

Transport & Environment Committee

10:00 am, Tuesday, 28 October 2014

Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Frogston Road West at Queen Margaret Close

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Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the implementation of a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce waiting and loading restrictions on a section of Frogston Road West. This proposal aims to improve road safety for all users by maintaining sightlines for vehicles exiting the cul-de-sac of Queen Margaret Close and pedestrians crossing the junction. This report considers the objections received during the public consultation of the Traffic Regulation Order TRO13/22B and makes recommendations on the future of the proposals.

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Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Transport and Environment committee sets aside the remaining objections and agrees to implement the Traffic Regulation Order, as amended in the report.

Background

- 2.1 Representation was made by a local Councillor to Services for Communities regarding safety concerns caused by the obstruction of sightlines when exiting Queen Margaret Close onto the busy Frogston Road West. Following assessment by the South West Neighbourhood Roads Team, proposals were drawn up to introduce double yellow line waiting restrictions at the junction.
- 2.2 The purpose of the TRO is to facilitate safe egress from Queen Margaret Close onto Frogston Road West by preventing the obstruction of sightlines by vehicles parked at the junction.

Main report

- 3.1 Concerns were raised by residents with a local Councillor who passed the matter to the South West Neighbourhood Roads Team. The sightlines were assessed by the South West Neighbourhood Roads Team and initial proposals were drawn up, as set out in Appendix One, to introduce waiting restrictions at the corners of the junction, extending for 30 metres to the east due to the curvature of the road and seven metres to the west.
- 3.2 There were 22 objections received, stating identical concerns to the proposed restrictions. All of these were from members of staff from the Marie Curie Hospice at 45-47 Frogston Road West. They cited a lack of necessity for such restrictions due to the relatively small number of residents of Queen Margaret Close. They raised concerns about the removal of on-street parking and its effect on staff, as the car park at the hospice is for visitors only.
- 3.3 The objectors all suggested that the restrictions should be limited to 10 metres to the east of the junction. In light of the objections the South West Neighbourhood Roads Team revisited the plans and deemed it appropriate to reduce the extent of the restrictions to the east of Queen Margaret Close to 20 metres. The amendments are set out in Appendix Two.
- 3.4 The revised TRO proposal was presented to the objectors, subsequently one objection was removed and 21 objections were maintained.

- 3.5 It is not considered that the objections to the proposed waiting restrictions are sufficient to ignore the safety implication of allowing restricted sightlines to continue to exist at this junction Frogston Road West, given its high volume of traffic.

Measures of success

- 4.1 Improved traffic flow.
- 4.2 Reduction in likelihood of accidents due to improved sightlines.
- 4.3 Reduction in complaints from the public.

Financial impact

- 5.1 Financial implications include the cost of making the order and installing the line markings and signage at the locations. This is anticipated to be in the region of £1,000.
- 5.2 This cost can be met from within the existing 2014/15 South West Neighbourhood revenue budget.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 It is considered that there are no known risk, policy, compliance or governance impacts arising from this report.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 Consideration has been given to the three Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) general duties; there is no direct positive or negative impact on these duties arising from this report.
- 7.2 The proposals aim to enhance safety for road users and pedestrians and as such the contents of report enhance the right to physical security by improving the right to a safe environment, with minimal negative impact on the standard of living due to loss of parking amenity.

Sustainability impact

- 8.1 The impacts of this report have been considered in relation to the three elements of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies Duties and the outcomes are summarised below:
- The proposals in this report are not expected to impact negatively on the reduction of carbon emissions;
 - The proposals in this report are not expected to impact negatively on the city's resilience to climate change impacts; and
 - The proposals in this report are not expected to impact negatively on social justice, economic wellbeing or the city's environmental good stewardship.

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Requests were made by local residents and taken up by a local Councillor to prevent parking around this junction, with a view to improving road safety by ensuring unobstructed sightlines.
- 9.2 The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO13/22B) was formally advertised from 14 February 2014 to 21 March 2014. During this period 22 responses were received objecting to the proposals, one was subsequently removed.
- 9.3 Community Councils, local Councillors and emergency services have also been consulted. No objections were received.

Background reading/external references

None.

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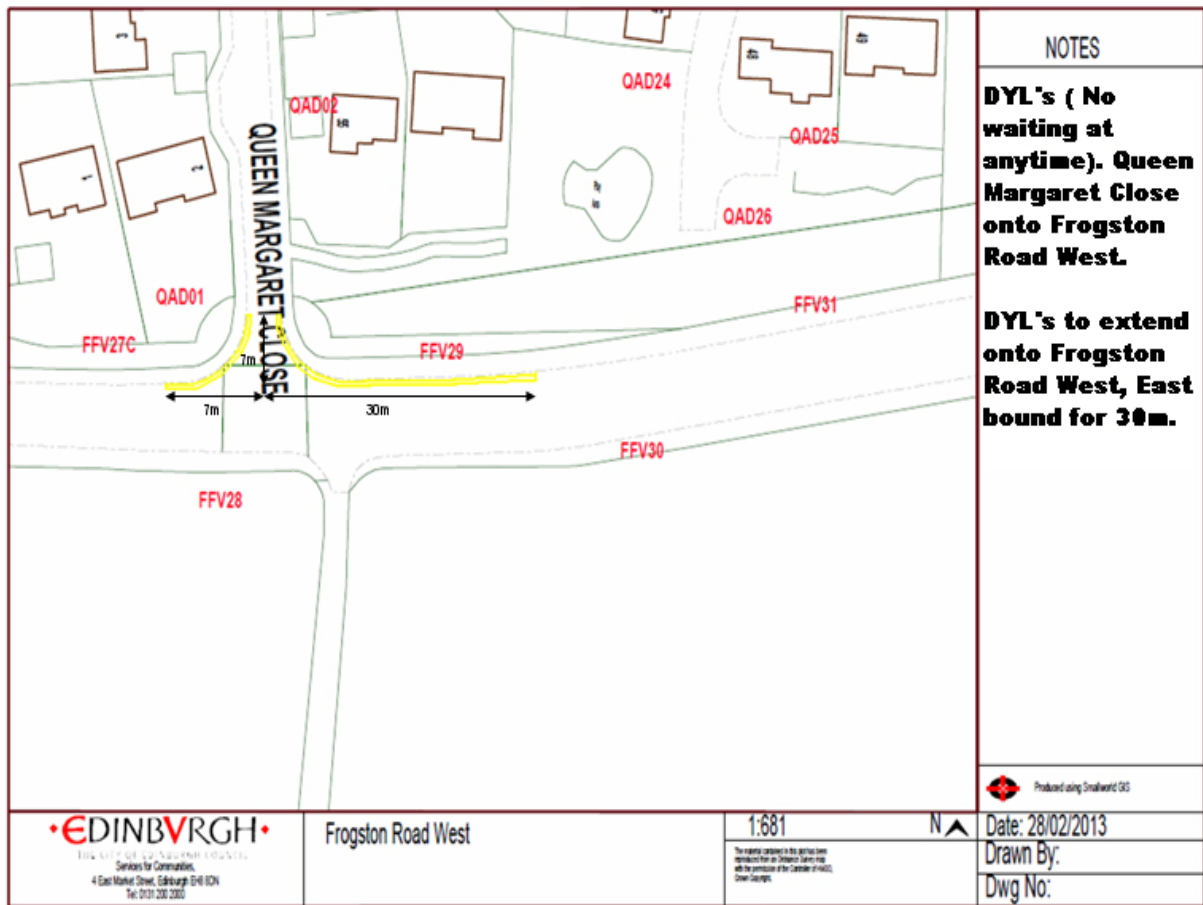
Coalition pledges

Council outcomes [CO21 – Safe – Residents, visitors and businesses feel that Edinburgh is a safe city](#)

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Appendices Appendix One – TRO/13/22B original proposed plan
Appendix Two – TRO/13/22B final proposed plan

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NOTES

DYL's (No waiting at anytime). Queen Margaret Close onto Frogston Road West.

DYL's to extend onto Frogston Road West, East bound for 30m.

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Appendix Two: TRO/13/22B final proposed plan

