

Transport and Environment Committee

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Objections to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/14/24 Proposed waiting restrictions – Gyle Park Gardens

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Wards	Ward 3 – Drum Brae/Gyle

Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to acknowledge and set aside two objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for double yellow line waiting restrictions in Gyle Park Gardens, as shown in Appendix One.

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Coalition pledges	
Council outcomes	CO19 , CO21 , CO22
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Transport and Environment Committee:

- 1.1 Acknowledges that the objections against the TRO have been considered.
- 1.2 Sets aside the objections to the TRO and approves the implementation of the waiting restrictions.

Background

- 2.1 Representation was made in 2013 by elected members and Gyle Park Gardens Residents Association regarding the safe passage of vehicles entering and exiting Gyle Park Gardens at the junction with Glasgow Road.
- 2.2 Site meetings and observations were carried out by West Roads Officers to establish specific issues and identify where solutions could be provided to improve road safety at this junction.
- 2.3 A permanent order TRO/14/24 was advertised for public consultation from 11 July 2014 until 1 August 2014. Two objections were received during the consultation phase.

Main report

- 3.1 Representation was made in 2013 by elected members and Gyle Park Gardens Residents Association regarding the safe passage of vehicles entering and exiting Gyle Park Gardens at the junction with Glasgow Road.
- 3.2 Following the advertisement of the TRO, two objections were received from local residents in relation to the proposed waiting restrictions.
- 3.3 The two objectors raised concerns about not being able to park outside their property due to the proposed installation of the parking restrictions.
- 3.4 The implementation of the TRO would result in the displacement of eight parking spaces into the general area. Further observations following the installation of the proposed waiting restriction will be carried out to establish if there is any affect on local parking arrangements.
- 3.5 The Parking Operations Manager has confirmed that Parking Attendants currently patrol in this area.

- 3.6 These proposals are being progressed in the interest of road safety. It is unlikely that vehicle speeds will increase significantly at this junction. Visibility at the junction will be greatly improved for drivers and pedestrians.
- 3.7 The anticipated cost of making the order and installing the double yellow lines is reasonable to improve sightlines and road safety at this junction.
- 3.8 Full consideration has been given to the points raised in the objections received, and on balance, the formal introduction of permanent waiting restrictions at this location is deemed appropriate to improve sightlines and road safety at this junction.

Measures of success

- 4.1 It is considered that the parking restrictions will improve road safety for all road users and improve traffic flow on both Gyle Park Gardens and Glasgow Road.
- 4.2 The statutory markings will be monitored by the Council's parking enforcement contractor and the West Neighbourhood Roads Team will carry out local monitoring to ensure the parking restrictions will be implemented as proposed.

Financial impact

- 5.1 Financial implications include the cost of making the order, installing double yellow lines and signage at the location described. This cost can be met from within the West Neighbourhood Roads revenue budget and is anticipated to be approximately £2,500.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The West Neighbourhood Roads Officer identified potential vehicle conflicts in Gyle Park gardens near the junction with Glasgow Road, if on-street parking is permitted to continue at this location.
- 6.2 The recommendations in the report do not affect an existing policy of the Council.
- 6.3 Health and safety concerns have been highlighted in 6.1 with regard to maintaining road safety for all road users at this location. There is no governance, compliance or regulatory implications that elected members need to take into account when reaching their decision.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 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 restrictions.

Sustainability impact

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

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Local consultation has been carried out with Gyle Park Gardens Residents Association and the Ward 3 elected members with regard to the concerns raised and proposed remedy as outlined in the delegated power report and this committee report. The initial contact with the local residents association was facilitated by a local Councillor who fully supports the proposals in this report.
- 9.2 Statutory consultation, in line with Traffic Regulation Order procedures has been carried out.

Background reading / external references

[..\Delgated powers report\TRO - Gyle Park Gardens - MP.docx](#)

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Links

Coalition pledges

Council outcomes	CO19 - Attractive Places and Well Maintained – Edinburgh remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards CO21 - Safe – Residents, visitors and businesses 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 - Plans included in report summary

Appendix One: Double yellow line waiting restrictions in Gyle Park Gardens

