Transport and Environment Committee

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Objections to Proposed Amendments to the Waiting Restrictions – South West Cumberland Street Lane and Great King Street

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Executive summary

As part of the general amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order governing the Controlled Parking Scheme, a number of alterations were required, to take account of changing local circumstances. These included the replacement of residents' permit holders' parking places on the north side of South West Cumberland Street Lane to allow access to a new development and the replacement of two lengths of single yellow line on the western section of Great King Street with residents' permit holders' parking.

Objections were received when the proposals were advertised to the public. This report considers the representations made by the objectors and makes recommendations on the future of the proposals.

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Single Outcome Agreement <u>SO4</u>



Report

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Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - 1.1.1 sets aside the objections received to the proposal on South West Cumberland Street Lane and makes the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised; and
 - 1.1.2 takes account of the objection made to the proposal on Great King Street and makes the Traffic Regulation Order with an amendment, which retains 10 metres of yellow line.

Background

- 2.1 Each year numerous amendments to the waiting and loading restrictions/prohibitions within the Controlled Parking Scheme are proposed, to take account of the changing requirements of people using the area.
- 2.2 To allow access to a new development in South West Cumberland Street Lane two permit holders parking places require to be removed. (See attached plan, Appendix 1.)
- 2.3 Permit holders' parking is at a premium and the local residents' associations asked if the two yellow line areas on the western section of Great King Street could be removed and replaced with permit holders' parking. (See attached plan, Appendix 2.)

Main report

3.1 The proposals to make the necessary amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order were advertised from 1 November until 22 November 2013. Two letters of objections were received with regard to the proposal for South West Cumberland Street Lane and one with regard to the proposal for Great King Street.

- 3.2 The objectors to the South West Cumberland Street Lane proposal were concerned with the loss of residents' parking space. The removal of the permit holder parking places at South West Cumberland Street Lane, is necessary for access to be maintained to the new development. There are numerous accesses within the lane, which prevents the relocation of the permit holders' parking place to another area in the lane.
- 3.3 The removal of the single yellow line area and introduction of the permit holders' parking places on Great King Street was proposed, due to a high demand in the area for residents' parking spaces.
- 3.4 The objection to this proposal was from an adjacent disabled resident, who uses the yellow line area to park. The yellow line area allowed him, or any other disabled person, displaying a Disabled Persons' Blue Badge to park for as long as they require. Removing the yellow line areas and replacing it with permit holders parking would reduce the ability to park near to his home, during the controlled hours. He also considered that the yellow line areas were required for load/unloading.
- 3.5 It was not the intention of this proposal to disadvantage any of the residents. At present there are two 20 metre lengths of single yellow line on Great King Street. The removal of these areas would allow 16 additional "end-on" parking places to be introduced. To maintain access for Blue Badge holders, it is proposed that ten metres of yellow line should remain, on the south side of Great King Street. The other ten metres at this location can be removed and replaced with permit holders parking. Loading/unloading is allowed in the permit holders parking places. Therefore it is considered that the yellow line on the north side of Great King Street should be changed to permit holders parking. In addition disabled persons, who live within the Controlled Parking Zones, are provided with a residents' parking permit, for the zone they stay in, free of charge. In view of the above it is proposed that the Traffic Order be altered to take this into account. The amended proposal will allow the introduction of twelve additional "end-on" permit holders' parking places on Great King Street. (See attached plan, Appendix 3.)

Measures of success

- 4.1 The removal of the residents' bays at South West Cumberland Street Lane will provide an access/egress to the new development.
- 4.2 The amendment of the single yellow line at Great King Street will provide more resident permit holder parking and maintain an area where Disabled Persons' Blue Badge holders may park.

Financial impact

5.1 The costs of introducing the yellow line markings can be contained within existing Parking revenue budgets.

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 relevance of the Equalities Act 2010 and further consultation is not required, outwith that proposed, as there will be no impact on those covered by the Protected Characteristics.
- 7.2 The proposals aim to enhance safety for road users and as such the contents of this 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 the loss of parking amenity.
- 7.3 The proposals will also maintain access for disabled drivers and provide loading/unloading opportunities.

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 These proposals have been advertised in the press, on-street and on the Council website.
- 9.2 Letters were sent to statutory bodies representing persons likely to be affected by the proposals. The local ward Councillors, Community Council and emergency services have also been consulted. No comments were received.

Background reading/external references

None.

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Links

Coalition pledges	P44 - Prioritise keeping our streets clean and attractive.
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 and maintenance of infrastructure and public realm.
	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 the proposed amendment, South West Cumberland Street Lane
	Appendix 2 - Plan of the proposed amendment, Great King Street, as advertised.
	Appendix 3 - Plan of the proposed amendment, Great King Street, after consideration of the objection.





