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Withdrawal of the Proposed Double Yellow Line Markings, Circus Lane, TRO/12/18A

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Executive summary

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Summary

The City Centre/Leith Roads Team received a request from the Circus Lane Resident's Association to promote a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to place double yellow line markings on Circus Lane.

When the proposals for double yellow line markings for Circus Lane were advertised to the public in February 2013, a large number of objections from residents was received. The individual who requested the double yellow lines on behalf of the Resident's Association has also now agreed that Circus Lane should be withdrawn from the TRO process.

It is therefore proposed that the City of Edinburgh Council withdraw Circus Lane from TRO/12/18A and that no amendments are made to the current parking restrictions.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee authorises the withdrawal of Circus Lane from the Proposed City Of Edinburgh Council (Traffic Regulation; Restrictions on Waiting, Loading and Unloading, and Parking Places) (Variation No) Order 201-TRO/12/18A

Measures of success

The status quo will be maintained. By withdrawing the proposed waiting, loading and unloading restrictions, there will be no increase to traffic speeds.

Financial impact

There is no cost associated with the withdrawal of Circus Lane from the Traffic Regulation Order.

Equalities impact

Retaining the current set up will help mitigate against any perceived fear of speeding vehicles for the elderly, carers and those with mobility issues. Residents also noted that the installation of double yellow lines outside main doors (there is no pavement) would have a potential impact on everyday life, especially for those with any mobility issues.

Sustainability impact

Maintaining the status quo will see no changed impact to current levels of walking, vehicle use and associated carbon emissions.

Consultation and engagement

Consultation has been carried out as part of the statutory Traffic Regulation Order process. This generated 17 objections from local residents, as opposed to three pieces of correspondence from residents who did not object to the proposals.

The nature of the objections covered a wide range of issues, with the main concern being a subsequent increase in speeding. A number of respondents also stated that parking simply isn't an issue and the proposals were not representative of their views.

Of the three other pieces of correspondence received, one simply noted they had no objections to the proposals, one was supportive only with regards to the impact upon the garages at the east end of the Lane and the third, while supporting the plans to free the Lane from unsolicited parking, nevertheless also notes that action should be taken to prevent vehicles from racing along the Lane.

A table showing the summarised comments of individuals can be found at Appendix 1.

Local Councillors have been made aware of the situation and support the withdrawal of Circus Lane from the current TRO process. Residents' concerns regarding the perceived speeding issues have been noted; the Roads Team will carry out a speed survey to determine if this is an issue and appropriate action will be taken thereafter.

Background reading/external references

None.

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1. Background

- 1.1 The City Centre/Leith Roads Team received a request from the Circus Lane Resident's Association to promote a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to place double yellow line markings on Circus Lane.
- 1.2 The request was made due to the apparent level of indiscriminate parking that blocked access to garage doors on the lane. We were informed by the Secretary of the Circus Lane Residents Association that there was majority support for the installation of the parking restrictions.

2. Main report

- 2.1 As part of the statutory TRO process, the proposals were publicised in February 2013. It quickly became apparent from both the volume and level of concern that the majority of residents in Circus Lane did not support the installation of the proposed double yellow lines.
- 2.2 Seventeen objections were received from local residents, as opposed to three pieces of correspondence from residents who did not object to the proposals.
- 2.3 The nature of the objections covered a wide range of issues. The majority of respondents noted that parking was not a concern, and the proposals would not solve the real issues of speeding and rat-running, with a number also noting that these issues would likely worsen should the double yellow lines be implemented. Concerns were also raised about the detrimental impact on daily business and family life the yellow lines would have. A number of respondents also noted that they had been unaware of the proposals and that the views put forward by the Secretary of the Residents' Association were not in fact representative of their views.

- 2.4 Of the three other pieces of correspondence received, one simply noted they had no objections to the proposals, one was supportive only with regards to the impact upon the garages at the east end of Circus Lane and the third, while supporting the plans to free the Lane from unsolicited parking, nevertheless also notes that action should be taken to prevent vehicles from racing along the Lane.
- 2.5 A summary of the correspondence received can be found at Appendix 1.
- 2.6 The individual who requested the double yellow lines on behalf of the Resident's Association has also agreed Circus Lane should be withdrawn from the TRO process.
- 2.7 As a result of the opposition to the installation of double yellow lines from residents, it is proposed that these be withdrawn from the TRO.
- 2.8 Given the perception from residents that speeding is an issue, the Roads Team intend to carry out a speed survey to establish if this is an issue that requires to be addressed.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that Committee authorises the withdrawal of Circus Lane from the Proposed City of Edinburgh Council (Traffic Regulation; Restrictions on Waiting, Loading and Unloading, and Parking Places) (Variation No) Order 201-TRO/12/18A.

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Coalition pledges

Council outcomes

CO21 Safe – Residents, visitors and businesses feel that Edinburgh is a safe city.

Single Outcome Agreement

S04 - Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.

Appendices

1. Summary of correspondence received.

APPENDIX 1 – SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Objections received:

DYs are excessive/not required	10
Won't solve speeding/rat-running	5
Likely to increase speeding	13
Impact on business	2
Impact on daily/family life	6
Aesthetics	2
Unaware of proposals/not representative	7

Other correspondence received:

No objection to proposals	1
Supportive of the proposal as far as it impacts on east end, by garages	1
Supportive of proposals to stop unsolicited parking but concerns raised about rat-running and speeding	1