

SOUTH ESSEX PARKING PARTNERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2022 – 10.30AM

AGENDA ITEM 17

Subject	<p>THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BASILDON BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.23) ORDER 202*</p> <p>Relating to Emanuel Road, Vowler Road, Great Oxcroft, Little Oxcroft & Bedford Road, Priors Close, Basildon.</p>
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 (BASILDON BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING) AND (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (AMENDMENT No.23) 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; and
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.	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>The purpose of this Order is to vary the Essex County Council (Basildon Borough) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment no.23) Order 202* relating to Emanuel Road, Vowler Road, Great Oxcroft, Little Oxcroft & Bedford Road, Priors Close, Basildon as set out below: -</p>
1.1	<p>The South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) propose to make the above named Order following a parking review of Zone C/X permit parking in the Borough of Basildon.</p>
1.2	<p>The Traffic Signs (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations and General Directions 2011 allow local authorities to provide a 'Permit Parking Area' which will dispense with the usual white permit bay markings. This will reduce street clutter and future maintenance costs, especially on concrete road surfaces where road markings do not last very long before they fade.</p>
1.3	<p>The proposal will remove the Permit X areas and merge with the existing Zone C permit area. There would be no white dotted bay marking however existing double yellow lines will remain in place. The double yellow lines at the junction of Emanuel Road and High Road are proposed to be extended as they did not provide adequate protection for the junction. Double yellow lines have also been added where there are pedestrian access points on Little Oxcroft.</p>
1.4	<p>In addition, when Zone D was amended to a permit parking area a disabled bay was removed in error. Therefore, this needs to be reinstated and the Traffic Regulation Order amended accordingly. As the disabled bay will be within a permit parking area the bay will become a Disabled Permit Bay for the sole use of the resident it was intended for.</p>
1.5	<p>The proposal will provide greater flexibility for residents to park. It will place the responsibility on the residents or their visitors to park sensibly within the Permit Parking Area. The operational times will be the same as the existing permit scheme which is Monday to Friday between the hours of 10am to 2pm.</p>
1.6	<p>Funding to amend Permit X areas was agreed on 31/03/2014 in Batch 2 lines and signs maintenance. The above proposal is the last of the six zones to be amended.</p>
1.7	<p>Copy of letter sent on 24th May 2022 to all residents of the roads listed above.</p> <p><i>The South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) is writing to you to explain a proposed change to the Residents Permit scheme in Emanuel Road, Vowler Road, Great Oxcroft, Little Oxcroft, & Bedford Road, Basildon.</i></p> <p><i>Currently the permit scheme consists of white dotted bay markings and signs. The SEPP is proposing to amend this to a Permit Parking Area, which will consist of entry/exit signs to the road, where the zone starts and finishes and smaller repeater signs throughout the Permit Parking Area. However, a Permit Parking Area does not require any white dotted bay markings.</i></p> <p><i>The reasons for doing this are to remove the Permit X bays, or with regards to Bedford Road the single yellow lines, to allow greater flexibility to residents when parking and provide, in some areas, more on-street parking capacity. Any future maintenance is easier and more cost effective.</i></p>

	<p><i>A Permit Parking Area will rely to a certain extent on residents parking responsibly. If a resident persisted in parking inconsiderately the permit could be taken away. There may also be a need in the future, if problems arise through inconsiderate parking, to amend the Traffic Regulation Order to prevent this. The operational times will remain as they currently are which are Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm.</i></p> <p><i>If you wish to either support the proposed Order or object to it, you can send an email to trafficreg@chelmsford.gov.uk or write to the above address, stating the reasons for your objection or support between the dates of Thursday 26 May to Friday 17 June 2022.</i></p> <p><i>Further information on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order can also be found on the Council's website from Thursday 26 May 2022:</i></p> <p><u>https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/proposed-tros-basildon</u></p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p>  <p>Technician South Essex Parking Partnership</p>
1.7	The Order was originally published in the Basildon Echo and on site on 26 May 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.
1.8	The Proposed Order is to revoke the existing parking restrictions in place and implement a Permit Parking Area and Double Yellow Lines.
1.9	When the Order was published on 26 May 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.
<u>List of Appendices</u> Appendix 1 – List of people making representations Appendix 2 – Summary of objections or support and Technicians comments	

APPENDIX 1

Ref	List of people making representations	Type
1	Email from Essex County Council Integrated Passenger Transport Unit dated 25/05/2022	Support
2	Emails from resident of Great Oxcroft dated 27/05/2022 and 01/06/2022	Objection

APPENDIX 2

REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSES FOLLOWING FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT – 26 MAY TO 17 JUNE 2022

Representations & responses relating to Emanuel Road, Vowler Road, Great Oxcroft, Little Oxcroft & Bedford Road, Basildon.		
Ref	Representation -	Technician response -
1	It would appear that there are a number of elements within this package of measures that would prove beneficial to buses – in making access or egress to stops better for us – so I would offer the support of the ECC IPTU to this package of measures.	Support noted.
2	<p>1st Email dated 27/05/2022</p> <p>I recently raised some issues pertaining to parking on the Basildon council website and not long after that i spotted a council agent in our communal car park.</p> <p>Today I recieved a letter through the door from yourselves and there is a notice attached to a lamp post in the communal car park explaining the same, as per your letter SEPP/CCC/BAS/AMD.23</p> <p>Your letter as far as i can understand proposes to provide more on street parking on all roads where properties appear to already have driveways. ie; everywhere that doesn't need it, and does nothing to remove the issues that face specifically Great Oxcroft and Little Oxcroft. This is an issue that is best understood by actually trying to visit Great Oxcroft but I will explain it here so that you might understand.</p> <p>Great Oxcroft is a row of houses that does not have there own driveways as it sits at the top of a small hill. At the bottom of the hill is the communal car park that is designed for residents of Great Oxcroft. This is permit controlled. On the other side of the carpark is Little Oxcroft. This row of houses all have their own private driveways to the rear of their properties with adequate space. However many of these houses prefer to park in the communal carpark as it is directly in front of their street door.</p> <p>Why are you issuing permits for these houses to park in the car park when they have their own driveways? The laziness of the residents of Little Oxcroft means that residents of Great Oxcroft often have to park over 100 metres from their back gates along the main road.</p> <p>To top it off, there are no marked bays in the communal car park and as such, the same household take advantage and park in such a way that half the car park is taken up by their 3 cars leaving little to no space for other residents. The last issue is that there is someone who uses the small carpark to store a vehicle that has not been moved since I purchased my</p>	<p>Objection noted.</p> <p>The scheme has been proposed to remove permit x bays from the area to eliminate unnecessary sign clutter whilst also offering more parking spaces to residents. If parking is difficult at times, then this scheme should allow for more spaces to alleviate some of the issues residents maybe facing. The DVLA would be responsible for any untaxed vehicles parking on public highway.</p>

<p>house. It has not been used in so long that it has grass growing in it. This is hardly fair for other residents.</p> <p>The resolution to the problems at Great and Little Oxcroft is simple. The communal car parks should have marked bays clearly painted on the ground and permits should only be issued to houses that do not have a driveway; ie, only to Great Oxcroft. Also, to combat the issue of not enough spaces you should limit the permits issued to houses to one vehicle per address. If for example a house has 2 cars, then a separate permit for the main road (Little Oxcroft) could be issued also.</p> <p>Your proposal in the above mentioned letter will achieve absolutely nothing.</p> <p>It seems that someone from the council has made a decision about the area having never visited.</p> <p>One last suggestion would be better road signage indicating where Great Oxcroft actually is, as every delivery driver, visitor, food delivery etc, can never find it.</p> <p>I know its a bit moany and wordy but I would appreciate a response to this email. I dont think my proposals are either expensive or difficult to enact and enforce.</p> <p>Technician response dated 27/05/2022</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>"Your letter as far as i can understand proposes to provide more on street parking on all roads where properties appear to already have driveways. ie; everywhere that doesn't need it, and does nothing to remove the issues that face specifically Great Oxcroft and Little Oxcroft."</p> <p>Response: We would like to advise you that the purpose of a residential permit parking area is to provide more flexibility and make the area more efficient for residents. In this case it will eliminate permit X bays where currently no one can park to allow more parking for residents. It would also allow us to remove any unnecessary parking signage in the area therefore decluttering the area. Permit Parking Areas have been implemented in Zones, A, B, D, E and F in Basildon as well as other areas in Essex and have proved to be very successful in providing greater flexibility to residents.</p> <p>"To top it off, there are no marked bays in the communal car park and as such, the same household take advantage and park in such a way that half the car park is taken up by their 3 cars leaving little to no space for other residents."</p>	
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	<p>Response: Leaving the area unmarked maximises the spaces available. By providing marked bays it would decrease the amount of parking. Again this has been proved in other zones.</p> <p>"The last issue is that there is someone who uses the small carpark to store a vehicle that has not been moved since I purchased my house. It has not been used in so long that it has grass growing in it. This is hardly fair for other residents."</p> <p>Response: Unfortunately, if a vehicle has a valid permit there is nothing our enforcement team can do. If the vehicle is on public highway and has no valid tax or MOT it is possible to report this vehicle to the DVLA so that they may clamp or remove the vehicle.</p> <p>"It seems that someone from the council has made a decision about the area having never visited."</p> <p>Response: Our technicians have carried out multiple visits to the area and monitored the area over time and as residential permit areas have proven to work much more efficiently in surrounding roads this is why the proposal has been put forward.</p> <p>One last suggestion would be better road signage indicating where Great Oxcroft actually is, as every delivery driver, visitor, food delivery etc, can never find it.</p> <p>Response: SEPP are not responsible for directional signage and therefore we would recommend contacting Essex County Council, who are the highway authority, to see if this is something their highways department may assist with.</p> <p>Unfortunately, in high density housing locations parking is very limited and the issues you have raised are likely to occur. The introduction of a permit parking area will alleviate some of these issues by creating more parking however this development was designed years ago when car ownership was a fraction of the level it is today.</p> <p>Given the above and our explanation as to why these changes are being proposed to help assist parking in the area could you confirm whether or not you wish to still object to the proposal? If you do wish to object your comments will be referred to the South Essex Parking Partnership Committee for further consideration.</p>	
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2nd Email dated 01/06/2022

I have read your comments and reply as such.

In Great Oxcroft and Little Oxcroft there is too much flexibility, certain households park in a way that leaves massive gaps between cars, thereby reducing the amount of cars that can park. Hence my request for marked bays. It is like this 90% of the time so if your agents had genuinely been monitoring the area they would also be aware of this.

As for leaving taxed and MOTd cars in the communal car park, if I was to go and buy 20 old bangers and park them bumper to bumper inside the carpark, would you object then?

I obviously do still wish to object and I would appreciate someone reviewing my comments.