MINUTES

of the

SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS SUB-COMMITTEE

held on 14 February 2024 at 1.30pm

Members present:

Councillor Laureen Shaw – Essex County Council Councillor Carole Morris – Basildon Borough Council Councillor Simon Morgan – Maldon District Council

Officers present:

Nick Binder – Chelmsford City Council William Butcher – Chelmsford City Council Jan Decena – 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. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2023

The minutes of the meeting on 14th December 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

5. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202 Relating to Lambourne Grove, Maldon

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed an introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on both sides of Lambourne Grove up

and including to the north-eastern arm junction, except for several metres to allow some parking on the south side. The purpose would be to maintain sight lines and better facilitate the passage of traffic for all road users. During consultations, nine comments supported the order and thirteen objections were received. Concerns were raised regarding the removal of the parking areas, displacing vehicles, and that the proposal did not go far enough to restrict parking.

The Sub-Committee heard objections from members of the public. They heard that the scheme would not help with the problem and that there were rarely any problems with the parking. It was also heard that the parked cars slowed down the speeding vehicles along Lambourne Grove and that it would only push the parking problem elsewhere i.e. on Fambridge Road. The Sub-Committee was also advised by one member of the public that a fire engine would fit even with the cars parked on Lambourne Grove.

The Sub-Committee also heard comments in support. It was heard that it was observed that there were safety issues due to the parking on the bend and that pedestrians' safety was compromised. It was also heard that larger vehicles, including waste vehicles and emergency vehicles, would be enabled to pass through.

The Sub-Committee agreed to the proposal as it would improve the sight lines and would allow emergency services to enter without difficulty.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Lambourne Grove, Maldon be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(1.37pm to 1.59pm)

6. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* Relating to London Road, Maldon

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed the introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' on London Road, from Beacon Hill up to Maldon Cemetery, except for a short length on the north side, and extending the one outside of St. Francis Catholic Primary School. It was advised that the purpose was to enforce Rule 243 of the Highway Code, better facilitate the traffic, maintain sight lines for all road users and reduce the likelihood of danger arising to pedestrians entering or exiting vehicles. During consultations, there were nine representations received with one comment in support and eight objections. Concerns from the objections include lack of facilities for school transport, removal of parking areas, lack of enforcement, additional measures still needed, and if restrictions were even needed.

The Sub-Committee heard objections from the members of the public. It was heard that the scheme would not alleviate the parking problems especially around the school pick up and drop off although it was recognised that something needed to be in place for the safety of the pupils. It was also heard that there were problems with enforcement of the existing restrictions. It was suggested that free parking could be offered on drop-off and pick-up hours on nearby car park. They also heard concerns from a town councillor regarding speeding vehicles down Beacon Hill.

The Sub-Committee also heard comments from the local ward councillor in support of the scheme as it would address the parked cars. It was heard that the bridge on London Road was a blind hump and there were concerns for the safety of the children.

The Sub-Committee agreed to withdraw the proposal and for it to be looked further in more detail in the future due to the points considered in the objections.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to London Road, Maldon, be withdrawn in its entirety and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.59pm to 2.20pm)

7. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* Relating to St Giles Crescent, Maldon

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on the northeast side of St Giles Crescent and the areas around the 'grass island' including Cherry Garden Road. It was advised the purpose was to improve the amenity of the road, better facilitate the passage of traffic, maintain sight lines for all road users and reduce the likelihood of danger arising to pedestrians. During consultations, there were forty-six representations with forty-one objections. Another objection was received that included a petition with twenty-five other expressions of support to improve parking facilities. Concerns raised included the lack of facilities for local buses and school transport, removal of parking areas, and the request of additional Highway measures to tackle local issues.

The Sub-Committee heard objections from members of the public including residents from Cyril Dowsett Court. Whilst it was recognised that there was a problem, it was heard that parking by St Giles and Cherry Garden Road had become a necessity as Cyril Dowsett Court had inadequate parking bays available. Moving the parking further would also disadvantage the elderly residents and those impacted by poor mobility. It was also observed that the parked cars slowed down speeding vehicles.

The Sub-Committee agreed to withdraw the proposal due to several points received from objections. It was also agreed for the St Giles Crescent to continue to be monitored.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to St Giles Crescent, Maldon, be withdrawn in its entirety and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(2.20pm to 2.57pm)

8. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* Relating to Milton Road, Maldon

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Milton Road with the addition of a Bus Stop marking. It was advised that the purpose was to maintain the 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. During the consultation, ten representations were received including one general comment, four in support, and five objections. Concerns were raised regarding issues with idling buses, removal of parking areas, displacing vehicles, and that it did not go far enough to restrict parking.

The Sub-Committee heard comments from members of the public. It was heard that most of those who park on Milton Road were not residing on that road. However, it was also heard that the scheme was not enough and that the bus stop should be marked.

The Sub-Committee

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Milton Road, Maldon, be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(2.57pm to 3.12pm)

9. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA)

(AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* Relating to Dorset Road, Viking Road, and Cumberland Avenue, Maldon

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed the introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' on the junction of Viking Road and Dorset Road. The purpose was to maintain sight lines at the junctions and access, as well as enforcing the Highway Code. During consultations, four representations were received with one general comment, one in support, and two objections. Concerns raised include lack of facilities for school transport, displacement of vehicles, removal of parking areas, and the enforcement.

The Sub-Committee agreed for the proposal to be made as advertised to improve sight lines and access as well as enforcing the Highway Code.

AGREED that THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to Dorset Road, Viking Road, and Cumberland Avenue, Maldon, be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.12pm to 0.14pm)

10. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (MALDON DISTRICT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ONSTREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* Relating to B1021 Station Road, Queens Road, and Albert Road, Maldon

The Sub-Committee considered representations on the above Order which proposed the introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' on both junctions of Queens Road. The purpose was to maintain sight lines at the junctions and access, as well as enforcing the Highway Code. During consultations, two representations were received including one general comment and one objection which include concerns regarding lack of facilities for local buses, the removal of parking areas, and displacing vehicles.

The Sub-Committee agreed for the proposal to be made as advertised to improve sight lines and access as well as enforcing the Highway Code.

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

(AMENDMENT No.10) ORDER 202* insofar as it relates to B1021 Station Road, Queens Road, and Albert Road, Maldon, be made as advertised and those who made representations be advised accordingly.

(3.14pm to 3.15pm)

Any other business

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm

Chair