

SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE	
WEDNESDAY 1 st NOVEMBER 2023 – 2.00PM	
AGENDA ITEM 14	
Subject	<p>THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.22) ORDER 202*</p> <p>Relating to Station Lane, Gatehouse Mews and The Paddocks, Ingatestone.</p>
Report by	South Essex Parking Partnership Manager
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<p>Purpose To report the receipt of representations made on part of. THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENTWOOD BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT NO. 22) ORDER 202*</p>	
<p>Options The Joint Committee has the following options available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 to agree that the proposed Order be withdrawn in its entirety. 	
<p>Recommendation(s)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Order be made as advertised. 2. The people that made representations during the 21-day formal consultation be advised accordingly. 	
Consulters	South Essex Parking Partnership
<p>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.</p>	

1	<u>Background</u>
1.1	The purpose of this Order is to vary The Essex County Council (Brentwood Borough) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) Consolidation Order 2019 as set out below:
1.2	The South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) propose to make the above named Order following a parking review of Station Lane, Gatehouse Mews and The Paddocks, Ingatestone.
1.3	In December 2021 an application form was received from a local councillor with support from other councillors requesting an amendment to the parking restrictions for Station Lane, Gatehouse Mews and The Paddocks, Ingatestone.
1.4	<p>The SEPP received a request from the then Cllr Cloke to change the existing single yellow line restriction in Station Lane near the level crossing to double yellow lines. This was because vehicles are parking close to the level crossing causing a potentially dangerous situation. Unsafe Parking on and around the Level Crossing at Ingatestone Station, Hall Lane, Ingatestone. Particularly during rail replacement bus services.</p> <p>Several site visits were carried out and although for a majority of these visits no vehicles were parked in this location on two occasions vehicles were parked close to the level crossing and station car park near the Gatehouse Mews junction which could cause a potential issue.</p> <p>As this location is near to a level crossing the parking restrictions should be amended as vehicles should not be parked on the approach to a level crossing for obvious safety reasons. It is also not possible to park on both sides of Station Lane without causing obstruction to the highway, or parking partially on the verge and causing damage. The Highway Code also states that vehicles should not park within 10 metres of a junction or a bend.</p> <p>It should also be noted that vehicles could park outside of the exiting operational times of the single yellow line, which is Monday to Friday 2pm-3pm, to avoid paying for the station car park, or for another reason. It is essential to keep the approach to a level crossing clear to maintain safe access and ensure sight lines are maintained at all times.</p> <p>The SEPP would therefore recommend that 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are implemented on the south-western side of Station Lane from the level crossing to the junction with High Street/Roman Road and on the north-eastern side from the level crossing up to and including the junction to The Paddocks. It is also recommended that the single yellow line in Gatehouse Mews is amended to a double yellow line as the road is not of adequate width to park on. Any parked vehicle in Gatehouse Mews will cause access difficulties, especially for larger vehicles, such as a fire engine, refuse lorry or delivery vehicle. It is also essential that vehicles have a facility to turn around at the end of Gatehouse Mews.</p> <p>The SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for Brentwood agreed with the findings and a scheme was costed with funding being approved to progress to a formal consultation. The scheme was estimated at £7,500. This cost could be reduced if incorporated with other roads in Brentwood, to publish one Traffic Regulation Order.</p>

1.5	<p>SEPP Policy – 1.6</p> <p>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>
1.6	<p>SEPP Policy – 7.1</p> <p>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>
1.7	<p>The Order was originally advertised in the Brentwood Gazette on 19th July 2023 and on site from 19th July to 10th August 2023, under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4(1), 4(2), 32, 35, 45, 46, 49 and 53 and Parts III and IV of schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Copies of Brentwood Amendment No.22 were sent to the SEPP's list of consultees, Brentwood Council, relevant councillors and Town and Parish Councils and put on the Chelmsford City Council website.</p>
1.8	<p>The Proposed Order is amend the current 'No Waiting Mon-Fri 2-3pm' (Single Yellow Line) to No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines).</p>
2	<u>Comments</u>
2.1	<p>The details of the representations are summarised in Appendix 2 to this report together with the comments of the Technicians.</p>
3	<u>Conclusion</u>
3.1	<p>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 which would assist in upholding the Highway Code.</p>
<p><u>List of Appendices</u></p> <p>Appendix 1 – List of people making representations.</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Summary of objections or support and Technicians comments.</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Photos.</p>	

APPENDIX 1

Ref	List of people making representations Station Lane, Gatehouse Mews and The Paddocks, Ingatestone.	Type
1	Email from resident of The Paddocks 10/08/2023	Objection

APPENDIX 2
REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES FOLLOWING FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT –
19th July to 10th August 2023

Representations & responses relating to Station Lane, Gatehouse Mews and The Paddocks, Ingatestone.		
Ref	Representation -	Technician response -
1	<p>We object to the proposed changes. There is no continuing parking or waiting problem that necessitates these changes. The only difficulty arises when the station car park is closed to parking and it is used for Rail Replacement coaches. . The area of difficulty (or congestion) is limited to that area directly at the entrance to the car park in Station Lane opposite Gatehouse Mews. This could be solved by Network Rail allowing a small part of the car park at the entrance for dropping off and turning round. This would also move any noise to the car park area and allow easier disabled access. As proposed, the changes will move the problem into the Paddocks where the roads at some points only allow one vehicle to pass through and any "station" parking would prevent access to residents and to delivery and emergency vehicles. It is strongly felt that Network Rail should take some ownership of the problem which is of there making. Should you wish to see the problem on the ground I would be pleased to show you. Many other of the residents of the Paddocks are on holiday so any responses to these proposals could be limited</p>	<p>The approach to a level crossing should never have parked vehicles, especially when there is a bend on the approach. The proposal allows for safe on-street parking away from the level crossing and the junction of Station Lane and The Paddocks, whilst preventing vehicles from parking on both sides.</p>

APPENDIX 3
PHOTOS















