

SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023

AGENDA ITEM 5

Subject	The Essex County Council (Rochford District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) And (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.11) Order 202* Relating to Castle Drive, Rayleigh
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 (Rochford District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) And (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.11) 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.
3. to agree that the proposed Order be withdrawn in its entirety.

Recommendation(s)

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

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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.

1.	Background
1.1	The purpose of this Order is to amend The Essex County Council (Rochford District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) Consolidation Order 2019 as set out below:
1.2	In July 2022, an application form was received from a local business requesting an amendment to the existing parking restrictions (No Waiting Monday to Friday 11am-3pm) on Castle Drive, Rayleigh. The applicant stated that there is a lack of parking available for staff and customers of local businesses in the area due to the surrounding restrictions. Therefore, the applicant requested that a reduction in times is considered at Castle Drive.
1.4	Castle Drive is in close proximity to Rayleigh Train Station off A129 Station Road. Therefore, the existing restrictions in the area are likely in place to prevent commuter parking. Reducing the existing 'No Waiting' times on Castle Drive would likely encourage commuter parking and increase short stay parking. Therefore, there would be no guarantee that staff or customers of nearby businesses would be able to park.
1.5	In consideration of the location, it was recommended by SEPP Technicians that a 'Limited Waiting' bay could be introduced on Castle Drive. This provision would provide some short stay parking for local amenities without majorly increasing the likelihood of commuter parking.
1.6	Following the assessment, it was agreed with the SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Rochford District to cost a scheme to introduce a 15 metre 'Limited Waiting' bay on Castle Drive with operational times of Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm, 2 hours (parking), no return in 2 hours ('the Proposal').
1.7	The purpose of 'the Proposal' is to improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs by allowing some short-stay parking for customers of local businesses.
1.6	Furthermore, the request for funding was agreed in May 2023 to proceed with the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders. The cost of the scheme was estimated at £2,000. This cost could be reduced if incorporated with other roads in Rochford to publish one Traffic Regulation Order.
2	Relevant excerpts from SEPP Policy (Version 6 December 2020)
2.1	SEPP Policy – 7.6.1 Designated areas of on street parking can be created to serve the needs of local businesses and the retail sector. To ensure these areas are not subjected to all day commuter parking the SEPP would consider introducing a limited waiting scheme or an on-street pay and display scheme.

3	Traffic Regulation Order
3.1	The proposed Order was published in the Basildon and Southend Echo on 17th August 2023. Additionally, public notices were erected on the affected roads. Copies of the draft Order were sent to a number of organisations including Essex Police, Essex County Council (Essex Highways, 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
3.2	When the Order was published on 17th August 2023, a 21-day period of formal public consultation commenced.
4	Comments
4.1	During the consultation one objection was received and one comment in support.
4.2	The main concerns raised regarding ‘the Proposal’ included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The restrictions on Castle Drive should be more restrictive, not less. • ‘The Proposal’ will result in more people parking further up the road.
4.3	The full details of the representations are summarised in Appendix 2 to this report together with the comments of the Technicians.
5	Conclusion
5.1	Some correspondents have made several points which lead them to believe ‘the Proposal’ should not be pursued in whole or part. However, the SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Rochford, and SEPP Technicians recommend proposed Order be made as advertised.
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APPENDIX 1

Ref.	List of people making representations	Type
1	Email from residents of Castle Drive dated 03/09/2023	Objection
2	Emails from local business owner dated 07/09/2023 – 11/09/2023	Support

APPENDIX 2

**REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES FOLLOWING FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT –
17th August 2023 – 8th September 2023**

Representations & responses relating to Castle Drive, Rayleigh		
Ref	Representation -	Technician response -
1	<p>We would like to object to the proposed changes to the Waiting Restrictions in Castle Drive, Rayleigh (TILE TQ800 910). The Waiting Restrictions should be extended, not reduced.</p> <p>People use Castle Drive as a Car Park and Waiting area. They regularly park their cars for long periods of time, including over night, especially at the weekend, so they do not have to pay parking when travelling on the railway. They also wait for extended periods in Castle Drive to pick up people from the railway, with their engines running the whole time, polluting the area with their exhaust emissions.</p> <p>People park in Castle Drive to avoid paying parking in Rayleigh High Street car parks and there are also people from Hillview Road who park in Castle Drive instead of outside their own homes.</p> <p>The parking restrictions should be changed so that no-one can park on all 7 days of the week and the period of the restrictions should be longer than the current 11am-3pm. No waiting should be allowed at any time, as this usually happens in the early evening. Any changes to the restrictions at the bottom end of the road (i.e. the introduction of restrictions to include Saturdays) will just mean that more people will park further up the road.</p> <p>The quantity of cars that now use the road for parking/waiting is a potential risk to life as the emergency services could be prevented from accessing some of the properties at the end of the road (as use to happen before the parking restrictions were</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>These comments were forwarded to the Enforcement Team for their consideration.</p> <p>Short term invasion parking (dropping off and picking up passengers or goods) is difficult to enforce as this requires a concentrated enforcement presence. Due to the close proximity to Rayleigh Station these issues are likely to occur whatever restriction is in place.</p> <p>The SEPP Sub Committee can decide whether to implement as advertised, reduce or abandon 'the Proposal'. The Committee can also decide whether to re-design the Proposal; however this would require another 21-day formal consultation.</p> <p>It is the aim of the SEPP to try and balance the needs of road users. As with any new parking scheme, if implemented, its effect will be monitored.</p>

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2	<p>Email 1 I am writing about the proposed parking restrictions on castle drive, Rayleigh. I am for this happening as it will encourage more clients in the week but would like to propose that the waiting bays are Monday - Friday 2hrs no return. At the moment it states Saturday too. I work in one of the beauty business' along station road and our colleagues park on that road on Saturdays to allow more space on our small drive for clients. The parking restrictions on Saturdays would mean we wouldn't be able to park there.</p> <p>Email 2 Fully support</p>	<p>Support noted.</p> <p>Clarification was sought to determine whether the representee fully supported 'the Proposal'.</p> <p>The SEPP Sub Committee can decide whether to implement as advertised, reduce or abandon 'the Proposal'.</p>

APPENDIX 3
Photos

Image of Castle Drive, Rayleigh taken from Google Maps

