

**SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE**  
**14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 – 1.30 PM**  
**AGENDA ITEM 8**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>The Essex County Council (Maldon District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) And (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.10) Order 202*</b>  Relating to <b>Milton Road, Maldon</b>
<b>Report by</b>	South Essex Parking Partnership Manager

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**Purpose:**  
 To report the receipt of representations made on part of The Essex County Council (Maldon District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) And (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.10) 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 to agree that the proposed Order be withdrawn in its entirety.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.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Background</b>
<p><b>1.1</b></p> <p><b>1.2</b></p> <p><b>1.3</b></p> <p><b>1.4</b></p> <p><b>1.5</b></p>	<p>The purpose of this Order is to amend The Essex County Council (Maldon District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) Consolidation Order 2019 as set out below:</p> <p>In 2020, an application from was received requesting ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restrictions on the north side of Milton Road opposite Browning Road. This application was presented by Maldon District Council supported by Councillors Channer, Lagan and Stilts. The applicant stated that vehicles park on the bend of Milton Road causing obstruction and visibility issues in both directions and at the Browning Road junction. It is also stated that visibility is further hindered by the sharp bend leading to Masefield Road.</p> <p>Following the receipt of this application, the SEPP Technicians carried out several site visits. During the site visits conducted, vehicles were observed on several occasions parking on the bend of Milton Road, opposite the junction of Browning Road. On two occasions, two vehicles were observed meeting at the bend, resulting in them needing to reverse/manoeuvre to let a vehicle through. It is likely that parked vehicles belong to residents. Some properties in the area do not have off-street parking, such as those on Eliot Way. Milton Road forms part of a bus route; therefore, it is important to maintain free flowing traffic movement due to its function within the network.</p> <p>Therefore, following several discussions, it was agreed with the SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Maldon to cost a scheme to introduce ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ on Milton Road with the addition of a Bus Stop marking (‘the Proposal’). The purpose of ‘the Proposal’ is to maintain sight lines, access and better facilitate the passage of traffic for all road users and aid the pick-up and set down of passengers on local buses, helping to preserve the amenities of the area.</p> <p>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 £3,000. This cost could be reduced if incorporated with other roads in Maldon to publish one Traffic Regulation Order.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Relevant excerpts from SEPP Policy (Version 6 December 2020)</b>

<p><b>2.1</b></p> <p><b>2.2</b></p>	<p>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.’</p> <p>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.’</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Traffic Regulation Order</b></p>
<p><b>3.1</b></p>	<p>The proposed Order was published in the Maldon and Burnham Standard on 29 June 2023. Additionally, public notices were erected on the affected parts of St. Giles Crescent and Cherry Garden Road. A number of properties in the affected area were also written to informing them of ‘the Proposal’. 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 &amp; Rescue Service, Essex Ambulance Service, the Road Haulage Association, the Freight Transport Association, and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p>
<p><b>3.2</b></p>	<p>When the Order was published on 29 June 2023, a 21-day period of formal public consultation commenced.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Comments</b></p>
<p><b>4.1</b></p> <p><b>4.2</b></p> <p><b>4.3</b></p>	<p>During the consultation five objections were received. Four comments were received in support and one general comment.</p> <p>Some of the concerns raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues regarding idling buses.</li> <li>• The removal of parking areas will cause difficulties for residents of Fambridge Road wanting to park.</li> <li>• Implementing ‘the Proposal’ will displace vehicles, causing possible issues on Fambridge Road (PR2 Route).</li> <li>• ‘The Proposal’ does not go far enough to restrict parking.</li> </ul> <p>The full details of the representations are summarised in Appendix 2 to this report together with the comments of the Technicians.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Conclusion</b></p>
<p><b>5.1</b></p>	<p>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 Maldon, and SEPP Technicians recommend proposed Order be made as advertised.</p>

**List of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – List of people making representations

Appendix 2 – Summary of objections or support and Technicians comments

Appendix 3 – Photos

**APPENDIX 1**

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>List of people making representations</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>1</b>	Email from Integrated Passenger Transport Unit (Essex Highways) dated 28/06/2023	Support
<b>2</b>	Email from resident of Eliot Way dated 30/06/2023	Support
<b>3</b>	Emails from resident of Milton Road dated 02/07/2023	Objection
<b>4</b>	Online Submission from resident of Browning Road dated 08/07/2023	Support
<b>5</b>	Email from road users dated 11/07/2023 – 28/07/2023	Comment
<b>6</b>	Emails from residents of Milton Road dated 14/07/2023 – 20/07/2023	Support
<b>7</b>	Email from residents of Fambridge Road dated 17/07/2023	Objection
<b>8</b>	Email from resident of Wordsworth Avenue dated 18/07/2023	Objection
<b>9</b>	Email from resident of Fambridge Road dated 20/07/2023	Objection
<b>10</b>	Email from resident of Fambridge Road dated 20/07/2023	Objection

**APPENDIX 2**

**REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES FOLLOWING FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT –  
29 June 2023 – 21 July 2023**

<b>Representations &amp; responses relating to St. Giles Crescent and Cherry Garden Road, Maldon</b>		
<b>Ref</b>	<b>Representation -</b>	<b>Technician response -</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Email (in Part)</b> The Dorset Rd, Viking Rd and Milton Road proposals we are supportive of as these will aid bus movements through these difficult residential areas.</p>	Support noted.
<b>2</b>	<p>I live at [REDACTED] Eliot way and I overlook a section of Milton road. I 100% fully support the proposed changes as ive seen near misses on numerous occassions . As a number of the people that park on Milton road live further in the estate such as Browning road, some also from further afield visiting the prom on busy days. Could it be discussed that permit holder parking is introduced on smaller roads such as Eliot way as parking is already at a premium. Also excessive speed is common on Milton road, as its a housing estate there is a lot of children in the area, could traffic calming measures be put in place?.</p>	<p>Support noted.</p> <p>The purpose of ‘the Proposal’ is to maintain sight lines, access and better facilitate the passage of traffic for all road users and aid the pick-up and set down of passengers on local buses, helping to preserve the amenities of the area.</p> <p>It is outside the remit of this scheme to consider the introduction of a permit scheme in adjacent roads. To investigate this, SEPP would need to receive a completed application form and evidence of support from local residents and councillors: <a href="https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parking-and-travel/parking-restrictions/request-a-new-parking-restriction/">https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parking-and-travel/parking-restrictions/request-a-new-parking-restriction/</a></p> <p>Requests for traffic calming measures falls under the remit of Essex Highways (Essex County Council, the Highway Authority). To request traffic calming measures in a road, residents should contact their Local Councillor for more information.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>Labelled objection, also of concern. You’re proposing to place double lines on Milton Road (No</p>	Objection noted.

	<p>Waiting at anytime) please find attached a picture of a large vehicle which I would like clarification of where you propose they park if the double yellow lines are enforced, I'm concerned this vehicle in particular will be more of a hazard that it currently is.</p> <p>I would also like this road to be a no idle zone, I have attached a video of an early morning bus that remains with the engine running for nearly 15 minutes (this is one of around 8-10 all day) I'm not going to comment on the driver being on there phone while the engine running as I haven't taken this matter further with Essex Police and may choose not to do so.</p> <p>I would like double yellow lines if this to be enforced to be placed opposite the bus stop between number 4-6 Milton Road, currently If a car is parked between this area and the bus remains idle which tends to be for a long period of time there is not enough room for a larger vehicle to pass between both.</p> <p>Unfortunately I didn't live on this road when the bus stop was placed as I would have objected to this as it is opposite a driveway, carelessly placed in the first place especially when this is the first stop and the buses remains idle for some hours (at different intervals) all day/week.</p> <p>I have mentioned to the bus company to ensure their employees are not idle especially as I assume Essex would like to promote a greener way of living but unfortunately my comments/views have fallen on deaf ears.</p>	<p>Several lengths of Milton Road will remain unrestricted.</p> <p>Image included in Appendix 3</p> <p>It should be noted that the Highway is intended for the purposes of passing and re-passing and that no right of parking exists. Parking provision is therefore a concession and, however desirable, should not be at the expense of the purpose of the highway. Where it is safe and desirable parking can be allowed. Therefore, it is the aim of SEPP to try and balance the needs of road users.</p> <p>The issue regarding idling buses was forwarded to Integrated Passenger Transport Unit (Essex Highways). It was confirmed that the Bus Operator would be reminded of the legal arrangements for the use of a Bus Stop and that they should not leave the engine idling whilst awaiting the commencement of a journey.</p> <p>It is outside the remit of this scheme to introduce additional restrictions. Additional restrictions would require a 21-day formal consultation. The SEPP Sub Committee can decide whether to re-advertise a scheme at this location.</p> <p>If the 'Proposal' proceeds, as with any new parking scheme, it will be monitored for its effectiveness.</p>
4	<p>I am email in response to the proposal to introduce double yellow lines on Milton Road and the whole house hold at this address (2 Browning road) are in full support of this proposal and believe it would make the road considerably safer.</p>	<p>Support noted.</p>
5	<p><b>Email 1</b> Re your current proposal for parking restrictions and Bus Stop markings in Milton Road Maldon. Whilst it is necessary to</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Issues regarding buses at this location was directed to Integrated</p>

introduce these restrictions we feel you have not noted the main traffic problem in this road which is people parking continuously on the corner of Milton Road and Fambridge Road which is a major safety hazard when cars and buses turn into Milton Road some motorists at great speeds and then having to swerve to avoid the parked cars and ending up on the wrong side of the road into the path of oncoming traffic especially the buses. Some of these vehicles are left there over night and several days at a time. There are numerous occasions that vehicles are parked opposite the bus stop which blocks the road completely as this bus stop is being used as a bus terminal sometimes two buses at a time are lined up there and stopped for at least 10 minutes while the drivers get off for refreshments. Therefore it is our opinion that the yellow parking restrictions should be extended from the entrance to Milton Road to at least Browning road because at times the whole road is at a standstill in both directions and with the amount of parking makes this increasing dangerous and impossible for pedestrians and disabled as many of these vehicles are parked on the pavements. I trust you will considered these points carefully and reconsider your plans so the road will become a much safer passage through this very busy estate road and bus terminal.

**Email 2**

Thank you for your e mail regarding the proposal for yellow lines in Milton Road. I apologise for the delay in replying but we have been away. If you read my e mail you will see we have no objection to the proposal we were simply pointing out that the proposed yellow lines do not go far enough along the road to cover the safety aspect of cars parking on the corner of Milton Road and opposite a bus terminal where buses stop for several minutes at a time and drivers get out to have refreshments. When this happens the whole road is at a standstill. So we are asking if the double yellow lines which have been proposed can be extended from the corner of Milton Road through to

Passenger Transport Unit (Essex Highways). It was confirmed that the Bus Operator would be reminded of the legal arrangements for the use of a Bus Stop.

It is outside the remit of this scheme to introduce additional restrictions. Additional restrictions would require a 21-day formal consultation. The SEPP Sub Committee can decide whether to re-advertise a scheme at this location.

If the 'Proposal' proceeds, as with any new parking scheme, it will be monitored for its effectiveness.

The purpose of 'the Proposal' is to maintain sight lines, access and better facilitate the passage of traffic for all road users and aid the pick-up and set down of passengers on local buses, helping to preserve the amenities of the area.

It should be noted that the Highway is intended for the purposes of passing and re-passing and that no right of parking exists. Parking provision is therefore a concession and, however desirable, should not be at the expense of the purpose of the highway. Where it is safe and desirable parking can be allowed. Therefore, it is the aim of SEPP to try and balance the needs of road users. Some properties in the area do not have off-street parking, such as those on Eliot Way.

	Browning road which will include opposite the bus stop.	
6	<p><b>Email 1</b></p> <p>We are very much in favour of the proposed parking restrictions for Milton Road that have been suggested, but fear that it has not gone far enough.</p> <p>Our concerns are that yellow lines stop between the bus stop and the new suggested yellow lines from Collieridge Road. when cars park in this short area, which they do on a daily basis, mainly from other roads, namely Browning Road, it causes quite a congested area and is often dangerous due to parking on the end of the bend, the buses still have to pull out on the wrong side of the road to circumnavigate these obstacles and will hinder traffic coming out of Browning Road.</p> <p>Will car parking be allowed opposite the marked out bus terminal, where buses (sometimes two at a time) wait for their departure times. They can have rest times here for 10-15 minutes at a time. These buses run both ways through the estate from 5.30am to 11.00pm Monday to Friday and also at weekends. This parking if allowed can cause major snarl ups.</p> <p>We believe that yellow lines opposite the bus stop would alleviate this potential hazard.</p> <p>Also the junction of Milton Road and Fambridge Road is the main entry/exit from the Poets estate and cars parking close to Fambridge Road should also be considered a major hazard.</p> <p>The only real solution would be to put double yellow lines from Fambridge Road to Masefield/ Collieridge roads.</p> <p>I hope the above comments may be taken into account before there is a serious accident, which we have constantly stated to councillors for several years to date.</p>	<p>Support noted.</p> <p>It is outside the remit of this scheme to introduce additional restrictions. Additional restrictions would require a 21-day formal consultation. The SEPP Sub Committee can decide whether to re-advertise a scheme at this location.</p> <p>If the 'Proposal' proceeds, as with any new parking scheme, it will be monitored for its effectiveness.</p> <p>Issues regarding buses at this location was directed to Integrated Passenger Transport Unit (Essex Highways). It was confirmed that the Bus Operator would be reminded of the legal arrangements for the use of a Bus Stop.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Highway is intended for the purposes of passing and re-passing and that no right of parking exists. Parking provision is therefore a concession and, however desirable, should not be at the expense of the purpose of the highway. Where it is safe and desirable parking can be allowed. Therefore, it is the aim of SEPP to try and balance the needs of road users. Some properties in the area do not have off-street parking, such as those on Eliot Way.</p>



	<p><b>Email 2</b></p> <p>We are in support of the proposed parking restrictions as published. We would also like to attend the committee meeting when the decision is made</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p>I write with reference to the proposed parking restrictions at the above locations in Maldon.</p> <p>I believe that the main result of the changes will be an increase in drivers using Fambridge Road to park. Fambridge Road is an important thoroughfare used by Emergency Services vehicles which travel at high speed along the road. A significant increase in the volume of parked cars will be hazardous for the drivers of Ambulances &amp; Police cars, Buses etc as well as ordinary car drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, many of whom are young school children. It seems counter-intuitive to take parked cars off quiet side roads and relocate them onto one of the busiest roads in the town.</p> <p>Part of the rationale for the proposed changes relates to a perceived problem with sightlines in Lambourne/Milton. I have lived in Fambridge Road for 25 years and I am unaware of a single traffic accident in either Lambourne Grove or Milton Road in all that time; there have however been numerous collisions along Fambridge Road, with even stationary vehicles being struck. Ensuring clear sightlines in Fambridge Road would therefore seem to be a more important consideration if avoiding accidents is a priority.</p> <p>I hope you will take account off our objections,</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that displacement of vehicles may occur, however it is difficult to determine where this will be. As with any new parking scheme, its effect will be monitored.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that Fambridge Road is a PR2 Route within ECC Hierarchy of roads, therefore is important to maintain free flowing traffic movement due to its function within the network.</p> <p>There have been no recorded Personal Injury Collisions on Lambourne Grove, Milton Road or the section of Fambridge Road in question during the last 3 years (between 03/06/2020 and 02/06/2023).</p> <p>The purpose of ‘the Proposal’ is to maintain sight lines, access and better facilitate the passage of traffic for all road users and aid the pick-up and set down of passengers on local buses, helping to preserve the amenities of the area.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Highway is intended for the purposes of passing and re-passing and that no right of parking exists. Parking provision is therefore a concession and, however desirable, should not be at the expense of the purpose of the highway. Where it is safe and desirable parking can be allowed. Therefore, it is the aim of SEPP to try and balance the needs of road users</p>

<p><b>8</b></p>	<p>We the residents of part of Wordsworth avenue have looked at your plans and would like you to consider reviewing as this is a very dangerous part of the establishment and before long there Will be a serious accident/incident Please advise if you require names and addresses from those looking for review</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>A drawing was included showing further highlighted sections of Milton Road and adjacent roads for review.</p> <p>The representee was notified that anyone who supports or objects to 'the Proposal' should send their comments in writing to the SEPP.</p> <p>It is outside the remit of this scheme to introduce additional restrictions. Additional restrictions would require a 21-day formal consultation. The SEPP Sub Committee can decide whether to re-advertise a scheme at this location.</p> <p>If the 'Proposal' proceeds, as with any new parking scheme, it will be monitored for its effectiveness.</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p>Good morning, in respect of the above reference, parking restrictions on lambourne grove and Milton Road, as a local resident (Fambridge Road) I strongly object to the proposal, Lambourne grove being a no through road and Milton Road a less busy road than Fambridge Road are surely a better option for local residents to park than clogging the lower end of Fambridge Road which is a busy route through Maldon, police vehicles also use this route from their base at Maldon council offices, often with blue lights on emergency calls, more cars parked at the lower end of Fambridge are only going to cause more problems. The only vehicles using lambourne grove are residents, and while the handful of cars parked there may be an "inconvenience " to them, access is never compromised and individual drive ways never obstructed, placing double yellow lines will only lead to more traffic problems on Fambridge Road, with Maldon's ever increasing population where are local residents expected to park if restrictions are added to quiet, safe roads</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the introduction of further restrictions on Lambourne Grove will remove parking for road users.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that Fambridge Road is a PR2 Route within ECC Hierarchy of roads, therefore is important to maintain free flowing traffic movement due to its function within the network.</p> <p>The purpose of 'the Proposal' is to maintain sight lines and better facilitate the passage of traffic for all road users.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Highway is intended for the purposes of passing and re-passing and that no right of parking exists. Parking provision is therefore a concession and, however desirable, should not be at the expense of the purpose of the highway. Where it is safe and desirable parking can be allowed. Therefore, it is the aim of SEPP to try and balance the needs of road users.</p> <p>During the site visits conducted by SEPP Technicians, when vehicles park on the bend, access could be difficult for large vehicles.</p>

<p><b>10</b></p>	<p>I'm writing to object to the double yellow lines on Lambourne grove and Milton road.</p> <p>I live on Fambridge road and as recently passed driver it makes me nervous to think about having to park my car on Fambridge road where it gets extremely busy or worse parking it out of sight from my house where it's more likely to be stolen.</p> <p>More importantly, with the Plume school being located at the top of Fambridge road it gets extremely hectic at rush hours and so by removing places to park such as Milton road and Lambourne grove I believe it increases this danger a significant amount due to the increase in parked cars on Fambridge road this will lead to, making it impossible for emergency vehicles like ambulances and police cars to get down when needed to. Also with the school buses and parents dropping children off at the school this will be made a lot more difficult.</p> <p>Therefore I hope that Lambourne grove and Milton road will continue to be options for parking and I hope you can see how important this is for maintaining a safe road for all to use.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my objection</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the introduction of further restrictions on Lambourne Grove will remove parking for road users.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that Fambridge Road is a PR2 Route within ECC Hierarchy of roads, therefore is important to maintain free flowing traffic movement due to its function within the network.</p> <p>The purpose of 'the Proposal' is to maintain sight lines and better facilitate the passage of traffic for all road users.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Highway is intended for the purposes of passing and re-passing and that no right of parking exists. Parking provision is therefore a concession and, however desirable, should not be at the expense of the purpose of the highway. Where it is safe and desirable parking can be allowed. Therefore, it is the aim of SEPP to try and balance the needs of road users.</p> <p>During the site visits conducted by SEPP Technicians, when vehicles park on the bend, access could be difficult for large vehicles.</p>

**APPENDIX 3**  
**Photos**

1. Image from Resident of Milton Road (Ref 3)  
(Milton Road)



**2. Image taken by SEPP Technician during Site Visits  
(Milton Road – January 2021)**

