

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: THE FALKIRK COUNCIL (ELPHINSTONE CRESCENT, MAIN STREET AND MILLER PLACE, AIRTH)(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2013**  
**Meeting: PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**Date: 30 OCTOBER 2013**  
**Author: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**Ward: Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst**

**Local Members: Councillor Stephen Bird  
Councillor Steven Carleschi  
Councillor Charles MacDonald  
Councillor Craig Martin**

**Community Council: Airth Community Council**

**Council Officer: Russell Steedman - Network Co-ordinator**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report seeks a decision on The Falkirk Council (Elphinstone Crescent, Main Street and Miller Place, Airth)(Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2013, the purpose of which is to implement waiting restrictions on junctions outside Airth Primary School in the interests of road safety. 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 In terms of the relevant legislation, the authority requires to consider all objections made and not withdrawn before making the Order.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 Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) aims to address concerns regarding vehicular parking in the vicinity of junctions around Airth Primary School. It is also intended to aid school bus access and egress from the area after reports that the bus was having difficulties due to parked vehicles.
- 2.2 Concerns have previously been raised by Airth Primary School Parent Council regarding parking in the area and the dangers this poses for local school children.

- 2.3 The extent of the revised proposed restrictions is shown in on the drawing numbered TRO/001/REV-A attached.

### **3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 Six objections were received to the proposed order, five in the form of a duplicated objection letter, all from the same address. The other came from another resident of the area.

All six objections related to a concern that residential parking provision would be reduced if the proposals were to be implemented.

- 3.2 Development Services responded to the objectors on 7 August 2013 explaining:-

- a) Proposed restrictions on Main Street (A905) north of Elphinstone Crescent are intended to prohibit motorists from parking in the vicinity of the traffic island and maintain visibility for vehicles exiting Elphinstone Crescent.
- b) Restrictions within Elphinstone Crescent, where it meets Miller Place, are necessary to assist right turning manoeuvres, particularly by school buses.
- c) The extent of the proposed restrictions has been revised, taking account of the concerns raised by the objectors, as shown on plan TRO/001/REV-A. It is now proposed to reduce the extent of restrictions on Elphinstone Crescent at the junction with Main Street. This should assist in maximising the availability of on-street parking whilst providing visibility at the junction and maintaining safe access and egress.

- 3.3 The objectors were asked to formally withdraw their objections.

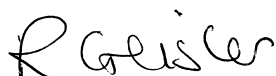
- 3.4 No objections have been withdrawn.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The purpose of The Falkirk Council (Elphinstone Crescent, Main Street and Miller Place, Airth)(Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2013 is to assist in deterring indiscriminate parking on Elphinstone Crescent, Main Street and Miller Place, Airth and is in the best interests of road safety due to the proximity of Airth Primary School.

### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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



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**Director of Development Services**

**Date: 16 October 2013**

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. The Falkirk Council (Elphinstone Crescent, Main Street and Miller Place, Airth)(Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2013
2. Objections
3. Response to objections

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone Falkirk 01324 504830 and ask for Russell Steedman, Network Co-ordinator.

