

SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE	
WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2023 – 2.00PM	
AGENDA ITEM 4	
Subject	<p>THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.30) ORDER 202*</p> <p>Relating to Tresco Way and Westray Walk, Wickford.</p>
Report by	South Essex Parking Partnership Manager
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Purpose To report the receipt of representations made on part of. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT NO. 30) ORDER 202*	
Options The Joint Committee has the following options available:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 3. to agree that the proposed Order be withdrawn in its entirety. 	
Recommendation(s)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Order be made as advertised. 2. The people that made representations during the 21-day formal consultation be advised accordingly. 	
Consulters	South Essex Parking Partnership
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.	

1	<u>Background</u>
1.1	The purpose of this Order is to vary The Essex County Council (Basildon Borough) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) Consolidation Order 2019 as set out below:
1.2	The South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) propose to make the above named Order following a parking review of Tresco Way and Westray Walk, Wickford.
1.3	In July 2021 an application form was received from a resident with support from a local councillor requesting parking restrictions for Tresco Way and Westray Walk, Wickford.
1.4	Following receipt of the application the SEPP carried out a number of site visits and completed an assessment. During the site visits vehicles were observed parking too close to the junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk. Rule 243 of the Highway Code states that vehicles should not park within 10 metres of a junction and is a fundamental part of road safety. Therefore, a recommendation for double yellow lines was recommended to the SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Basildon. It was agreed to cost a scheme which was estimated at £2,000 to provide double yellow lines on the junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk. This cost could be reduced if incorporated with other roads in Basildon, to publish one Traffic Regulation Order.
1.5	SEPP Policy – 1.6 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.
1.6	SEPP Policy – 7.1 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.
1.7	The Proposed Order was originally advertised in the Basildon and Southend Echo on 29 ^h June 2023 and on site from 29 th June to 21 st July 2023 under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4(1), 4(2), 32, 35, 45, 46, 49 and 53 and Parts III and IV of schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Copies of Basildon Amendment No.30 were sent to the SEPP's list of consultees, Basildon Council, relevant councillors and Town and Parish Councils and put on the Chelmsford City Council website.
1.8	The Proposed Order is for 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) on the junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk, Wickford.
2	<u>Comments</u>
2.1	The details of the representations are summarised in Appendix 2 to this report together with the comments of the Technicians.
3	<u>Conclusion</u>
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 which would assist in upholding the Highway Code.

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – List of people making representations.

Appendix 2 - Summary of objections or support and Technicians comments.

Appendix 3 – Photos taken by the SEPP.

APPENDIX 1

Ref	List of people making representations relating to Tresco Way and Westray Walk, Wickford.	Type
1	Email from resident of Westray Walk dated 12/07/2023	Objection
2	Email from resident of Westray Walk dated 13/07/2023	Objection
3	Email from resident of Westray Walk dated 14/07/2023	Objection
4	Email from resident of Westray Walk dated 18/07/2023	Objection
5	Email from resident of Westray Walk dated 20/07/2023	Objection
6	Email from resident of Westray Walk dated 20/07/2023	Objection

APPENDIX 2
REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES FOLLOWING FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT –
29th JUNE TO 21st JULY 2023

Representations & responses relating to Relating to Tresco Way and Westray Walk, Wickford.		
Ref	Representation -	Technician response -
1	<p>I am writing to oppose the suggested double yellow lines on the corner of Westray Walk / Tresco way. In our opinion this is a unnecessary waste of tax payers money and instead of being beneficial to safety it will actually be detrimental.</p> <p>We have lived on this road for nearly [REDACTED] years and this corner has never once presented a safety issue or created problems for large vehicles entering the road. If anything the yellow lines will cause more safety problems with people having to bump up cars either side of the road, making it more difficult for large vehicles and people walking with buggies and young children to access the country park, which is of course very popular within the local community.</p> <p>The issue seems to have been raised as a neighbour, who lives on this corner, does not like people parking outside his house or the house opposite. I'm not sure why he thinks it's his private road as everyone on the street is accommodating to cars being parked outside their house apart from him. Amongst our most immediate neighbours there are many young people that have either just passed tests and have cars or are currently taking driving lessons. By restricting parking you will be causing issues to the safety of people accessing the paths to the park and the school. In addition the neighbour across the road has a dog daycare business where evidently customers need to drop off their pets - the neighbour in question who complained also had issues with people briefly stopping outside for this as well which I think demonstrates the extent of their selfish perspective on the road parking. This will negatively impact a small business which again is used by many residents in Wickford.</p> <p>I suggest that someone actually comes to our location to view this as the corner goes onto a dead end so parking in this area does not affect any residents or commonly used routes. Surely this is a ridiculous suggestion and in the current environment I would think budgets should be spent on more sensible and beneficial matters rather than a disgruntled singular resident at the expense of the rest of the local residents. To this point I think councillors should be mindful of all the young people located in these houses and the amount of votes involved. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Everyone is astounded that this is a serious proposal when there are potholes everywhere in Wickford.</p>	<p>Concerns have been raised that vehicles are parking too close to the junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk. The parking causes sightline and access difficulties for all road users, especially for larger vehicles. This is detrimental to road safety. The proposal seeks to prevent these problems by providing double yellow lines. The proposal will improve sight lines for all road users and better facilitate the safe passage of traffic using the road, especially for larger vehicles such as the refuse lorry and delivery vehicles, and enforces Rule 243 of the Highway Code. Not parking on, or near, any junction is a fundamental part of road safety.</p> <p>There is plenty of available on-street parking in Tresco Way without the need to park on, or too close to the junction. It should also be noted it is possible to load and unload and set down and pick up passengers on double yellow lines. It is also possible for blue badge holders to park for up to 3 hours on yellow lines if displaying their blue badge and time clock.</p>

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		<p>The South Essex Parking Partnership implement, maintain and enforce on-street parking restrictions only and is self-funded. Potholes should be reported on the Essex Highways website.</p>
2	<p>I am emailing on behalf of my boyfriend and I who would like to object to the attached/below notice. There is a notice from the council on the lamp posts on Westry Walk that I have attached for notice of introducing a 'No waiting at any time' along Westry Walk. We would like to object to this as I feel like it could cause disruption for my family and surrounding residents with parking as this is an area that is often used when residents have outside family to visit when they don't have enough space on their driveway.</p>	<p>Concerns have been raised that vehicles are parking too close to the junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk. The parking causes sightline and access difficulties for all road users, especially for larger vehicles. This is detrimental to road safety. The proposal seeks to prevent these problems by providing double yellow lines. The proposal will improve sight lines for all road users and better facilitate the safe passage of traffic using the road, especially for larger vehicles such as the refuse lorry and delivery vehicles, and enforces Rule 243 of the Highway Code. Not parking on, or near, any junction is a fundamental part of road safety. There is plenty of available on-street parking in Tresco Way without the need to park on, or too close to the junction. It should also be noted it is possible to load and unload and set down and pick up passengers on double yellow lines. It is also possible for blue badge holders to park for up to 3 hours on yellow lines</p>

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3	<p>I am writing to oppose this suggested double yellow lines on the corner of Westary walk / Tresco way. Personally I do not see this is necessary, I have lived in Westary walk for 16 years and never thought there was a problem with cars parking or stopping at all. I see this as a personal attack to one of our neighbours as he does not like looking at their car parked opposite and that's the only issue i can think of therefore totally uncalled for and a waste of money.</p> <p>Parking is limited around most of the wick area and as long as everyone is considerate then i don't see there is a problem .</p>	<p>Concerns have been raised that vehicles are parking too close to the junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk. The parking causes sightline and access difficulties for all road users, especially for larger vehicles. This is detrimental to road safety. The proposal seeks to prevent these problems by providing double yellow lines. The proposal will improve sight lines for all road users and better facilitate the safe passage of traffic using the road, especially for larger vehicles such as the refuse lorry and delivery vehicles, and enforces Rule 243 of the Highway Code. Not parking on, or near, any junction is a fundamental part of road safety.</p> <p>There is plenty of available on-street parking in Tresco Way without the need to park on, or too close to the junction. It should also be noted it is possible to load and unload and set down and pick up passengers on double yellow lines. It is also possible for blue badge holders to park for up to 3 hours on yellow lines if displaying their blue badge and time clock.</p>
4	I wish to record my objections to the prohibition of waiting notice Amendment No 30 Order 202, at the junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk in Wickford	Concerns have been raised that vehicles are parking too close to the

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	<p>The fact that rarely, if ever, does anybody park at this junction seems to have been completely overlooked in the planning and set up of this order. And the fact that you rarely, if ever, police the existing no waiting areas on the Wick begs the same question.</p> <p>Prohibiting parking in this, the only straight part of Westray Walk, will mean that, should anybody need to park locally for a short period, they will be forced to park further into the Walk, on bends and opposite/across driveways.</p> <p>The policing of existing "No Parking" areas on the Wick, and I suspect all over the borough, is absolutely abysmal, especially near and adjacent to the schools. To my mind this makes the time spent in planning, dealing with the public consultation and the execution of this rather hair brained idea to be the most complete waste of OUR, the Council taxpayers of this borough, time and more importantly MONEY.</p> <p>Please DO NOT waste the yellow paint as well!!</p> <p>Whilst I am on the subject I believe your time would be much better spent in policing effectively the existing parking regulations on the Wick, especially the existing "Double Yellow" and "School" area signs before there is a very bad accident and children get hurt.</p> <p>Similarly it beggars belief that you can be spending time on meaningless no parking areas, in the quietest part of the district, and yet there are STILL NO "20 mph" restrictions near the local schools.</p> <p>I would suggest your time, and our money, would much better spent on projects such as this.</p> <p>With the greatest respect, a request to "Think Again" and all good wishes.</p>	<p>junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk. The parking causes sightline and access difficulties for all road users, especially for larger vehicles. This is detrimental to road safety. The proposal seeks to prevent these problems by providing double yellow lines. The proposal will improve sight lines for all road users and better facilitate the safe passage of traffic using the road, especially for larger vehicles such as the refuse lorry and delivery vehicles, and enforces Rule 243 of the Highway Code. Not parking on, or near, any junction is a fundamental part of road safety.</p> <p>There is plenty of available on-street parking in Tresco Way without the need to park on, or too close to the junction. It should also be noted it is possible to load and unload and set down and pick up passengers on double yellow lines. It is also possible for blue badge holders to park for up to 3 hours on yellow lines if displaying their blue badge and time clock. The South Essex Parking Partnership implement, maintain, and enforce on-street parking restrictions only. The SEPP is self-funded and not funded by the taxpayer. Request for 20mph speed limits should be</p>

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5	<p>I am writing to communicate my objection to the application to introduce 'No Waiting or Parking at Any Time' on Tresco Way and its junction with Westray Walk. I live on the corner of Westray Walk where it meets Tresco Way and can see absolutely no reason for the council to waste its money on this order. The street is very quiet and if anyone does park or wait outside my house (████) it is never for very long and causes no obstruction or risk. The rest of our street is very bendy and for the cars who do park here to have to move down would cause further parking on the pavement which would be dangerous for pedestrians.</p> <p>I work at the local primary school (Abacus Primary) and would suggest that any budget for parking and waiting issues on Tresco Way be considered for addressing issues closer to the school where there is danger to children and families in our community. A 20mph restriction and visible efforts to enforce the double yellow lines that exist there should be top of your list, rather than putting double yellow lines around two of the quietest (in my opinion) corners of The Wick.</p>	<p>Concerns have been raised that vehicles are parking too close to the junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk. The parking causes sightline and access difficulties for all road users, especially for larger vehicles. This is detrimental to road safety. The proposal seeks to prevent these problems by providing double yellow lines. The proposal will improve sight lines for all road users and better facilitate the safe passage of traffic using the road, especially for larger vehicles such as the refuse lorry and delivery vehicles, and enforces Rule 243 of the Highway Code. Not parking on, or near, any junction is a fundamental part of road safety.</p> <p>There is plenty of available on-street parking in Tresco Way without the need to park on, or too close to the junction. It should also be noted it is possible to load and unload and set down and pick up passengers on double yellow lines. It is also possible for blue badge holders to park for up to 3 hours on yellow lines if displaying their blue badge and time clock. The South Essex Parking Partnership implement, maintain, and enforce on-street parking restrictions</p>

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6	<p>I write to raise my concern and objection to the proposed Prohibition of waiting, loading and stopping to Tresco Way and Westray Walk, Wickford.</p> <p>My home is on [REDACTED] and this prohibition would restrict my ability to gain access to my property, receive goods and visitors to my property and in my option cause further issues along Westray walk. If parking around this area is prohibited, then we would see parking issues further into Westray Walk, but the size and shape of this road along with volume of vehicles, would cause an increased danger to pedestrians and children. In my opinion, public funds would be better spent on making roads around Wickford safer, such as around Abacus School which has an awful parking issue even on the double yellow lines currently in place, which is not monitored This area should be a designated 20mph zone to prevent the potential risk of danger to children crossing. I do not think that spending any public funds on the proposed Tresco Way and a Westray Walk, which is probably the quietest roads in Wickford, is necessary or justified.</p> <p>I welcome a conversation further on this if necessary, to understand how quiet this road is and how this would be such a waste of public funds, but a burden to the residents of 1,2,3&4 Westray Walk.</p>	<p>Concerns have been raised that vehicles are parking too close to the junction of Tresco Way and Westray Walk. The parking causes sightline and access difficulties for all road users, especially for larger vehicles. This is detrimental to road safety. The proposal seeks to prevent these problems by providing double yellow lines. The proposal will improve sight lines for all road users and better facilitate the safe passage of traffic using the road, especially for larger vehicles such as the refuse lorry and delivery vehicles, and enforces Rule 243 of the Highway Code. Not parking on, or near, any junction is a fundamental part of road safety. There is plenty of available on-street parking in Tresco Way without the need to park on, or too close to the junction. It should also be noted it is possible to load and unload and set down and pick up passengers on double yellow lines. It is also possible for blue badge holders to park for up to 3 hours on yellow lines if displaying their blue badge and time</p>

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PHOTOS TAKEN BY THE SEPP





