

**SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP
(TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS) SUB COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2022 – 10.30AM

AGENDA ITEM 15

Subject	THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (CHELMSFORD CITY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT NO.29) ORDER 202*
	Relating to Clements Green Lane, Hullbridge Road and Hither Blakers, South Woodham Ferrers
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 (Chelmsford City) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.29) 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; or
3. to agree that the proposed Order should not be made.

Recommendation(s)

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

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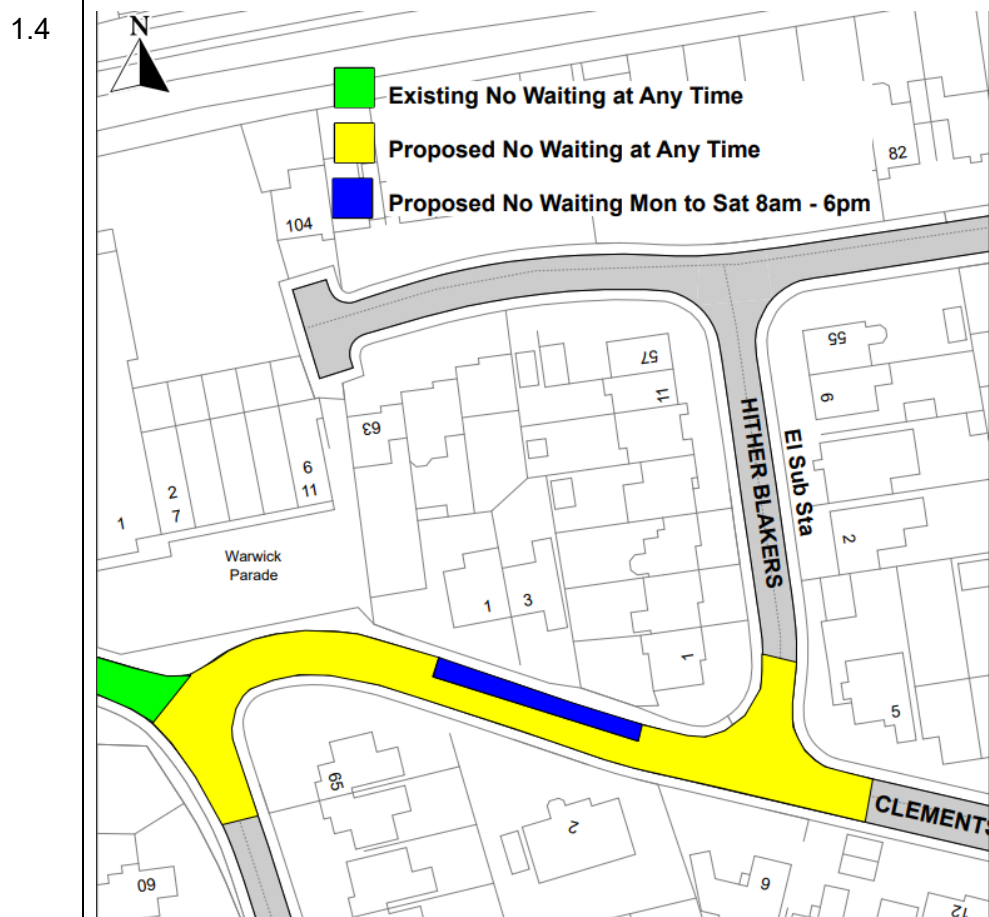
Policies and Strategies
 The report takes into account the South Essex Parking Partnership Document setting out how the SEPP will deal with requests for parking restrictions requiring TROs.

1.	<u>Background</u> The purpose of this proposed Order is to amend The Essex County Council (Chelmsford City) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) Consolidation Order 2019 as set out below:
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1.1 On 15 April 2021, the SEPP received a completed application form from South Woodham Ferrers Town Council requesting 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) and 'No Waiting 6am-6pm' (single yellow lines) on Clements Green Lane, from the mini roundabout outside Warwick Parade to the junction of Hither Blakers. The request is to prevent obstructive parking and maintain access and visibility. The application was supported by Councillors Bob Massey, Keith Bentley and Ian Roberts, of the Elmwood Ward. Emails of support were also provided from several residents in the area.

1.2 Following receipt of the application the SEPP carried out a number of site visits. During the site visits conducted some vehicles were parked on Clements Green Lane. When the Warwick Parade car park was busy congestion was observed at the entrance/exit of the car park, sometimes backing up onto Clements Green Lane. Vehicles parked near the entrance/exit of the car park did appear to contribute to congestion.

1.3 It has been agreed with the SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Chelmsford to cost a scheme to propose that 'No Waiting at Any Time' be introduced on Hullbridge Road and Clements Green Lane and also a section of 'No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm' restrictions be introduced on Clements Green Lane (see plan below). The cost of the scheme is estimated at £3,000 but will be reduced if incorporated with other roads in Chelmsford to publish one Traffic Regulation Order.



1.5 The request was placed before the South Essex Parking Partnership Joint Committee on 13th December 2021 for funding. It was agreed at the meeting to proceed with the necessary Traffic Regulation Order.

1.6	The Order was originally published in the Essex Chronicle and on site on 18 th August 2022, and copies of the Draft Order were sent to a number of organisations including Essex Police, Essex County Council (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.
1.7	When the Order was published on 18 th August 2022 a 21-day period of formal public consultation commenced.
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	Although the correspondents have made a number of points which lead them to believe the Order should not be pursued in whole or part, the SEPP Joint Committee Member, Lead Officer and Technicians consider that none of them are of sufficient weight to warrant the Order not being made.
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APPENDIX 1

Ref	List of people making representations	Type
1.	Email from Essex Highways Integrated Passenger Transport Unit dated 23/08/2022.	Support
2.	Email from resident of Clements Green Lane dated 30/08/2022.	Objection
3.	Letter from business on Warwick Parade dated 30/08/2022.	Support

APPENDIX 2

REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES FOLLOWING FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT 18th AUGUST – 9th SEPTEMBER 2022

Representations & Responses relating to Clements Green Lane, Hullbridge Road and Hither Blakers, South Woodham Ferrers		
Ref	Representation	Technician Response
1.	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to review these proposals. IPTU would like to offer support to the scheme covering the proposed [REDACTED] no waiting restrictions recommended for Clements Green Lane in South Woodham Ferrers.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Integrated Passenger Transport Unit</p>	Support noted.
2.	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>We are writing regarding the proposal to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' and 'No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm' on Clements Green Lane as set out in your letter to residents dated 15th August 2022.</p> <p>We are among the residents who will be affected by this our address is [REDACTED] and we certainly have some reservations about the harsh enforcements that you want to make.</p> <p>Firstly please let us state that we are fully supportive of measures to alleviate the problems that are encountered on a day to day basis in the area on the proposal and we agree you definitely need enforced restrictions during peak hours. The problems are, and have always been, primarily due to shoppers in cars visiting the parade of shops (Warwick Parade) who, even when there are spaces in the car park can't be bothered to drive in and so park along and on the pavement. There are also many van and lorry drivers parking along that stretch to visit Munchies the cafe, presumably for lunch and to make</p>	Objection noted.

matters even worse there are large delivery vehicles parking on the pavement to deliver stock to the shops despite them having an area at the rear of the shops for deliveries.

However the restrictions you propose are going to be extremely restrictive for the residents of numbers [REDACTED] as we will have lines outside their houses and across our dropped kerbs and we are concerned that the day to day needs of the residents have not been considered. Agreed there are certain times when vehicles parking are a major problem but that is primarily during the day at peak hours and so an 'at any time' restriction feels extremely unfair and simply not necessary. If you deem that the odd number side of the road can have a 'no waiting between 8am-6pm' then we feel that is also the restriction that is needed on the even numbered side of the road.

I would like to state that to my knowledge none of the affected residents ever have any visitors who park on the road outside our houses. We in fact won't allow anyone to park outside as not only is it inconsiderate to other road users we are also aware of the chance of our car getting damaged if it is on the road. However, In this day and age of online shopping we sometimes need to have a grocery delivery but if there is a 24 hour restriction, 7 days a week we would be unable to have anything delivered at any time, at least if the restriction is 8-6 arrangements can be made for a later delivery slot.

In addition we also need clarification on other types of deliveries as not everything can be rearranged outside of normal working hours in fact in most cases unlike grocery deliveries, they give you your delivery time, not the other way round. So what does happen if a resident needs something to be delivered during the day, would the delivery company get a special dispensation to be able to deliver goods to us or are we just expected to never order anything again?

Finally we would like to ask how these parking restrictions are going to be enforced. The majority of the problems are people just stopping for a few minutes to go into Spar, the butchers or flower shop etc or to collect their dry cleaning so we believe many of them will still take a chance and park anyway especially if there is no parking warden present, after all you will have to catch them for it to be effective. So are you going to have cameras?

So just to clarify:-

1. We support appropriate parking measures on CGL
2. We do not agree that one side of the road needs to be 'At any time' it is too restrictive for the residents.

It should be noted that there is no right to park on the highway – the only legal right being to pass and re-pass. The properties in this location all have off-street parking facilities. The proposed restrictions will improve sight lines for all road users at the junction, better facilitate the passage of traffic and enforce the Highway Code. The SEPP reserves the right to implement a scheme when it is deemed essential. Additionally due to the width of the carriageway allowing vehicles to park both sides of the road could restrict traffic flow. However, it should be noted the Committee have the option to reduce the scheme.

The proposed restrictions allow for loading and unloading, therefore, this proposal will not affect deliveries.

Restrictions will be enforced as part of a rota as other roads in South Woodham Ferrers currently are.

<p>3. We feel 8-6 would be sufficient both sides of the road.</p> <p>4. How will residents be able to receive deliveries during the day?</p> <p>5. How are you going to enforce the restrictions.</p> <p>Please can you acknowledge receipt of this E mail and also let us know when a decision has been made.</p> <p>Many thanks and kind regards</p> <p>████████████████████</p> <p>████████████████</p>	
<p>3. <u>Letter 1:</u></p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Regarding the proposed prohibition of parking relating to Clements Green Lane South Woodham Ferrers.</p> <p>I note that the purpose of this proposal is "to improve sight lines for all road users".</p> <p>With the above in mind might I suggest that somebody visits the site and exits turning right onto Clements Green Lane from Hither Blakers. They will realise that there is a blind spot of some forty meters between the car park entrance to Warwick Parade and Hither Blakers. This has been caused by the realignment of the boundary fence of No. 1 Hither Blakers.</p> <p>Vehicles driving Eastwards on Clements Green Lane are only visible in this area when other cars are parked on the road thereby forcing them away from the kerb and into the line of sight for exiting motorists.</p> <p>Personally I feel that it is only a matter of time before a road traffic incident occurs at this junction.</p> <p>On a final note, a large number of motorists regularly park illegally in Clements Green Lane with two wheels on the pavement, thereby forcing pedestrians blindly into the path of vehicles heading towards</p>	<p>Support noted.</p> <p>Clarification was requested numerous times as to whether the representee was in support of the scheme or not.</p> <p>Numerous site visits were carried out at various days and times by experienced Technicians. The proposed scheme will improve sight lines for all road users at the junction, better facilitate the passage of traffic and enforce the Highway Code. The scheme will be monitored for its effectiveness.</p>

the town centre. To date I'm unaware of there having been any action against them. Can you give an assurance that any new parking restrictions will be enforced?

With Regards

[REDACTED]

Email 1:

Hi,

I did receive your response to my initial submission on the 30th of August, however it would be interesting to know if anybody took up my suggestion about visiting the site and attempting to turn right from Hither Blakers onto Clements Green Lane.

After all if the scheme is designed to, in your words " This will improve sight lines for all road users at the junction, better facilitate the passage of traffic and enforce the Highway Code." painting yellow lines alone, even if enforced will not eradicate the blind spot and therefore fails achieve your objective.

So, in a nutshell, do I support or object to the scheme?

After living here for over fifty years I'm sure that nobody in Chelmsford Civic Centre gives a "Rats" as to what happens in South Woodham Ferrers or our voices would have been listened to long before now.

With Regards

[REDACTED]

Email 2:

Many thanks for your standard response No. 37 or whatever number it is.

Nowhere in my correspondence have I objected to or supported the scheme.

Instances of obstructive or dangerous parking, where no restrictions are in force, is the responsibility of the Police who are the only body with the authority to deal with such matters. This can be reported to Essex Police who have the authority to remove a vehicle or issue a Fixed Penalty Notice, you should [report it to Essex Police online](#) or by calling 101.

Restrictions will be enforced as part of a rota as other roads in South Woodham Ferrers currently are.

I have just made a suggestion and asked a question.

Perhaps you would care to answer the question asked with a yes or no and then I will decide whether to object or support the scheme.

With Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email 3:

The question I asked was, "it would be interesting to know if anybody took up my suggestion about visiting the site and attempting to turn right from Hither Blakers onto Clements Green Lane.

Since you have chosen to make a statement and not answered my question, I'll take that as a no.

I now note that "this scheme has been proposed to alleviate the parking issues in this area.", no mention of improving the sight lines.

If you care to contact South Woodham Town Council you will see that I had agreed with the proposal to implement waiting restrictions on Clements Green Lane from the beginning, but let's be clear, this is all about inconsiderate and parking and nothing to do with improving sight lines.

So, for the record I SUPPORT the introduction of the waiting restrictions, but note that nobody has bothered to visit the site and observe the dangers when turning out of Hither Blakers onto Clements Green Lane.

Rest assured, as and when an accident occurs at this junction this series of e-mails will be made public.

	With Regards [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
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