were parked on Timsons Lane from its junction with Springfield Road up to Peel Road. No instances of dangerous or obstructive parking were observed. The numerous vehicle crossings along Timsons Lane prevent a continuation of parked vehicles and allow for passing points. All vehicles were naturally parked on the north-eastern side of the road – parked vehicles act as a natural speed calming measure. It was also noted that some of the parked vehicles were the same on each visit. Additionally, access and egress from most properties is adequate, however, Rule 201 of the Highway Code advises drivers that when using a driveway to reverse in which enables safer egress from a property. Most properties on Timsons Lane have off-street parking, however, as more vehicles are introduced onto the road network there is an ever-increasing demand for kerb space parking.
- 1.3 Following the assessment, it was agreed with the SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Chelmsford that a Parking Review should be carried out with residents of Timsons Lane. Residents were asked whether they supported additional restrictions in Timsons Lane and were also given two options, 'No Waiting Monday to Saturday 11am-1pm and 3-4pm' (SYL) or 'No Waiting at Any Time' (DYL) restrictions. The consultation was carried out from 25.05.22 – 17.06.22. The plan below was included.



1.4 The results of the parking review were as follows:

No. of Properties	No. of Responses	No. in favour of introducing parking restrictions	No. in favour of a Single Yellow Line	No. in favour of Double Yellow Lines
35	25 (71%)	23 (92%)	9 (39%)	14 (61%)

1.5	Therefore, as the response rate of 50% was met with over 50% of respondents in support of double yellow lines, it was agreed with the SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer to cost a scheme to implement 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Timsons Lane. The cost of the scheme is estimated at £2500 but will be reduced if incorporated with other roads in Chelmsford to publish one Traffic Regulation Order.
1.6	The request was placed before the South Essex Parking Partnership Joint Committee on 28 July 2022 for funding. It was agreed at the meeting to proceed with the necessary Traffic Regulation Order.
1.7	<p>SEPP Policy - 1.6</p> <p>It is acknowledged that all requests for a parking restriction will carry some form of merit and may be beneficial to the particular area. The requests will be submitted for a variety of reasons and depending on the circumstance will be considered as a high or low funding priority to the Partnership. As the amount of funding available for new schemes is limited it is the intention of this policy to provide a criteria, which if met, will be considered a high priority scheme for the Partnership and therefore stand a greater chance of receiving the available funding. Schemes that do not meet all the criteria can still be progressed and considered by the Joint Committee, but schemes with a higher priority will take precedence. All schemes will be subject to available funding.</p> <p>SEPP Policy - 7.1</p> <p>The SEPP will receive all parking restriction requests that do not meet the criteria of ECC safety and congestion policies, detailed above. Although these schemes do not meet the ECC criteria the Partnership may decide to implement parking restrictions to improve safety and sight lines, if the Partnership consider that the restriction will be beneficial to the area.</p>
1.8	The Order was originally published in the Essex Chronicle and on site on 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023, and copies of the Draft Order were sent to a number of organisations including Essex Police, Essex County Council (the highway authority), Essex Fire & Rescue Service, Essex Ambulance Service, the Road Haulage Association, the Freight Transport Association, and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
1.9	When the Order was published on 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 a 21-day period of formal public consultation commenced.
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
2.1	The details of the representations are summarised in Appendix 2 to this report together with the comments of the Technicians.
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Conclusion</u></b>
3.1	Although the correspondents have made a number of points which lead them to believe the Order should not be pursued in whole or part, the SEPP Joint Committee Member, Lead Officer and Technicians consider that none of them are of sufficient weight to warrant the Order not being made.
<b><u>List of Appendices</u></b>	
Appendix 1 – List of people making representations	
Appendix 2 – Summary of objections or support and Technicians comments	

## APPENDIX 1

<b>Ref</b>	<b>List of people making representations</b>	<b>Type</b>
1	Email dated 05/10/2023.	Support
2	Online response from local worker dated 05/10/2023.	Object
3	Online response dated 05/10/2023.	Object
4	Online response from local worker dated 05/10/2023.	Object
5	Online response from local worker dated 05/10/2023.	Object
6	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 06/10/2023.	Object
7	Online response from local worker dated 07/10/2023.	Object
8	Online response dated 07/10/2023.	Object
9	Online response from local worker dated 08/10/2023.	Object
10	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 12/10/2023.	Support
11	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 19/10/2023.	Support
12	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 19/10/2023.	Support
13	Email dated 19/10/2023.	Support
14	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 19/10/2023.	Support
15	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 19/10/2023.	Support
16	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 19/10/2023.	Support
17	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 19/10/2023.	Support
18	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 23/10/2023.	Object
19	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 22/10/2023.	Support
20	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 19/10/2023.	Object
21	Phone call from resident of Timons Lane dated 25/10/2023.	Support
22	Email dated 27/10/2023.	Support
23	Email from resident of Timons Lane dated 27/10/2023.	Support

## APPENDIX 2

### REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES FOLLOWING FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT 05 OCTOBER 2023 – 27 OCTOBER 2023

Representations & Responses relating to Timsons Lane, Springfield		
Ref	Representation	Technician Response
1	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>I have just received a letter from the South Essex Parking Partnership regarding introducing a 'No waiting at any time' restrictions down Timsons Lane, Chelmsford. The reference for this is amendment number 56, order 202. The document provides link <a href="http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/tros">www.chelmsford.gov.uk/tros</a> to view the proposal. The letter then mentions that you can object or support the proposal. I would like to support the proposal but there is nothing on the link to help you do this. Consequently, I am not sure how I can respond to the letter I received and the link provided to support the proposal. The other thing that shows is a PDF file. I enclose a screenshot of what I can see and part of the PDF file I downloaded from this link.</p> <p>I would like to support this proposal and would be grateful for some help on knowing how I can do this. Thank you.</p> <p><u>Yours faithfully,</u> [REDACTED]</p>	Support noted.
2	<p>I oppose the decision to put in parking restrictions within this road due to the fact that there is no car park or parking facilities available within this area for local businesses and people that work around this end of Springfield Road (near aldi) This decision will affect local businesses and services such as finding staff to look after children within the local area.</p>	Objection noted.  It is acknowledged that if the proposal goes ahead, it will limit parking for non-residents. However, it should be noted that there are other unrestricted roads nearby.
3	<p>There is inadequate parking along the Springfield road area. There is no where to park without time limits and exclusion zones.</p>	Objection noted.

		It is acknowledged that if the proposal goes ahead, it will limit parking for non-residents. However, it should be noted that there are other unrestricted roads nearby.
4	<p>This is the only road I can park down for work, which I have to walk 10/15 minutes to work from. If you put double yellow lines on this road it will take the only place that I can park for work, which will cause inconveniences.</p> <p>Due to this, I may have to change jobs as there will be no where else for me to park in walking distance to my place of work.</p> <p>Please reconsider this or provide a relevant explanation to why this is being done!</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that if the proposal goes ahead, it will limit parking for non-residents. However, it should be noted that there are other unrestricted roads nearby.</p>
5	<p>Me and my work colleagues have no option but to park along this road, we work at Seymour house on Springfield road and due to the permit parking down the other roads. We have been forced to park down this road to access our workplace. If there are double yellow lines placed here, where are we going to park to access our work? There won't be anywhere to park for us within walking distance to work or to park for the whole day. Please can you explain what the reason is for these double yellow lines to be placed down this road?</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that if the proposal goes ahead, it will limit parking for non-residents. However, it should be noted that there are other unrestricted roads nearby.</p>
6	<p>Thank you for the letter of 3/10/23 to Residents of Timsons Lane. We have looked at the proposal for restriction to parking, 'No Waiting At Any Time'. We object to the proposal - double yellow lines are too draconian, and an unnecessarily severe response to the parking problem that exists in the road. Instead, we support single yellow lines and a specified daily time period for the restriction. We thank the relevant Sub-Committee for taking this into account.</p> <p>████████████████████</p> <p>████████████████</p> <p>████████████████</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>During the parking review 61% of respondents were in support of double yellow lines, hence, why these restrictions have been proposed.</p>
7	<p>I oppose to having double yellow lines put on this road as my job in childcare is unable to have on site parking. I use this road that is just down the street from my workplace to park. I always park sensibly and it would be a mistake to put double yellow lines here as there is no other parking again or down Springfield road and therefore will disrupt companies and businesses.</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that if the proposal goes ahead, it will limit parking for non-residents.</p>

		However, it should be noted that there are other unrestricted roads nearby.
8	I'm opposed to the proposed double yellow lines as parking in that area is very limited and public car parks are to far away	Objection noted.  It is acknowledged that if the proposal goes ahead, it will limit parking for non-residents. However, it should be noted that there are other unrestricted roads nearby.
9	Hello, I am a childcare worker, who relies on this road to be able to park in order to attend my job at the nursery. I understand that this might not be considered a priority for the right to park on this road but, it is only during the day, most of the staff at the nursery require parking that is unfortunately unavailable on site so we are recommended to park on timsons Lane for the morning and are able to move our cars to new court road by the afternoon I understand the inconvenience that might occur for residents. Perhaps you could help us find a solution as staff members at the nursery have received a substantial amount of abuse from timson road residents and some have even had their cars vandalised, and have been subjected to physical abuse. I feel that introducing these restrictions will only show the residents of timsons road that committing crime and vandalism is supported by Chelmsford City Council, and I'm sure that is not the case. Thank you for your time.	Objection noted.  It is acknowledged that if the proposal goes ahead, it will limit parking for non-residents. However, it should be noted that there are other unrestricted roads nearby.
10	Dear Sir,  I am writing to express my support for the above proposal, I believe it will put a stop the dangerous and inconsiderate parking, examples of which are; Parking on the pavement leaving no room for mobility scooter, pushchairs etc Parking and not leaving enough room for large vehicles such as delivery trucks and emergency vehicles Thus causing not just inconvenience but danger to residents , Thank you for This proposal.  Yours Faithfully,  ██████████ ██████████	Support noted.
11	Good morning,  my view is that it should "Proceed with the proposal as published"	Support noted.

	<p>Kind regards,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	
12	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I would like to email you to express my agreement of implementing parking restrictions down Timsons Lane, Springfield.</p> <p>Many thanks</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	Support noted.
13	<p>Dear sir</p> <p>I am in favour of the councils proposal for Timsons Lane, amendment 56, order 202 to implement traffic restrictions as set out in the above order.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	Support noted.
14	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I wish to express my continued support for new parking restrictions in Timsons Lane.</p> <p>Inconsiderate parking in Timsons Lane, as well as being a nuisance, often causes safety risks in blocking pavements and restricting access for emergency vehicles. Not to mention delivery vehicles.</p> <p>I have attached some recent images of this bad parking.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	Support noted.
15	<p>Good afternoon</p> <p>We <sup>100</sup> confirm and support the parking restrictions proposed</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	Support noted.



	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	
16	<p>My address is [REDACTED]</p> <p>And I am in favour of -</p> <p>No waiting at any time restrictions.</p>	Support noted.
17	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Please note that I'm fully supporting the proposal as published relating to Timsons Lane, Springfield, Amendment no 56 , order 202, and I'm happy for you to proceed with the proposal.</p> <p>I have supported the proposal for parking restrictions last year and I'm fully supporting it this time for a second time ,on the basis that on many occasions cars parked on the pavement cause obstruction and restrict the view when pulling out of your drive, as well as emergency services not being able to pass as the cars are parked on both sides of the road.</p> <p>Please don't hesitate to contact me if needed.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	Support noted.
18	<p><b>Email 1:</b></p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I confirm I support the proposal subject to the parking is not allowed throughout all of Timsons Lane including the cul-de-sac/close where I reside as cars constantly park outside of my house blocking my driveway.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p><b>Email 2:</b></p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the introduction of these restrictions will cause some displacement. It is difficult to determine exactly where non-resident vehicles will be displaced. However, the scheme will be monitored for its effectiveness.</p>

	<p>Dear Sirs/Madam,</p> <p>As the restrictions do not include the cul-de-sac of Timsons Lane then I do not support the proposal as I would envisage cars just parking down there instead.</p> <p>Kind regards,  ██████████</p>	
19	<p>I fully support the proposal of making timsons lane a no waiting at any time  The situation on rugby days alone is dangerous and an accident waiting to happen  Regards ██████████</p>	Support noted.
20	<p>██████████  ██████████  ██████████  ██████████  ██████████</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madame  I am writing in Regards to the proposed parking restrictions in Timsons lane, I would prefer not to have double yellow lines across my driveway to allow visitors to park and delivery vehicles to stop there while unloading I have measured from the yellow lines outside my neighbour's drive at number ██████████ and request that 7 meters across my ██████████ driveway to be left clear of any parking restrictions, I hope this will be possible.</p> <p>Kind Regards  ██████████</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that if the proposal goes ahead, it will remove on-street parking for residents and their visitors. It should be noted that 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions do allow for loading and unloading.</p> <p>The SEPP do not amend or remove parking restrictions for individual properties. The SEPP receives many requests similar to this and it is not sustainable to furnish all those requests.</p>

21	I'm in favour of the proposal to go ahead for DYL on Timsons Lane, Chelmsford. To do with commuting but especially the rugby club parking because the rugby club supporters park all over the pavements and the pedestrians have to walk in the road.	Support noted.
22	Dear Sir,  I agreed with the proposal.  Thx  Best regards, [REDACTED]	Support noted.
23	[REDACTED] are still in favour of the parking restrictions.	Support noted.