

Statement of Reason
THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (MOVING TRAFFIC AND
SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2024
Including the introduction of Map-Based Schedules

Proposal

To produce a Southend-On-Sea wide traffic order for all current traffic orders relating to moving traffic and speed limit restrictions. This will include producing map-based schedules and digitising all restrictions as part of this process on to the Council's map-based system.

All previous traffic orders relating to moving traffic restrictions and speed limits will be revoked and replaced as part of this process.

The following will be incorporated as part of this process;

- Introduction of articles relating to map-based schedules
- Clearly set out legislative powers to propose and make the order
- Relevant definitions added
- Exemptions added to restrictions
- Revocation of restrictions in previous traffic orders that are no longer in existence on the highway network
- Restrictions added as schedule items to ensure that each restriction on the highway network is backed by a compliant traffic order and ensuring it is fully enforceable

Reasons

The reason for moving traffic restrictions and speed limits on the highway network aims to improve road safety for all road users, whilst allowing access to local facilities and for public transport. It aims to encourage more active and sustainable methods of transport whilst also preserving the amenities of the area. It will aim to reduce traffic collisions and improve air quality.

The traffic order process will ensure consistency across the entire network throughout Southend and ensure that all moving and speed restrictions are backed by a compliant traffic order meaning all restrictions will be fully enforceable. It will create a sound basis to make efficient amendments in the future. The introduction of digitised map-based schedules will deliver accessible and easy to understand information on the public facing portal for interested members of the public.

This digitisation of Southend's moving traffic orders will ensure that they are future proof and compliant with the D-TRO project and National Parking Platform, as set out by Department for Transport and British Parking Association objectives.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The sections which the City Council are using for the implementation of this order as above are 1, 2, 3, 4, 19, 65, 81, 84, 85, 87 and 124 (and parts I to IV of Schedule 9) of the RTRA 1984.

In addition, thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this scheme.

Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 has been enacted to allow local authorities outside of London to apply for the powers to enforce moving traffic restrictions.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All of the associated signing and lining will be in accordance with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) 2016.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of Southend-on-Sea City Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.