

Transport and Environment Committee

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Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Fairmile Avenue at Oxfords Road

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Executive summary

Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Fairmile Avenue at Oxgangs Road

Summary

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for double yellow line waiting and loading restrictions in Fairmile Avenue at its junction with Oxgangs Road (see Appendix 1 for location plan).

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Transport and Environment Committee sets aside the objections, ratifies the amended proposals and approves the implementation of the waiting and loading restrictions.

Measures of success

To be judged by:

- Improved traffic flow.
- Improve road safety for both pedestrians and motorists due to increased visibility.
- Reduction in complaints from public.

Financial impact

Financial implications would be limited to the cost of making the order and installing the necessary road markings and signage at the location described. This can be met from the revenue budget and is estimated to be in the region of £1,000.

Equalities impact

An Equalities and Rights Impact Assessment has been carried out indicating that the proposed TRO protects the right to live in a safe environment and supports the implementation of proposed waiting and loading restrictions.

Sustainability impact

The recommendations contained herein do not have any adverse impact on carbon emissions, adaptation to climate change or sustainable development.

Consultation and engagement

Feedback was received through the statutory consultation process. The subsequent dialogue with local residents and Elected Members led to an amendment of the original proposals.

Background reading / external references

None.

Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Fairmile Avenue at Oxgangs Road

1. Background

- 1.1 Proposals have been drawn up to introduce double yellow line waiting restrictions at the Fairmile Avenue and Oxgangs Road junction (see Appendix 2 for original proposal).
- 1.2 The proposals follow representation made to the Council regarding safety concerns raised which involve:
 - The obstruction of sightlines when exiting Fairmile Avenue onto the busy Oxgangs Road.
 - The obstruction of sightlines and narrowing of the available carriageway at the curve in the road immediately prior to the afore-mentioned junction.
- 1.3 The purpose of the Traffic Regulation Order is to facilitate safe passage along, and egress from, Fairmile Avenue onto Oxgangs Road. It seeks to prevent the obstruction of sightlines and reduction of carriageway width by vehicles parked both at the apex of the curve and at the bell-mouth of the junction.

2. Main report

- 2.1 Concerns were raised with the local Roads Team by a number of residents regarding the safety of this road and junction. The sightlines and parking issues at this location were assessed by the Local Roads Team and proposals were drawn up to introduce waiting and loading restrictions from the bell-mouth of the junction along Fairmile Avenue to also cover the bend in the road.
- 2.2 Seven objections were received to the proposed restrictions. These primarily concerned the extent of the proposed restrictions, which was viewed as excessive.
- 2.3 As a result of the reasoning of the objectors, a reassessment of the situation was carried out. This indicated that while there would be some benefit to the waiting and loading restrictions on the bend, they were not essential. Therefore, it was decided to reduce the extent of the proposed restrictions to cover just the bell-mouth of the junction (see Appendix 1 for revised proposal).

- 2.4 The original six objectors were contacted to advise them of the amended proposals and ask if they wished to maintain their objection. One response was received and this was to support the amended proposals.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Transport and Environment Committee sets aside the objections, ratifies the amended proposals and approves the implementation of the waiting and loading restrictions.

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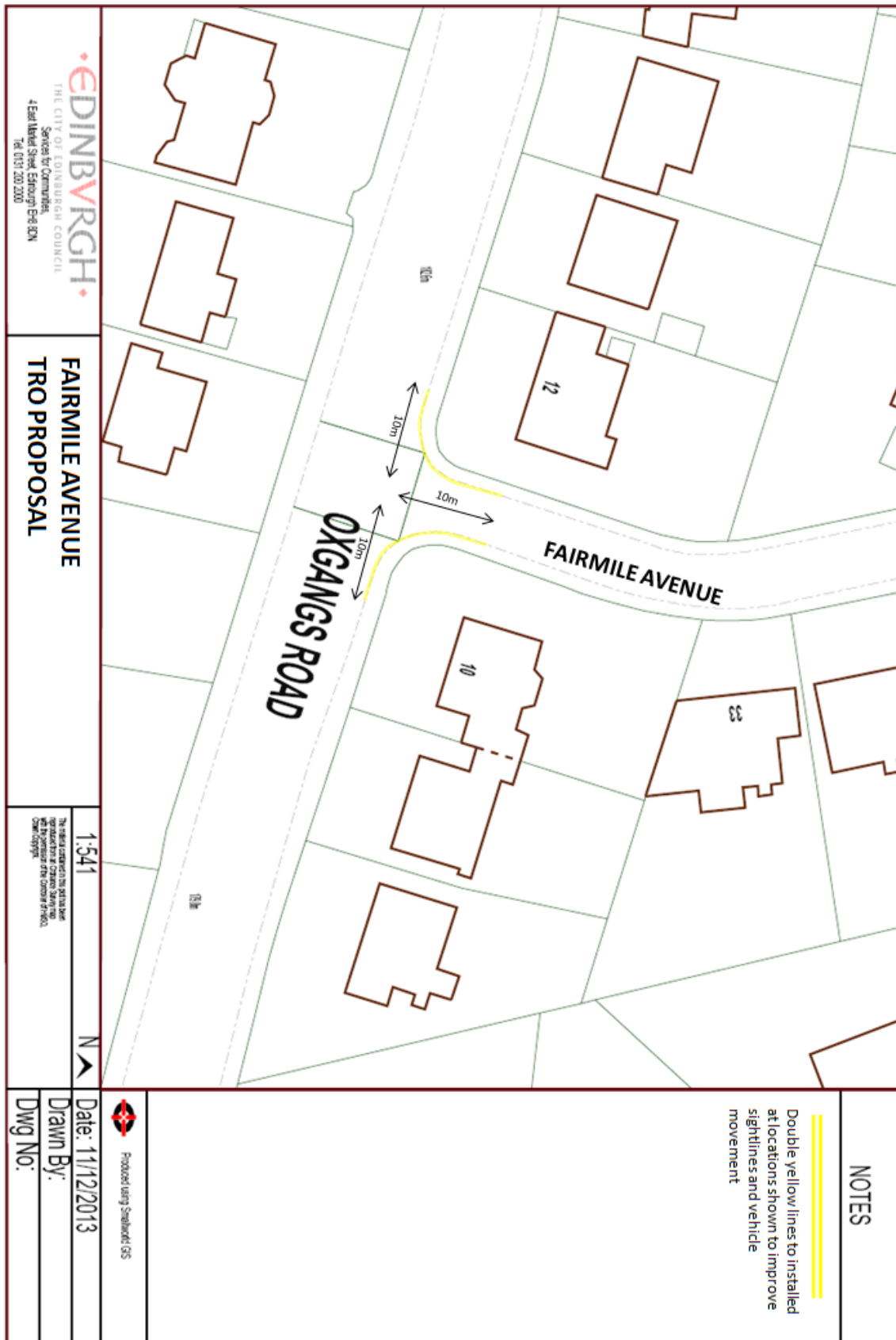
Coalition pledges

Council outcomes **CO21** – Safe- Residents, visitors and business feel that Edinburgh is a safe city
CO22 – Moving efficiently – Edinburgh has a transport system that improves connectivity and is green, healthy and accessible

Single Outcome Agreement **SO4** – Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric

Appendices **Appendix 1** – Plan of Proposed Restrictions (as amended)
Appendix 2 – Original Plan of Proposed Restrictions

Appendix 1 – Plan of Proposed Restrictions (as amended)



NOTES

Double yellow lines to installed at locations shown to improve sightlines and vehicle movement

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Appendix 2 – Original Plan of Proposed Restrictions

