

SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2022 – 10.30AM

AGENDA ITEM 10

Subject	The Essex County Council (Maldon District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) And (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.7) Order 202* Relating to Princes Road, Maldon
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 (Maldon District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) And (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.7) 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 to agree that the proposed Order be withdrawn in its entirety.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 The proposed Order should be withdrawn in its entirety.
2. The people making representations be advised accordingly.

Consulters

South Essex Parking Partnership

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 (Maldon District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) Consolidation Order 2019 as set out below:
1.2	An application form was received in 2019 from Wantz Haven Sheltered Apartments requesting that the current restriction 'No Waiting Monday to Friday 8am-6pm (single yellow line) is replace with 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) on Princes Road, opposite Wantz Haven. The applicant stated that vehicles parking opposite the entrance to Wantz Haven hinder assess and sightlines. It was also stated that vehicles parking over the dropped kerbs make it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road.
1.3	Following the receipt of this request, the SEPP carried out several site visits. During the site visits conducted, it was observed on occasion that vehicles park on Princes Road opposite the access to Wantz Haven. Although access was maintained, it was noted by the Technician that if a whole row of vehicles were parked opposite, manoeuvring could be difficult for larger vehicles. Additionally, it was noted that the SEPP had previously introduced double yellow lines in Princes Road opposite driveways. Therefore, it was recommended by SEPP Technicians that double yellow lines are introduced on Princes Road opposite Wantz Haven to maintain access.
1.5	It was therefore agreed with the Lead Officer and SEPP Joint Committee Member for Maldon to cost a scheme on Princes Road to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Princes Road, opposite Wantz Haven ('the Proposal'), as recommended. Furthermore, the request for funding was agreed in May 2021 to proceed with the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders. It was estimated at £1,000 but would be reduced if incorporated with other roads in Maldon to publish one Traffic Regulation Order.
2	Relevant excerpts from SEPP Policy (Version 6 December 2020)
2.1	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.'
2.2	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.'
3	Traffic Regulation Order

3.1	The proposed Order was published in the Maldon and Burnham Standard and on a public notice erected on the affected parts of Princes Road on 31 March 2022. 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 31 March 2022, a 21-day period of formal public consultation commenced.
4	Comments
4.1	No representations were received during the formal consultation period; however, several late comments were received. As some of the residents stated that the 'public notices' had been taken down and only found after the closing date, the SEPP have decided to accept all late comments.
4.2	The details of the representations are summarised in Appendix 2 to this report together with the comments of the Technicians.
5	Conclusion
5.1	The correspondents made several points which led them to believe 'the Proposal' should not be pursued. These were discussed between the SEPP Joint Committee Member, Lead Officer for Maldon, and SEPP Technicians.
5.2	It is noted that the current restriction in place allows access for larger vehicles Monday to Friday 8am-6pm. Additionally, there is current legislation already in place to deal with vehicles parked over dropped kerbs. If a vehicle is parked across an approved dropped kerb, a Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) may issue a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) for obstruction.
5.3	In consideration of the high demand for parking spaces within the vicinity, it is therefore recommended that the proposed Order is withdrawn.
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APPENDIX 1

Ref	List of people making representations	Type
1	Email from resident of King Street, Maldon dated 03/05/2022	Objection
2	Email from resident of King Street, Maldon dated 04/05/2022	Objection
3	Email from resident of King Street, Maldon dated 02/06/2022	Objection
4	Email from Cllr Fleming on behalf of King Street resident dated 06/06/2022	Objection
5	Email from Cllr Fleming on behalf of Wantz Haven resident dated 02/06/2022	Objection

APPENDIX 2

**REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES FOLLOWING FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT –
31 March 2022 – 22 April 2022**

Representations & responses relating to Princes Road, Maldon		
Ref	Representation -	Technician response -
1	<p>In relation to forthcoming parking restriction changes on Princes Road, we have only just heard about this because the messages about it have been found screwed up on the road.</p> <p>So we very strongly would like to complain about this because parking on King Street has become harder and harder in the last few years. A whole section for parking was taken away from residents because of access needed to and from Queens Avenue for waste disposal lorries, and at the top end there has been a large disabled space allocated meaning one vehicle can park where two cars used to.</p> <p>So even before the proposed changes are made,we residents of King Street are struggling to find places to park, many of us using Princes Road, Cross Road or Warwick Drive, filling up those roads, and having to park a long way from our homes.</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It was proposed to introduce double yellow lines on Princes Road, opposite Wantz Haven for approximately 26 metres. The purpose of the proposal was to maintain access and sightlines for residents and visitors of Wantz Haven.</p> <p>However, it is acknowledged that this would remove several parking spaces (approximately 5 vehicles) for residents and members of the public using local amenities.</p>
2	<p>It has just been brought to my attention by my neighbours who found a copy of the proposed changes to parking in princes road blowing down the street,that the residents of princes road (who all have their own off street parking) wish to make it a no parking at any time area.</p> <p>No one had noticed these signs until now because the signs had all been torn down and thrown over the school playing field.</p> <p>As a resident of King street [REDACTED] when we arrive home from work, it is usually the only place we can park, that isn't a double yellow line.</p> <p>The residents of King street only have one side of a very narrow street to park on and this fills up very quickly.</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It was proposed to introduce double yellow lines on Princes Road, opposite Wantz Haven for approximately 26 metres. The purpose of the proposal was to maintain access and sightlines for residents and visitors of Wantz Haven.</p> <p>However, it is acknowledged that this would remove several parking spaces (approximately 5 vehicles) for residents and members of the public using local amenities.</p>

	<p>I don't know why we can't park on the single yellow lines of Princes Road on an evening and weekends or why the residents of that road object.</p> <p>I think that you will be hearing from more of the King Street residents about this matter</p>	
3	<p>I'm contacting you as a concerned resident of King Street Maldon.</p> <p>We have recently heard that the single yellow lines on Princess Road (towards doctors) is to be made a double yellow. This means no residents or visitors in evening or weekends can park their.</p> <p>The parking is very limited already and I really don't understand where people are supposed to park.</p> <p>It appears that the council notices were not displayed properly as a number had been removed. Hence none of King Street were aware of the situation until after the closing date for appeals.</p> <p>Your help would be appreciated as many King Street residents will have a problem with this.</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It was proposed to introduce double yellow lines on Princes Road, opposite Wantz Haven for approximately 26 metres. The purpose of the proposal was to maintain access and sightlines for residents and visitors of Wantz Haven.</p> <p>However, it is acknowledged that this would remove several parking spaces (approximately 5 vehicles) for residents and members of the public using local amenities.</p> <p>A 'public notice' was erected on Princes Road at the start of the formal consultation. Notices are checked every week and replaced if necessary.</p>
4	<p>Having found dated information about the removal of parking in Princes Road Maldon, I feel I must protest STRONGLY as a resident of King Street for nineteen years. Living in King Street a lovely place to live, we have recently had a street party with much publicity on BBC Essex and Look East. As you will know King Street is a very narrow Victorian street with restricted parking on one side only and yellow lines further down the road. When we have guests they have to use Princes Road to come and see us. We have a lot of car dumpers as we are near schools, Doctors, river and shops. People park their cars in the morning and leave them all day and we cannot get to our houses. Please listen to us we NEED the extra parking. WHERE are we to go?</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It was proposed to introduce double yellow lines on Princes Road, opposite Wantz Haven for approximately 26 metres. The purpose of the proposal was to maintain access and sightlines for residents and visitors of Wantz Haven.</p> <p>However, it is acknowledged that this would remove several parking spaces (approximately 5 vehicles) for residents and members of the public using local amenities.</p>
5	<p>I live in Wantz Haven a retirement complex off Princes Road. A couple of weeks ago some Parking Restriction Notices were put up on Lampposts but when I went to get the required information to object the notices had been taken and thrown</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>It was proposed to introduce double yellow lines on Princes Road, opposite Wantz Haven for approximately 26 metres. The purpose of</p>

<p>away.</p> <p>I realize that I may be late in stating my objections but hope you may realise my problem. We only have 15 resident car spaces with 3 Visitor spaces, which have to accommodate Carers, Friends and Family, Cleaners etc with 36 flats. More of the residents are driving longer than when the complex was built.</p> <p>The parking at present is after 6 at night and at weekends and is actually no problem at all. Also, there is no Visitor spaces for King Street, Warwick Drive and Queen Street. None of these roads have any extra spaces.</p> <p>It's a Godsend for our family at weekends, and for the other roads. Parking is only on one side, originally both sides, the road only goes to one Pharmacy at these times as well.</p> <p>A friend recently could not park here so we went to park in Butt Lane car park, this was a Tuesday, and no spaces! Maldon is becoming a no-go area due to lack of parking!!</p> <p>Please do reconsider and make sure the local residents know what is about to happen.</p>	<p>the proposal was to maintain access and sightlines for residents and visitors of Wantz Haven.</p> <p>However, it is acknowledged that this would remove several parking spaces (approximately 5 vehicles) for residents and members of the public using local amenities.</p>
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APPENDIX 3

Photos

Images of Princes Road taken by SEPP Technician in 2019

