

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: THE FALKIRK COUNCIL (RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND PARKING PLACES) (LARBERT AND STENHOUSEMUIR) (AMENDMENT No.5) ORDER 2012
Meeting: PLANNING COMMITTEE
Date: 28 NOVEMBER 2012
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Ward: Bonnybridge and Larbert

**Local Members: Councillor Billy Buchanan
Councillor Tom Coleman
Councillor Linda Gow**

Community Council: Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood Community Council

Council Officer: Russell Steedman - Network Co-ordinator

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report seeks a decision on The Falkirk Council (Larbert and Stenhousemuir) (Amendment No.5) Order 2012, the purpose of which is to manage on-street parking in the vicinity of the Forth Valley Royal Hospital. In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this decision requires to be made by Committee as unresolved objections have been received to the making of the Order. In terms of the relevant legislation, the authority requires to consider all objections made and not withdrawn before making the Order.
- 1.2 Members should be aware that it is available to them to call for a hearing on the Order should they find themselves unable to determine whether the Order should be made or not at this stage. Such a hearing would be conducted by an independent party appointed by the Council from a list of persons compiled by the Scottish Ministers for that purpose. Members would then need to consider the report and recommendation of the Reporter before making a determination.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The proposed amendment Traffic Regulation Order introduces waiting restrictions in order to:
- Prevent the habitual parking of vehicles on the A9 Stirling Road adjacent to existing driveways to reinstate visibility and improve road safety levels.
 - Ensure parked vehicles do not prevent passage of large refuse, delivery and emergency vehicles within Robert Bruce Court, Ladywell Court and Logie Drive.

- 2.2 In accordance with Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations, 1999, notices of intention were posted on-street and in the local press in the prescribed manner on 26 July 2012.
- 2.3 Objections from residents were received to the proposed Order. The majority of objections were in relation to the 24 hour period of the waiting restriction proposed for Robert Bruce Court, Ladywell Court and Logie Drive. Consideration was given to addressing concerns of objectors, and as a result the proposed waiting restriction for these areas has been made less stringent by amending the proposal:
- “No Waiting” 24 hours a day (double yellow line)
- to
- “No Waiting” 08 am to 6 pm Mon –Fri (single yellow line)
- 2.4 The extent of the proposed waiting restrictions, as amended in 2.3, is shown on the drawings numbered TRO/12/003 C attached.
- 2.5 The opening of Forth Valley Royal Hospital has resulted in an increase in on-street parking. A continued commitment to improve the effectiveness of the hospital’s Travel Plan should minimise the hospital’s impact on parking in the local area. However, further modifications to waiting restrictions already in place are required to manage the on-street parking.
- 2.6 Objections that remain unresolved mainly relate to:
- The continued presence of vehicles parked by hospital staff on the A9 and residential streets in close proximity to the Forth Valley Royal Hospital.
 - Requests for residents’ only parking spaces.

In terms of roads legislation it is not possible to address the continued presence of vehicles parked by hospital staff without displacing the vehicles to other residential streets. Introducing residents’ only permit parking spaces would also displace non-permit holders to other residential streets.

Within the Falkirk Council area, only the Controlled Parking Zone within Falkirk town centre has a residents’ parking scheme. The parking schemes are generally introduced to provide residents a reduced parking charge in areas containing pay and display parking bays. There are no plans to extend on-street parking charges to other areas and hence there are no proposals to introduce resident parking schemes outwith the existing Controlled Parking Zone.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Consultation with Central Scotland Police, The Ambulance Service, Central Scotland Fire and Rescue Service and other statutory bodies has been carried out in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

- 3.2 In total, 45 objections to the proposed Order were received from local residents. Development Services responded in writing on 09 October 2012 to residents who objected to this Order. Table 3.1 illustrates a breakdown of objections that were received, withdrawn and those that have not been withdrawn. 56% of the objections have been withdrawn.

Table 3.1

	Received	Withdrawn	Not Withdrawn
A9 Stirling Road	7	1	6
Fairley Drive	1	0	1
Ladywell Court	9	5	4
Logie Drive	8	1	7
Old Bellsdyke Road	2	1	1
Robert Bruce Court	17	17	0
Community Council	1	0	1
Totals	45	25	20

- 3.3 Changes have been made to the original proposals as detailed in paragraph 2.3. In addition, it was confirmed to residents the implication of the waiting restrictions:

- “The “No Waiting between 8 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday” prevents the “Waiting” of a vehicle on that section of road where the restriction is in place. This is a restriction which does not preclude “loading” or “unloading”. Vehicles such as delivery vans and taxis can therefore stop on the restriction while serving a property within the street. Parking for residents and their visitors is permitted outwith the time of the restriction where the vehicle does not cause obstruction to other road users.”

- 3.4 Central Scotland Police have advised that they are in support of the proposals.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The reasons for promoting Order are to:

- Prevent the habitual parking of vehicles on the A9 Stirling Road adjacent to existing driveways to reinstate visibility and improve road safety levels.
- Ensure parked vehicles do not prevent passage of large refuse, delivery and emergency vehicles within Robert Bruce Court, Ladywell Court and Logie Drive.

- 4.2 The proposed Order should manage parking in the interests of road safety and has been amended as indicated in para. 2.3 to be less stringent after consideration of the objections.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the terms of the report including the objections and determine whether the Order as amended in para 2.3 should be made.**

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Director of Development Services

Date: 20th November, 2012

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. The Falkirk Council (Restriction on Waiting and Parking Places)(Larbert and Stenhousemuir)(Amendment No.5) Order 2012
2. Consultation responses
3. Letters of objection and explanatory correspondence

