

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: PROHIBITION OF WAITING – ERSKINE HILL, POLMONT
Meeting: PLANNING COMMITTEE
Date: 7 March 2012
Author: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Ward: Lower Braes

Local Members: Councillor Steven Jackson
Councillor Malcolm Nicol
Councillor Alan Nimmo

Community Council: Polmont

Council Officer: Russell Steedman – Network Co-ordinator

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report seeks a decision on The Falkirk Council (Erskine Hill, Polmont)(Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2011, the purpose of which is to prohibit waiting at any time on the access road to Erskine Hill from Station Road in Polmont. In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this decision requires to be made by Committee as an objection has been received to the making of the Order. In terms of the relevant legislation, the Council is required to consider all objections made and not withdrawn before making the Order.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 the determination.

2 PROPOSAL

- 2.1 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), prohibits waiting at any time on the short length of access road between Station Road and Erskine Hill. The TRO also prohibits waiting within 10 metres of the junctions at either end of the access road.
- 2.2 The extent of the proposed waiting restrictions is shown on drawing numbered TRO/001 attached.
- 2.3 Parking on the short access road raised road safety issues relating to vehicles being driven on the 'wrong' side of the road where forward visibility is poor close to a junction.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 One letter of objection was received, and this has not been withdrawn following two explanatory pieces of correspondence.
- 3.2 The objection is based on the ground that the proposed TRO would result in commuter vehicles migrating to the residential street within Erskine Hill itself. The objector is of the opinion that this will increase issues relating to obstruction of residents driveways. The objector also suggests that the proposed TRO will encourage commuters to park around a corner within Erskine Hill itself.
- 3.3 Development Services responded to the objector on 23 December 2011 advising that the TRO would prohibit parking where such parking is resulting in road safety issues. Furthermore, the objector was advised that the migration of the commuter vehicles was not considered an issue in terms of road safety.
- 3.4 The objector was asked to formally withdraw their objection.
- 3.5 The objector confirmed on 17 February 2012 they did not wish to withdraw their objection and hence a Committee decision is required in accordance with paragraph 1.1 above.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 **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: 27 February 2012

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. The Falkirk Council (Erskine Hill, Polmont)(Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2011
2. Letter of objection and Development Services explanatory correspondence

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should contact Russell Steedman on 01324 504830.



LEGEND



NO WAITING AT ANYTIME

TITLE OF ORDER

THE FALKIRK COUNCIL (ERSKINE HILL, POLMONT) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2011



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Development Services (Roads)
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Director: Rhona Gossler

This is the plan referred to in "The Falkirk Council (Erskine Hill, Polmont)
(Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2011"

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