

MINUTES
of the
SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS SUB-COMMITTEE
held on 14 February 2024 at 3.25pm

Members present:

Councillor Lauren Shaw – Essex County Council
Councillor Carole Morris – Basildon Borough Council
Councillor Ian Fuller – Chelmsford City Council

Officers present:

Nick Binder – Chelmsford City Council
William Butcher – Chelmsford City Council
Dan Sharma-Bird – 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 (CHELMSFORD CITY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.11) ORDER 202*
Relating to Timsons Lane, Chelmsford

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed implementation of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Timsons Lane. During consultations, twenty-five representations had been received with fifteen in support and ten objections which mainly consisted of concerns regarding available parking.

The Sub-Committee heard from a member of the public who worked nearby and currently parked on the street. They stated that there was nowhere else for them to park, the

restrictions would lead to staff retention issues, restrictions at weekends would be better and that they tried to park respectfully.

The Sub-Committee heard from other respondents who had submitted comments, these varied from safety issues due to the parking, parked cars not having a calming effect and about employees using the road as a free car park.

The Sub-Committee acknowledged that parking on the road was causing issues and inconvenience to local residents and that the restrictions would improve road safety.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELMSFORD CITY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.56) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Timsons Lane, Chelmsford be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.24pm to 3.36pm)

4. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELMSFORD CITY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.56) ORDER 202*
Relating to Mill Lane, Chelmsford

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed 20 metres of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Mill Lane from its junction with Main Road (B1008). During consultations, five objections had been received including the restrictions being excessive and loss of parking.

The Sub-Committee heard that the scheme had been extend to 20m rather than the 10m as required in the Highway code to allow for the wider bellmouth at the start of the road.

The Sub-Committee heard from a local resident, who raised concerns with the extent of the scheme, its cost, the loss of amenity and safety issues. They felt that policies had been dismissed, natural obstacles from parked cars would be lost and as a result drivers would speed up near to the crossing. They informed the Sub-Committee that a compromise should be met, by reducing the proposals by 2.5m on each side, leaving ample space.

The Sub-Committee agreed with the proposal and agreed to modify the scheme by 2.5m on each side. It was noted that the Sub-Committee could do this as they were approving a less restrictive scheme than the one that had been advertised.

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

(AMENDMENT No.56) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Mill Lane, Rayleigh, be modified to the extent that the restrictions would be 2.5m shorter on each side as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.37pm to 3.45pm)

5. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELMSFORD CITY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.56) ORDER 202*
Relating to Henniker Gate, Chelmsford

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed the amendment of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions around Henniker Gate. During consultations, four representations had been received with two in support and two objections. The objections relate to the restriction impeding dropping off at the school. The Sub-Committee were informed that the scheme had been supported by local Councillors, unsafe parking had been observed by officers and the proposals would improve sight lines near the school entrance.

The Sub-Committee heard from the local City and Village Councillor, they stated that the existing restrictions had not worked as well as hoped, so the new proposals were required to help with the issues in the area. They informed the Sub-Committee that they wholly supported the proposals and it would benefit residents.

The Sub-Committee agreed that the proposals would help improve safety issues in the area.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELMSFORD CITY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.56) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Henniker Gate, Chelmsford, be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.46pm to 3.51pm)

6. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELMSFORD CITY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.56) ORDER 202*
Relating to Forest Drive, Chelmsford

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Forest Drive to prevent vehicles parking on both sides which caused congestion, access issues, and obstruction of the

pavement for pedestrians. During consultations, four representations had been received. Three objections and one support were received. The concerns from the objections relate to not being able to park in front of their properties and parking for visitors. The Sub-Committee heard that site visits had shown the issues being caused by parking on both sides of the road, sometimes half onto the pavement and the access issues caused as a result. It was noted that no right of parking existed and it was a concession but not to be at the expense of highway safety. Officers felt that the scheme would improve access and safety.

The Sub-Committee heard from the local ward Councillor, who had submitted the application. They stated that they appreciated the difficulty for residents parking but that they had asked for restrictions on the side where most had driveways already. They noted the importance of the bus route and the difficulties they experienced due to the parking on the road. They also highlighted a previous request they'd made for permit parking in the street but the survey had not generated enough support to be carried forward. They stated that they wanted to continue to work with residents to make the road safe for everyone.

The Sub-Committee heard from members of the public who had concerns with the proposals. The concerns included, not now being able to park near to their own homes, issues with the hosing provider not supporting requests for driveways to be installed for the properties without them, parking from local businesses, problems being forced into other roads, and damage to cars on the street. Concerns were also raised for access for carers and where would they be able to park when conducting visits that had to last for 30 minutes and therefore would not count as loading or unloading. The Sub-Committee had also heard from a member of the public supporting the proposals, detailing issues with damaged pathways, stuck buses and general safety and access concerns. The Sub-Committee also received a written comment, detailing the large increase in non resident parking and the need for parking permits in the area instead.

In response officers stated that, there was always a balancing act to provide enough resident parking but that despite nearby roads having resident permit schemes, there had not been enough appetite in this area for the scheme to be extended, for resident permits to be put in place a scheme would need greater support from local residents.

The Sub-Committee acknowledged the issues raised by residents, but agreed with the proposals in that they were a good compromise in just being on one side of the road, it was a key bus route and it would improve safety for local residents and road users.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELSMFORD CITY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.56) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Forest Drive, Chelmsford, be
made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.51pm to 4.14pm)

7. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELMSFORD CITY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.56) ORDER 202*
Relating to Church End Lane, Runwell

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed the introduction of the 'No Waiting' restrictions on Church End Lane from the entrance to Homeholly House up to the roundabout on Swan Lane/Brock Hill which aimed to prevent vehicles parking inappropriately, causing visibility issues, congestion, and conflict with pedestrians. During consultation, one objection was received relating to the restrictions extending to the entrance of Homeholly House and it was also mentioned that it might compromise a bus stop.

The Sub-Committee agreed that the proposals would help to mitigate safety concerns in the area.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELMSFORD CITY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET
PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)
(AMENDMENT No.56) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Church End Lane, Runwell,
be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(4.15pm to 4.20pm)

8. Any other business

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 4.20pm

Chair