

MINUTES
of the
SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS SUB-COMMITTEE
held on 8 August 2024 at 3.40pm

Members present:

Councillor Lauren Shaw – Essex County Council
Councillor Andrew Cross – Rochford District Council
Councillor Terry Sherlock - Chelmsford District Council

Officers present:

Nick Binder – Chelmsford City Council
William Butcher – Chelmsford City Council
Heather Binns - Chelmsford City Council
Jan Decena – Chelmsford City Council
Russell Panter - Chelmsford City Council

1. Welcome by Chairman of the Sub Committee

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

2. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3. The Essex County Council (Rochford District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) And (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.13) Order 202*

Relating to Woodlands Avenue, Woodlands Close and Daws Heath Road, Rayleigh

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed an introduction of a 'Permit Parking Area Zone L Monday to Friday 10-11am and 2-3pm' on Woodlands Avenue and Woodlands Close, as well as 'Double Yellow Lines' on the junctions of Daws Heath Road, Woodlands Avenue and Woodlands Close. The Sub-Committee also heard that this was a redesign of a previous proposal where as well as a permit parking area, it was also proposed to have double-yellow lines in all of Woodlands Close. The redesigned proposal was published on 15th February 2024 and commenced a 21-day public consultation.

During the consultation, the Sub-Committee heard that there had been 18 comments received from members of the public, with 7 objections and 11 of those in support. Objections raised included another restriction should be introduced on the bend of Woodlands Avenue or an H-bar reinstated, that restrictions would create further inconvenience, and that the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on the turning heads seems excessive. It was also heard from the objections that the proposal would not solve parking issues at evenings and weekends, that it felt short of the previous proposal, and that it negatively affect property values.

The Sub-Committee heard statements received from members of the public and read in the meeting. They heard comments who supported the scheme as cars parking were impeding the visibility especially on the bends, and that they also restricted those who walk on the pavements. It was also highlighted that because of the cars parked, emergency services would not be able to access the road. One statement suggested that the double yellow lines at the turning head was excessive and would impede members of family who were visiting residents.

The Sub-Committee agreed to the proposal as the redesigned scheme was a good compromise compared to the previous scheme. It was highlighted that the proposal would always include protecting the turning head and the junctions. The proposal would also ensure that emergency services would have sufficient access.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (ROCHFORD DISTRICT)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.13) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Woodlands Avenue, Woodlands Close and Daws Health Road, Rayleigh be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.42pm to 3.59pm)

4. Any other business

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 3.59pm

Chair