



Committee	Full Council
Month	October 2025
Report Title	Market Square Outstanding LHP Requests
Report Author	DTC

Summary

Agenda item: 12b

Council is provided with this report as a written summary of the historic and current situation regarding the two outstanding Local Highway Panel Requests submitted to Essex County Council.

This report does not seek to provide list actions reached but acts as a summary of situation.

Council is asked to consider and note the contents within these reports to determine the future direction and progression of the schemes.

Situation

Approx Dates	Progress
2015	SWTC submitted an LHP request seeking timing amendments to the existing TRO for the Tues/Sat Markets. Pedestrianisation feasibility discussed between SWTC/ECC.
2019	SWTC resolution to conduct a Market Square Pedestrianisation consultation.
2020	Temporary TRO launched during Covid-19 to close the Market Square. SWTC conducted closures.
2021	SWTC conducted a two-phase consultation seeking views on pedestrianisation.
2022	SWTC consultation closed, results informed the LHP request seeking: Partial pedestrianisation of the Market Square, on a part-time daily basis (M-Su 08.00-16.00) as illustrated below.
2023	Few officer meetings and correspondence between SWTC/ ECC, ECC raised different concerns for the lack of progression on both LHP requests. Two incorrect draft TROs provided to SWTC.
2024	ECC informed SWTC the two LHP schemes will be considered together.
2025	SWTC informed the two LHP schemes have been removed from the LHP list because Full Pedestrianisation (24-7) is included within the draft Local Plan Transport Strategy.
Present	SWTC councillors and officers met with UDC/ECC for an update (full meeting notes attached). UDC/ECC officers are supportive of implementing the partial road closure on a permanent basis (rather than part-time).



SWTC LHP Partial Pedestrianisation Request

Key Considerations

Council is asked to consider its position on actively progressing and supporting a permanent 24-7 partial road closure, acknowledging the initial Council request sought part time partial closure between 08.00-16.00.

Recommendations

- a. To note the contents of this report.
- b. Consider whether SWTC continues to seek partial, part-time pedestrianisation or full time.