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| SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2023 – 2.00PM AGENDA ITEM 7 | |
| Subject | 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* Relating to High Road North and Winchester Gardens, Basildon. |
| Report by | South Essex Parking Partnership Manager |
| Enquiries contact: Nick Binder, South Essex Parking Partnership Manager, 01245 606303, nick.binder@chelmsford.gov.uk | |
| 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 to agree that the proposed Order be withdrawn in its entirety.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 in part by only implementing double yellow lines on the junction of High Road North and Winchester Gardens. 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. | |

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| 1 | Background |
| 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 High Road North and Winchester Gardens, Basildon. |
| 1.3 | In July 2021 an application form was received from a Councillor Stuart Allen, supported by Councillor Sargent, Councillor Buckley and Councillor Ball and accompanied by a 26-person petition requesting parking restrictions for High Road North and Winchester Gardens, Basildon. |
| 1.4 | <p>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 traffic calming chicane. There were also vehicles parked close to the junction with Winchester Gardens. 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.</p> <p>The technician recommended a combination of double yellow lines and single yellow lines, which would apply between the hours of 8:30am to 10:30am & 4:30pm to 6:30pm, to allow parking for residents outside of the restricted times. The recommendation would help alleviate congestion and obstruction issues on what is a busy PR2 Route. It will also prevent vehicles from parking close to the traffic calming chicane which is important to the measure working effectively. The recommendation was made to the SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Basildon. It was agreed to cost a scheme which was estimated at £5,000 to provide double and single yellow lines throughout High Road North and with the junction of Winchester Gardens. This cost could be reduced if incorporated with other roads in Basildon, to publish one Traffic Regulation Order.</p> |
| 1.5 | <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> |
| 1.6 | <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> |
| 1.7 | 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. |

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| 1.8 | The Proposed Order is for 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) and No Waiting 8.30am-10.30am & 4.30pm-6.30pm' (Single Yellow Line) in High Road North and Winchester Gardens, Basildon. |
| 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 | Considering the objections, the lack of representations supporting the proposal and the level of on-street parking observed since the formal consultation the Technicians recommend the Order be made in part by only implementing double yellow lines on the junction of High Road North and Winchester Gardens. The SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Basildon concur with the recommendation and feel that the scheme is no longer justified, apart from the junction of High Road North and Winchester Gardens. It is also recommended that the area be monitored going forward. |
| <u>List of Appendices</u> | |
| 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 High Road North and Winchester Gardens, Basildon. | Type |
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| 1 | Email from a resident of High Road North dated 29 06 2023 | Objection |
| 2 | Email from a resident of High Road North dated 29 06 2023 | Objection |
| 3 | Email from a resident of High Road North dated 30 06 2023 | Objection |
| 4 | Email from a resident of High Road North dated 30 06 2023 | Objection |
| 5 | Email from a resident of High Road North dated 03 07 2023 | Objection |
| 6 | Email from a resident of High Road North dated 08 07 2023 | Objection |

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

| Representations & responses relating to Relating to High Road North and Winchester Gardens, Basildon. | | |
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| Ref | Representation - | Technician response - |
| 1 | <p>I would like to object to parking (Amendment No 30) Order 202* High Road North, Laindo ,Essex. We have parked outside on road for ■ years, cars are there at times you propose traffic regulations so where would we park !!</p> <p>I fill that parking restrictions will cause more Traffic noise and pollution as cars going to McDonald's will not have to slow down for parked cars so they will drive even faster than they do now !!</p> <p>Damage to pavement near Traffic calming chicane are caused by lorries coming off the A127 which should not be down High Road North as they are to big to fit round chicane so they mount pavement.</p> <p>As you can see in attached pictures High Road North is not a congested road full of car's so i see no reason for proposed Traffic calming regulations.</p> | <p>Objection and comments noted.</p> <p>The proposed restrictions are in accordance with what was requested in the application form. The single yellow line would operate at peak times allowing for parking outside of 8.30-10.30am & 4.30-6.30pm. As it is not possible to park on both sides of the road without causing obstruction to either the carriageway or the footway double yellow lines (DYL) are proposed the whole length of one side. The traffic calming chicane is also proposed to have DYL either side of it as vehicles should not be parking in close proximity to it.</p> |
| 2 | <p>I wish to OPPOSE the parking restrictions outlined on the notices erected along High road north and Winchester gardens.</p> <p>I agree that double yellow lines around the chicane would be an improvement.</p> <p>Removal of the chicane would be more beneficial as it does not serve to slow traffic. The chicane causes congestion, animosity between drivers and forces large vehicles onto the pavement causing the damage you have noted.</p> <p>Installing a 'tight' width restriction near the junction of the A127 would serve the High road well as it would stop large vehicles coming off the A127. (the signage does not deter them!)</p> <p>Installing a 'no right turn' into Mcdonalds would serve the high road well as it would reduce high volumes of drivers who use the High road specifically to access Mcdonalds.</p> <p>Double yellow lines from the A127 junction on both sides down past the pedestrian crossing would also be beneficial.</p> | <p>Objection and comments noted.</p> <p>The proposed restrictions are in accordance with what was requested in the application form. The single yellow line would operate at peak times allowing for parking outside of 8.30-10.30am & 4.30-6.30pm. As it is not possible to park on both sides of the road without causing obstruction to either the carriageway or the footway double yellow lines (DYL) are proposed the whole length of one side. The traffic calming chicane is</p> |

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| | <p>As far as imposing double/single yellow lines elsewhere I have to strongly oppose.</p> <p>Drivers travel along the High road at speed. The parked cars actually serve as a measure to slow drivers down. Double yellow lines preventing any parking whatsoever will enable drivers to travel at even greater speeds. Timed parking restrictions only heavily affect residents.</p> <p>The placement of the double/single yellow lines throughout the High road and the entrance to Winchester gardens will also force people to park within Winchester gardens, any parking available there is already used by the residents of Winchester gardens.</p> <p>I have lived at ■ HRN for ■ years. It is a 4 bedroom house. You would therefore expect 4-5 vehicles. We can park 3 vehicles on our two driveways by shuffling around as and when necessary. We have always relied on the availability of 'on street parking' for our other cars and cars belonging to any visitors. Many houses in HRN and Winchester gardens are 4+ bedrooms so are in the same position as us, we all park any 'on street cars' with thought and respect for our neighbours. On average there are less than a dozen cars parked on HRN belonging to residents, the rest come from Mcdonalds.</p> <p>A scheme providing resident parking bays would be far more beneficial WITHOUT affecting any residents in a detrimental manner. A 'Residents parking only' scheme would prevent staff and customers of Mcdonalds parking along HRN and Winchester gardens. A 'Residents parking only' scheme would also generate a sizeable revenue.</p> <p>I have spoken to many residents on HRN and Winchester gardens and we are all in agreement, we need to protect the residents and remove the availability of parking for non residents. I hope therefore that our opinions will be taken into consideration.</p> | <p>also proposed to have DYL either side of it as vehicles should not be parking in close proximity to it. If residents would like to the chicane removed, they would need to apply to Essex County Council, who are the highway authority. The SEPP would not consider resident permit bays on this road. High Road North is a PR2 route on ECC's hierarchy of routes. There is a considerable volume of traffic, especially at peak times, numerous driveways and the traffic calming chicane. The road would also not meet SEPP Policy on resident permit parking, and 7.4 of the policy should be referred to.</p> |

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| 3 | <p>Resident's need parking. All of the problems around here are due to McDonalds staff and delivery drivers clogging up the roads. The solution is for McDonalds to rectify the issue, maybe the land behind the restaurant along the a127 can be purchased and made into parking/delivery driver areas.</p> <p>To simply add double yellows will negatively affect residents by reducing the availability of parking and also make it easier for people to speed down the road.</p> | <p>Objection and comments noted. The proposed restrictions are in accordance with what was requested in the application form. The single yellow line would operate at peak times allowing for parking outside of 8.30-10.30am & 4.30-6.30pm. As it is not possible to park on both sides of the road without causing obstruction to either the carriageway or the footway double yellow lines (DYL) are proposed the whole length of one side. The traffic calming chicane is also proposed to have DYL either side of it as vehicles should not be parking in close proximity to it.</p> |
| 4 | <p>I oppose the sanctioning of double yellow lines down high road north & Winchester gardens as residents need parking McDonalds is the reason people speed down the road delivery drivers also!!!</p> | <p>Objection and comments noted. The proposed restrictions are in accordance with what was requested in the application form. The single yellow line would operate at peak times allowing for parking outside of 8.30-10.30am & 4.30-6.30pm. As it is not possible to park on both sides of the road without causing obstruction to either the carriageway or the footway double yellow lines (DYL) are proposed the whole length of one side. The traffic calming chicane is also proposed to have DYL either side of it as vehicles should not be parking in close proximity to it.</p> |


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| 5 | <p>Email dated 04/07/2023 I am a resident in High Road North Laindon. I have seen the notices posted in this location and I am very concerned. I am a gardener and work in this location also in Queens Drive & Kings Road. If these restrictions come into effect I will be unable to perform the function of [REDACTED] to the local residents many of whom are elderly. You state that residents have complained about the parking, to my knowledge, myself included, did not support the proposal when first muted. Am I able to obtain a dispensation to park for mostly 1 hour at various premises. I attach 2 photos taken today Monday 3rd July at 10am and 6pm you will see VERY few vehicles parked. I would ask this unnecessary restriction be abandoned. The grey BMW in the foreground is my vehicle photo taken whilst workin</p> <p>Email dated 17/07/2023 With regards to the email as below and the dispensation scheme which is £6 per day. As I work almost solely for the elderly I only charge £[REDACTED] per hour where the industry standard is £[REDACTED] per hour. Therefore I cannot afford £6 per hour (I am a pensioner) and clearly cannot pass this cost onto my customers. especially as I only work a few hours on two days per week. I hope another way can be found so I can continue help my customers.</p> <p>Email dated 18/07/2023 Further to my previous photos of the above road I attach several more taken yesterday morning 9am 11am today 3pm. As these photos show absolutely NO vehicles parked in the entire length of the above road as did my photos previously, can you please reply to this email with your criteria for spending money on the scheme when there is CLEALY no requirement.</p> | <p>Objection and comments noted. The proposed restrictions are in accordance with what was requested in the application form. The single yellow line would operate at peak times allowing for parking outside of 8.30-10.30am & 4.30-6.30pm. As it is not possible to park on both sides of the road without causing obstruction to either the carriageway or the footway double yellow lines (DYL) are proposed the whole length of one side. The traffic calming chicane is also proposed to have DYL either side of it as vehicles should not be parking in close proximity to it.</p> |


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| | <p>Email dated 26/07/2023 Please add the photo as below to sepp concerns re incoming park restrictions above area, photo token 25/07/2023. 6pm Yet again no parking can be seen in the vicinity.</p>  | |
| 6 | <p>I live in [REDACTED]. It has recently been brought to my attention the proposed changes you intend to make to the area where I live. I have lived at this address for the past [REDACTED] years, I walk my dog most days and so I have a good knowledge of the traffic/parking problems in the area.</p> <p>My first concern is that you seem to have left Winchester Gardens free of restrictions. <u>Having spoken to neighbours, we all agree that this will make our road, a small cul-de-sac, a car park for the vehicles restricted from parking in the High Road.</u> This is the main reason I object to the proposed changes.</p> <p>One of the main problems for parking in the High Road is McDonalds! Customers regularly parking the High Road to either visit the restaurant or consume their food in their cars; staff</p> | <p>Objection and comments noted. The proposed restrictions are in accordance with what was requested in the application form. The single yellow line would operate at peak times allowing for parking outside of 8.30-10.30am & 4.30-6.30pm. As it is not possible to park on both sides of the road without causing obstruction to either the carriageway or the</p> |

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| | <p>also park in the High Road. We get customers parking and eating outside our house regularly, to restrict parking in the High Road will increase this problem. I understand McDonalds staff cause parking problem elsewhere but this is not my concern. Lorries and vans often park close to the restaurant, I often see vehicles parked on the zig-zags of the pedestrian crossing. Most of the traffic in the High Road is caused by McDonalds. Parking in the High Road is not really a problem, with the planned restrictions all it will mean is that it will be clear for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon. Outside these restricted times people will park, McDonalds customers will still park for the 5 or 10 minutes it takes to eat their food. This nearly always on the west side of the road, the east side is rarely used for parking.</p> <p>Email dated 08/07/2023</p> <p>Most of the properties in the High Road between the A127 and Winchester Gardens have large frontages and residents rarely have to park in the road outside. Some days the road is completely clear, especially mornings and afternoons.</p> <p>Walnut Close, the housing scheme opposite McDonalds, has parking restrictions during the day. To avoid these restrictions some residents/visitors park in the High Road.</p> <p>I'm not really bothered about the chicane. Some vehicles drive too fast and there are frequent road rage incidents and the occasional accident. HGV's use the road and struggle sometimes to get through, there is a weight limit in the road, but it never is enforced. They drive on the pavement to negotiate the chicane; you can see evidence of this. Restricting parking in the High Road will increase traffic speed, the speed humps make little difference. I cannot see the point of restricting parking for an hour in the morning and afternoon. OK it will stop people parking all day, but that is not the real problem. Double yellow lines on the east side of the High Road will not improve things, people don't generally park on this side if the road.</p> <p>As I said at the start of this message, my main concern is to stop people (other than residents and their visitors) parking in Winchester Gardens. There are many cars owned by the current residents, two have 4 cars in the household. We have only 2 but have off road parking for only 1. This sometimes means that we have to park in the High Road, which is ridiculous. You have to take into account that numbers 29 and 31 High Road are part of Winchester Gardens, their garages and off-road parking is here, they have 7 cars between them! Sometimes more at weekends, one house often has 6 or 7 cars at weekends.</p> | <p>footway double yellow lines (DYL) are proposed the whole length of one side. The traffic calming chicane is also proposed to have DYL either side of it as vehicles should not be parking in close proximity to it.</p> |

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| | <p>One of the ways you can achieve this is to make Winchester Gardens a 'Residents' Parking Zone' or something similar. <u>To leave it unprotected is ridiculous.</u> As I have said it will become a carpark, I can envisage me or my wife having to park on our front garden. You must stop non-residents from parking here.</p> <p>I don't really have any views regarding other parking issues in the area as don't affect me.</p> <p>Email dated 20/07/2023</p> <p>Could I please just add a couple of points I omitted from my earlier message?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>I fully support the double yellow lines around the junction with the High Road and Winchester Gardens</u>, vehicles are parked on the junction everyday. 2. You should consider the fact that <u>there is a care home, Glenroyd House, at 26 High Road</u>, this is directly opposite Winchester Gardens. Staff and visitors need to park and if they cannot park outside they will park in Winchester Gardens, which they sometimes do already. Adding another group to the people using Winchester Gardens as a car park. Not sure that the staff at the home have seen your message on the lamppost, which I thought was a ridiculous way of consulting people. 3. For the last 3 or 4 days I have driven along the High Road from the A127 at about 11/12am. There have been only a few cars parked there, two today, a van eating McDonalds and another car parked. Parking is nor generally a problem in the High Road during the day; lunchtimes, evenings and week-ends are the worst times, but how do you control that? | |

APPENDIX 3
PHOTOS TAKEN BY THE SEPP









