

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: THE FALKIRK COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, CAMELON)  
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING)  
(AMENDMENT NO.2) ORDER 2013**  
**Meeting: PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**Date: 25 JUNE 2013**  
**Author: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**Ward: Falkirk South**

**Local Members: Councillor Colin Chalmers  
Councillor Dennis Goldie  
Councillor Gerry Goldie  
Councillor John Patrick – Depute Provost**

**Community Council: Falkirk South Community Council**

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

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This report seeks a decision on The Falkirk Council (Various Streets, Camelon) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) (Amendment No.2) Order 2013, the purpose of which is to manage on-street parking on the public roads within the vicinity of the proposed Aldi's supermarket retail development as detailed in the planning permission (P/12/0418/FUL). The public roads affected are Redbrae Road and the A803 Glasgow Road, Camelon. 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 In terms of the relevant legislation, the authority requires to consider all objections made and not withdrawn before making the Order.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 Order introduces waiting restrictions to:

- assist in deterring indiscriminate parking on the A803 Glasgow Road and Redbrae Road, Camelon

- alleviate congestion which will be in the best interests of road safety on Redbrae Road
  - alleviate congestion and permit the efficient and safe operation of the proposed A803 Glasgow Road/Redbrae Road, Camelon traffic signals junction.
- 2.3 As part of the granted planning permission, a signalised junction with a dedicated right turn lane into Redbrae Road is necessary to achieve junction capacity and reduce “knock-on” congestion in Camelon. To satisfy the through traffic movements, waiting restrictions are required on the south side of Glasgow Road. This section of road is currently used by residents to park their vehicles but will be required for live traffic to allow the junction to operate in a safe and efficient manner. As a result, on-street parking at this particular section of road can no longer be accommodated.
- 2.4 Parking spaces to compensate for the loss of on-street parking are being made available within Aldi’s parking area for residents’ use and an agreement on how they are managed is being developed as a condition of the planning consent.
- 2.5 The extent of the proposed waiting restrictions are shown on drawing number TRO/13/009/C (Appendix 1).

### **3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 Consultation with Police Scotland and other statutory bodies was carried out in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999. No adverse comments were received from these consultees.
- 3.2 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 25 April 2013.
- 3.3 In total, 14 identical letters of objection to the proposed Order were received from local residents within the objection period.
- 3.4 The objectors raise 7 issues
1. Their understanding is that Aldi are willing to allow residents to park within the new store’s car park.
  2. They consider that there will be inconvenience involved for some elderly residents to walk from Glasgow Road down to the new car park off Redbrae Road.
  3. They require clarification of the details regarding the management of the proposed resident’s parking spaces.
  4. They require clarification regarding the Transport Assessment (TA) and the previous use of the site.
  5. Confirmation was requested that a TA was carried out, and if so, what conclusions were reached.
  6. The possibility of residents’ parking spaces being created in their gardens on Glasgow Road was put forward for consideration.

7. They require clarification that the existing signalised pedestrian crossing on Glasgow Road, just east of Hamilton Street, is to be retained.

Development Services responded to the 14 residents who objected as follows:

1. As part of the relevant planning permission (P/12/0418/FUL) for the above site that was granted on 21 December 2012, a planning condition was attached to this application requiring the developer to provide residents' parking spaces within their new car parking area off Redbrae Road. To date the details of this planning condition have not yet been fully agreed. The Council is working with Aldi to satisfy this planning condition. Copy of the plan of the parking proposal is attached as Appendix 2.
2. Although parking in the new car park will not be ideal, a pedestrian crossing phase will be incorporated into the new traffic signals to assist pedestrians to cross Glasgow Road. The actual distance from the front door of no. 76 Glasgow Road to the proposed residents' parking spaces will be approximately 100m.
3. Aldi's current proposal for residents' parking spaces within their car park is for residents to be allocated specific bays within Aldi's car park which will be sign-posted as 'residents only'. The parking will be managed by Parking Eye (an electronic parking management system) and residents will be issued with a telephone number to add their car's registration to the car park database, to allow them to park within Aldi's car park whenever they want. Visitors parking will be handled in the same way with residents able to add further registrations at any point.
4. In terms of a Transport Assessment, the site was considered without factoring in traffic associated with Riley Dunn & Wilson and Johnston Press, as these businesses had ceased trading at the point the application was submitted. The Transport Assessment considered the impact of the development on the existing road network using current flows (which did not include the previous use on the site).
5. A Transport Assessment was carried out in support of the application. The TA concluded that the traffic signals, as currently proposed, would operate satisfactorily.
6. On road safety grounds, it would not be permissible to create any new parking spaces within the signalised junction.
7. The existing traffic light installation to the east of Hamilton Road is to be retained at the current location and will operate in conjunction with the new signals at Redbrae Road junction.

3.5 Objectors were asked, should they be minded to do so, to formally withdraw their objections.

3.6 To date, one objector has subsequently withdrawn their objection.

## 4 CONCLUSION

4.1 The purpose of the Order is to:

- Limit parking on Redbrae Road to alleviate congestion which will be in the best interests of road safety

- Limit parking on A803 to alleviate congestion and permit the safe and efficient operation of the proposed A803 Glasgow Road/Redbrae Road, Camelon traffic signals junction.

## **5 RECOMMENDATION**

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

Pp

.....  
**Director of Development Services**

**Date: 17 June, 2013**

Contact Officer:        Russell Steedman, Network Co-ordinator        Tel: Ext 4830

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. The Falkirk Council (Various Streets, Camelon) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) (Amendment No.2) Order 2013
2. Consultation responses
3. Letters of objection and explanatory correspondence

