

AGENDA ITEM 1

The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999

The Falkirk Council (On-Street Parking for Disabled Persons) (Numbers 10/035, 10/060 and 10/063) Orders 2010

1. This Note contains the Reporter's provisional proposals for the conduct of a conjoined hearing into three separate Orders making provision for on-street parking spaces in Castings Avenue Falkirk. Any interested party may make representations suggesting that a different procedure to be followed, and if any representations are made a final decision will be made at the start of the hearing. Otherwise, the procedure will be as set out in this note.
2. The hearing has been arranged to take place on Friday 17 June 2011 at 2 p.m. within the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Falkirk. The hearing will be a conjoined one and all three Orders will be considered together.
3. With a view to achieving maximum informality, the Reporter proposes that the hearing should take the form of a round-table discussion led by the Reporter. In the course of that discussion interested parties may express their views about the proposed Orders and the objections which have been submitted to them. The Reporter will have made an unaccompanied visit to Castings Avenue at some point before the start of the hearing.
4. After introductions and considering any representations about the proposed procedure to be followed at the hearing, an officer from the Council will be asked to make a factual statement. This is intended to set out briefly the nature of the three Orders under consideration and any relevant road traffic or road safety or other technical considerations which were taken into account in proposing to make the Orders.
5. The applicants (individually or collectively) will have the opportunity to make an opening statement if they wish.
6. Discussion will take place thereafter broadly following the list of objections issues reported to the Council in December 2010. While it will be open to all concerned to ask questions and participate in the discussion under the direction of the

Reporter, there will be no formal leading of evidence or cross-examination.

7. Any party who wishes to ask the Reporter to consider any published document, any kind of statistics, or photographs not previously considered by the Council should submit two copies to the Council not later than two weeks before the hearing is due to begin. One copy will be for the Reporter's use and the other will be available for inspection by other parties prior to the hearing at the Council's offices.
8. Participants will be allowed, if they wish, to make a summing up statement before the hearing is concluded.
9. Parties should note that the Blue Badge scheme and entitlements within it are outwith the scope of this hearing.
10. After the conclusion of the hearing, the Reporter will submit a written report with recommendations to the Council.