Transport and Environment Committee

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Objections to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/14/15 Belgrave Place, Edinburgh

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Executive Summary

On street communal bins were placed at various locations in the New Town during 2013-14 as part of the Council's Modernising Waste project. Some of the bins were placed in temporary locations, usually on yellow lines, pending a Traffic Regulation Order to amend parking in the affected streets. This was to allow the bins to be placed within parking bays to meet siting guidelines and TRO/14/15 was advertised in January/February 2015 which included two sites in Belgrave Place, Edinburgh. Three objections were received during this period, requesting that the bins remain in their current (temporary) locations in Belgrave Place. The purpose of this report is to uphold these objections and cancel the proposed parking amendments in Belgrave Place that were made in TRO/14/15.

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Report

Objections to Traffic Regulation order TRO/14/15 Belgrave Place, Edinburgh

1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that Committee agrees to cancel the amendments made to the Traffic Regulation Order (as described in TRO/14/15) in Belgrave Place.

2. Background

- 2.1 In January/February 2015, a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was advertised to implement waiting restrictions and amend permit and pay & display parking bays at various locations in the New Town for the purpose of introducing communal waste containers. These containers are part of the Modernising Waste project, which aims to containerise household waste to avoid the problems associated with refuse sacks.
- 2.2 Bins are being introduced in line with the Council's guidelines on the siting of communal waste containers.
- 2.3 Included within the report were proposals for Belgrave Place. Two bins are required to serve the 47 properties in this street. Initially they were placed in temporary locations on single yellow lines, one at the south end on the east side, close to the junction with Belgrave Crescent, and one opposite number 10/10a, also on the east side of the street. The permanent locations were to be within the parking bays as show on the attached plan (Appendix 1).
- 2.4 Three objections were made to the TRO for Belgrave Place.

3. Main report

3.1 During 2013, various streets within the New Town World Heritage Site were assessed using guidelines on siting on-street waste containers developed by Planning during the pilot phase of the Modernising Waste project. Due to the nature of the streets in the New Town, it is often necessary to amend parking provision to allow the siting of bins.

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- 3.2 Belgrave Place was one of the streets assessed and two 3200 litre bins were required to serve the 47 residential properties. These were placed initially on single yellow lines and a TRO report was prepared to allow the bins to be relocated within the parking bays. This was to meet the planning guidelines for waste containers; 2 (b) '...containers should be located on the carriageway so that they are integrated amongst parked cars.'
- 3.3 The TRO report was advertised from 23 January 2015 to 13 February 2015 and three objections were received regarding the proposal for Belgrave Place. The grounds for objecting were the placement of the bins in front of houses, and loss of parking in the street.
- 3.4 After consultation with local members, it was decided to leave the bins in their present locations on single yellow lines and cancel the proposed amendments to the TRO in Belgrave Place. The bins therefore will remain in the locations shown in Appendix 2, namely:
 - 3.4.1 One 3200 litre bin on the single yellow line on the east side at the north end of the street.
 - 3.4.2 One 3200 litre bin on the single yellow line on the east side at the south end of the street.

4. Measures of success

4.1 It is considered that introducing the bins to containerise refuse for collection will result in a reduction of the number of refuse sacks being ripped open by animals and the resulting litter being strewn across the street.

5. Financial impact

5.1 There will be no financial impact.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 The Traffic Regulation Order will have allowed the bins to be placed in locations in Belgrave Place in line with the guidelines. Leaving the bins in their current location will make them more prominent, which may detract from the visual streetscape.

7. Equalities impact

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

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8. 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.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 The Order was advertised for public consultation from 23 January 2015 to 13 February 2015 in line with TRO procedures. Three formal objections were received, including one from the Belgrave Place Residents Association.
- 9.2 Local members were consulted in October 2015 regarding the decision to cancel the proposed amendments. Those that responded had no concerns over the proposals.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 Appendix 1 Traffic Regulation Order TRO14/15 Belgrave Place plan.
- 10.2 Appendix 2 Plan showing current locations of bins.

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11. Links

Coalition pledges	P44 – Prioritise keeping our streets clean and attractive.
Council priorities	CO17: Clean - Edinburgh's streets and open spaces are clean and free of litter and graffiti
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4: Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.
Appendices	Appendix 1 – Traffic Regulation Order TRO14/15 Belgrave Place plan.
	Appendix 2 - Plan showing current locations of bins.

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