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Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions Craiglockhart Primary School – Traffic Regulation Order 12/21

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Executive summary

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Summary

To repel objections received from advertising the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO/12/21) to introduce double yellow line waiting restrictions in the vicinity of Craiglockhart Primary School. (See Appendix 1 for location plan). The TRO is required to formalise restrictions that were put in place under a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) and create a new section of double yellow line at the access to the canal tow path. This would improve visibility for those pedestrians and cyclists crossing at this location. Two objections were received that need to be considered before completion of the TRO.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee set aside the objections and make the Order as advertised to improve public safety, maintain emergency vehicular access and improve traffic flow.

Measures of success

It is considered that the parking restrictions will improve road safety for all road users and improve traffic flow.

Financial impact

It is anticipated the total cost associated with the Traffic Regulation Order and installing double yellow lines at the location described will be approximately £2,000.00 from the Road Safety budget.

Equalities impact

Consideration has been given to the relevance of the Equalities Act 2010 and there is no infringement of rights or impact on duties under this Act.

Sustainability impact

The recommendations within this report do not have any adverse impact on carbon impacts, adaptation to climate change or sustainable development.

Consultation and engagement

This Order was advertised for public consultation from 1 February 2013 to 26 February 2013 in line with TRO procedures. Two formal objections from local residents were received as part of the public consultation. These proposals were also discussed at two evening meetings on 16 and 17 April 2013 and only positive comments were made.

Background reading/external references

Appendix 1 – Location Plan (attached).

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1. Background

- 1.1 In December 2007, a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) was made to implement waiting restrictions at the junction of Ashley Grove, Ashley Gardens, Ashley Drive and Cowan Road. This was put in place after the implementation of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the neighbouring area, promoted by the Parking Team. Vehicles were parking across the junctions in this area creating danger to pedestrians. This Order was in force until June 2009.
- 1.2 Following on from the initial TTRO, a further temporary order was made from February 2010 to August 2011.
- 1.3 The Road Safety Team are now progressing a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to formalise the waiting restrictions that were placed under the TTRO. The effect of the restriction is to improve visibility for those crossing at the junctions.
- 1.4 Within the travel plan for Craiglockhart Primary School, a request was made for a crossing facility on Ashley Drive. Due to the layout of the streets, any crossing facility would have removed all the parking between Ashley Terrace and Ashley Grove and would not have been located on the desire line for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 1.5 Proposals were drawn up to progress a TRO through the statutory process to introduce waiting restrictions in the vicinity of Craiglockhart Primary School.
- 1.6 The permanent order TRO/12/21 was advertised for public consultation from 1 February 2013 to 26 February 2013 and two objections were received for this Order, details are referenced in 2.2 of this report.

2. Main report

2.1 It is considered that the introduction of parking restrictions at the following junctions will improve sightlines for all road users and provide suitable crossing points for pedestrians, including school children:

- Ashley Grove/Cowan Road
- Ashley Grove/Ashley Gardens
- Ashley Grove/Ashley Drive
- Ashley Drive – across access to canal towpath

2.2 Following the advertisement of the TRO, two objections have been received from local residents, and are outlined as follows:

- *Objection to the double yellow line markings on Ashley Drive, parallel with the canal. Not required for 24 hour period as pedestrians tend not to be about in the middle of the night. Car parking in the area is limited.*

There is a strong case for maintaining access to and from the canal tow path over a 24 hour period, although it is recognised that there will be lower levels of usage at night. It is used by both pedestrians and cyclists for leisure and commuting journeys, which, especially over the spring and summer months, will take place until dusk and early in the morning. This is demonstrated in an analysis of a cycle count carried out on the Union Canal on Wednesday 28 April 2012 (school term-time) next to the Ashley Drive access, which showed that 45.8% of cyclists were counted in a combination of the two periods, 7am-8am and 5pm-7pm (371 out of a total of 810 cyclists). Source: Sustrans' Route User Intercept Survey: Union Canal 2012.

So the provision of double yellow lines at this location will provide safe access at all times as well as catering specifically for school times. Any vehicles parking between the two access paths will impede the visibility for those crossing.

- *There are already 24 hour restrictions on the corners as shown in the Appendix.*

The current line markings were painted on the carriageway under a TTRO. These are no longer enforceable. This Order would make them permanent and allow them to be enforced.

3. Recommendations

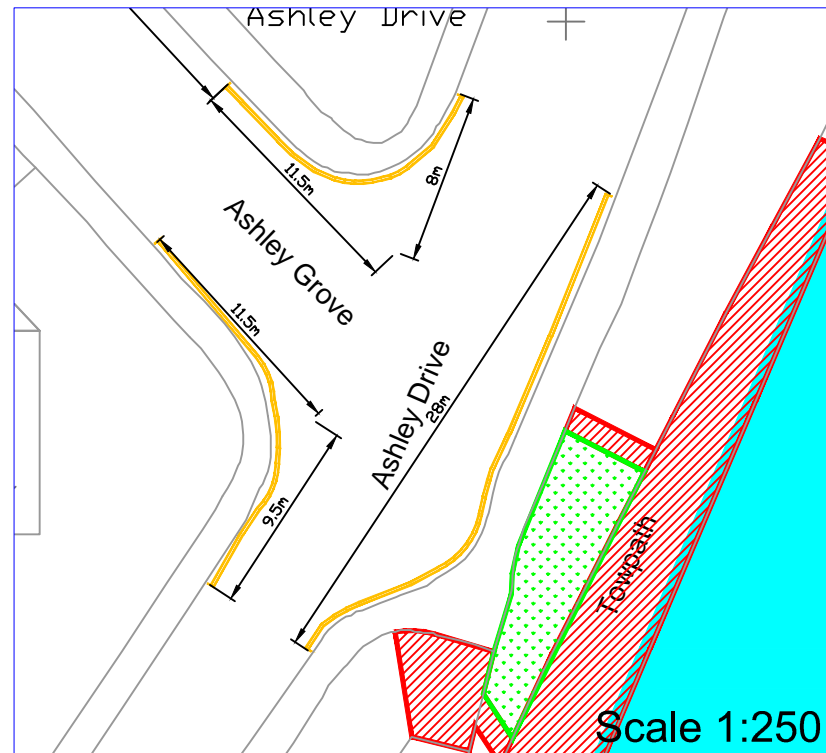
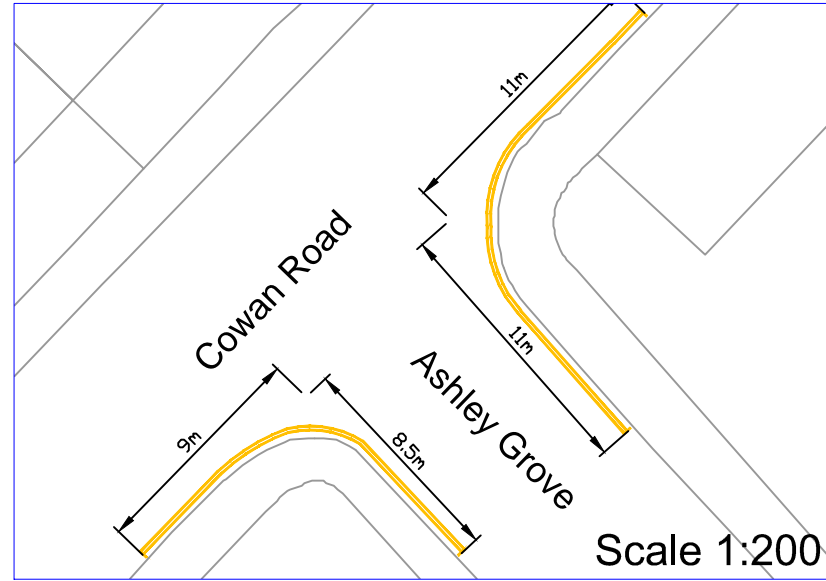
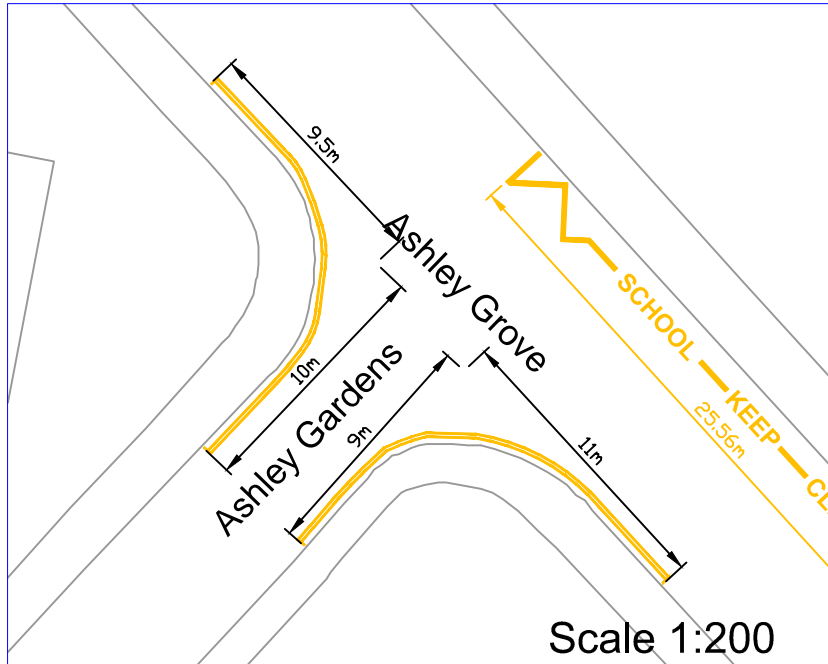
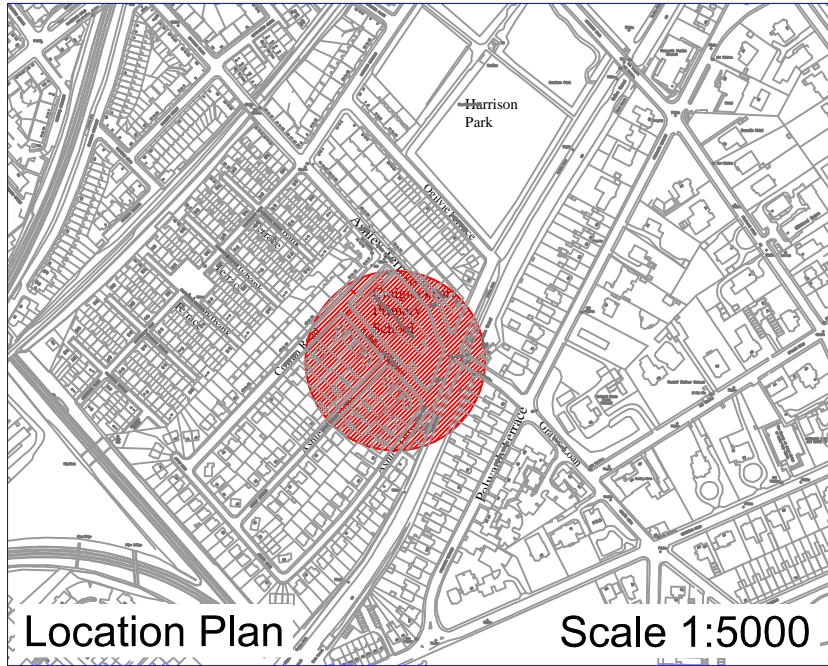
- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee set aside the objections and make the Order as advertised to improve public safety, maintain emergency vehicular access and improve traffic flow.

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Council outcomes	CO21: Safe – Resident, visitors and businesses feel the Edinburgh is a safe City.
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4: Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.
Appendices	Appendix 1 – Plan of double yellow line markings



NOTES:
 Proposed Double Yellow Line Markings at several junctions near to Craiglockhart Primary School



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