

Transport and Environment Committee

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Proposed Priority Parking – Telford Area, Edinburgh

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Executive Summary

At its meeting of 26 August 2014, the Transport and Environment Committee considered a report on the progress of Priority Parking proposals in various areas, including the area north of Telford Road.

That report considered the results of the second information consultation on proposals to introduce Priority Parking in the Telford Area.

The draft Order, detailing the extent of the scheme, was advertised in November 2015 at which point those interested in the scheme were invited to make their views known to the Council.

This report details the result of that consultation and considers the various points made within the received representations. The report further recommends proceeding to make the Order and to implement Priority Parking in the Telford Area.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - 1.1.1 notes the content of this report;
 - 1.1.2 sets aside the objections to the Traffic Regulation Order and approves the making of the Traffic Order as advertised; and
 - 1.1.3 approves the implementation of the Telford Priority Parking Area.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting of 26 August 2014, the Transport and Environment Committee considered a report detailing the results of the second informal consultation regarding the proposal to introduce Priority Parking in the Telford Area.
- 2.2 Due to its close proximity to the Western General Hospital, the Telford Area is subject to associated problems with commuter parking.
- 2.3 Two informal consultations with residents, designed to determine whether Priority Parking would be supported were carried out in May 2013 and March 2014. Little support was received in response to the first consultation but, with the help of the Community Council, a significant level of support for Priority Parking from local residents was received during the second consultation.
- 2.4 The initial stages of the legal process to introduce Priority Parking to the Telford Area began in November 2015, with the formal consultation taking place between 25 November 2015 and 15 December 2016. This report considers the content of the representations received as a result of the formal consultation and recommends a course of action that reflects the views of those who responded.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The legal process required to bring into force any Traffic Order involves several different stages, two of which involve consultative exercises. It is the second stage of consultation where the Council is required to seek the views of the general public. It is at this point in the legal process that the draft Traffic Order is formally advertised, allowing those who may be affected by the Order, or those who are interested in its effects, to view and comment upon or object to the full detail of what is proposed.
- 3.2 According to legislation, Local Authorities are simply required to consider objections to the draft Order. However, rather than seeking only objections, it is normal practice to invite supportive responses from residents when considering permit parking schemes. In doing so, such consultations now encourage both sides to have their say, giving the Council clearer indications of public opinion on the proposals.
- 3.3 The draft Order for the Telford Priority Parking scheme was advertised in November 2015. In accordance with the applicable legislation, notices were placed on-street, adverts were placed in the local press and copies of all of the relevant documents were placed at the reception in the City Chambers, so any interested parties could view them.
- 3.4 In addition to the legislative requirements, electronic copies of all of the relevant documents were made available on the Council's website and on the Scottish Government's public information gateway, TellMeScotland.gov.uk. A letter explaining the process and how to make views known was delivered to every property in the area affected by the draft Order, thereby ensuring that residents and businesses were made aware of the consultation process.
- 3.5 In addition to the 156 responses to the informal consultation, at the end of the 21 day formal consultation period, the Council had received 14 responses. Of these 11 indicated that they broadly supported the idea of Priority Parking, while two indicated their opposition to the scheme. One further response made comment regarding the scheme which could be classed as neither supporting nor opposing the proposal. With a total of 383 properties in the area being considered, this represents a significant level of response to a consultation on Priority Parking.
- 3.6 Those in favour of Priority Parking cite difficulties in finding parking places near their homes as a result of none residential parking. In addition, examples of inconsiderate parking on double yellow lines, on grass verges and across a driveway have been described.

- 3.7 The opposition relates to the way the consultation was carried out, stating a wider consultation should have been conducted and that residents should have been consulted on a face to face basis rather than information being posted to them. There was also a concern that family members and carers would have to pay for parking. As with other Priority Parking schemes, parking places would only be introduced where there is support and where they will be used. Other areas will remain unrestricted and there are no plans to introduce pay and display parking. The other representation related to the cost of the permit, however, the member of the public was in favour of the scheme.
- 3.8 Both parking surveys and residents' comments indicate that there is a commuter parking pressure in the Telford Area. Priority parking enables on-street parking provision to be matched with levels of support from residents and ensure that the right balance of controlled and uncontrolled parking is achieved.
- 3.9 On the basis of the level of support for Priority Parking in the consultation, it is recommended that the Council proceeds with implementation.
- 3.10 It remains the case that Priority Parking is proving to be an effective parking management tool and that experience elsewhere suggests that it is not only improving parking conditions for residents, but that it is also proving effective at containing parking pressures within the affected areas.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Improved availability of parking for residents, visitors and businesses in the area.
- 4.2 An improved quality of life for those living in the Telford Area.
- 4.3 Better management of where non-residential parking can take place.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 The costs associated with the introduction of Priority Parking places within the Telford Area will be met from the existing Parking Operations budgets.

6. 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.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 Consideration has been given to the Council's Public Sector Duty in respect of the Equalities Act 2010 and there are no negative equalities impacts arising from this report.
- 7.2 It is anticipated that the introduction of Priority Parking will improve accessibility for residents, businesses and visitors to the area and that this will provide enhancements in terms of Individual, Family and Social Life, Age and Disability by helping people to park closer to their destinations or their homes.
- 7.3 Priority Parking, as means of improving accessibility for residents and visitors to areas otherwise blighted by non-residential parking, will assist residents to participate in public life. As a scheme which improves access for all residents and visitors, Priority Parking will help to minimise the disadvantage for people with mobility difficulties or those with children. Priority Parking ensures that there is an equality of opportunity for all residents.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 The impacts of this report in relation to the three elements of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies Duties have been considered and the outcomes are summarised below:
- The proposals in this report are not expected to impact on carbon emissions;
 - The proposals in this report are not expected to impact on the city's resilience to climate change impacts; and
 - The proposals in this report are not expected to impact on social justice, economic wellbeing or the city's environmental good stewardship.
- 8.2 It is possible that some of the proposals that might evolve out of the investigative work outlined in this report could have beneficial impacts on carbon emissions. These will be considered in greater detail when detailed proposals are reported to Committee.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 The proposals contained within this report have been brought forward following consideration of the results of two informal consultations with residents and businesses within the Telford area and discussions with the local elected members for the Inverleith Ward.

- 9.2 The report contains the results of a further consultation, carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(Scotland) Regulations 1999 in relation to a Traffic Order promoted under the terms of the Traffic Regulation Act 1984. This consultation consisted of legislative requirements related to the advertisement of the proposals, but also included placement of the proposed details on the Council's website, on www.tellmesotland.gov.uk and the delivery of a letter explaining the consultative process to every address in the area affected by the proposal.
- 9.3 The views of the elected members for the Inverleith Ward on the results of the latest consultation were sought in preparation of this report.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 None.

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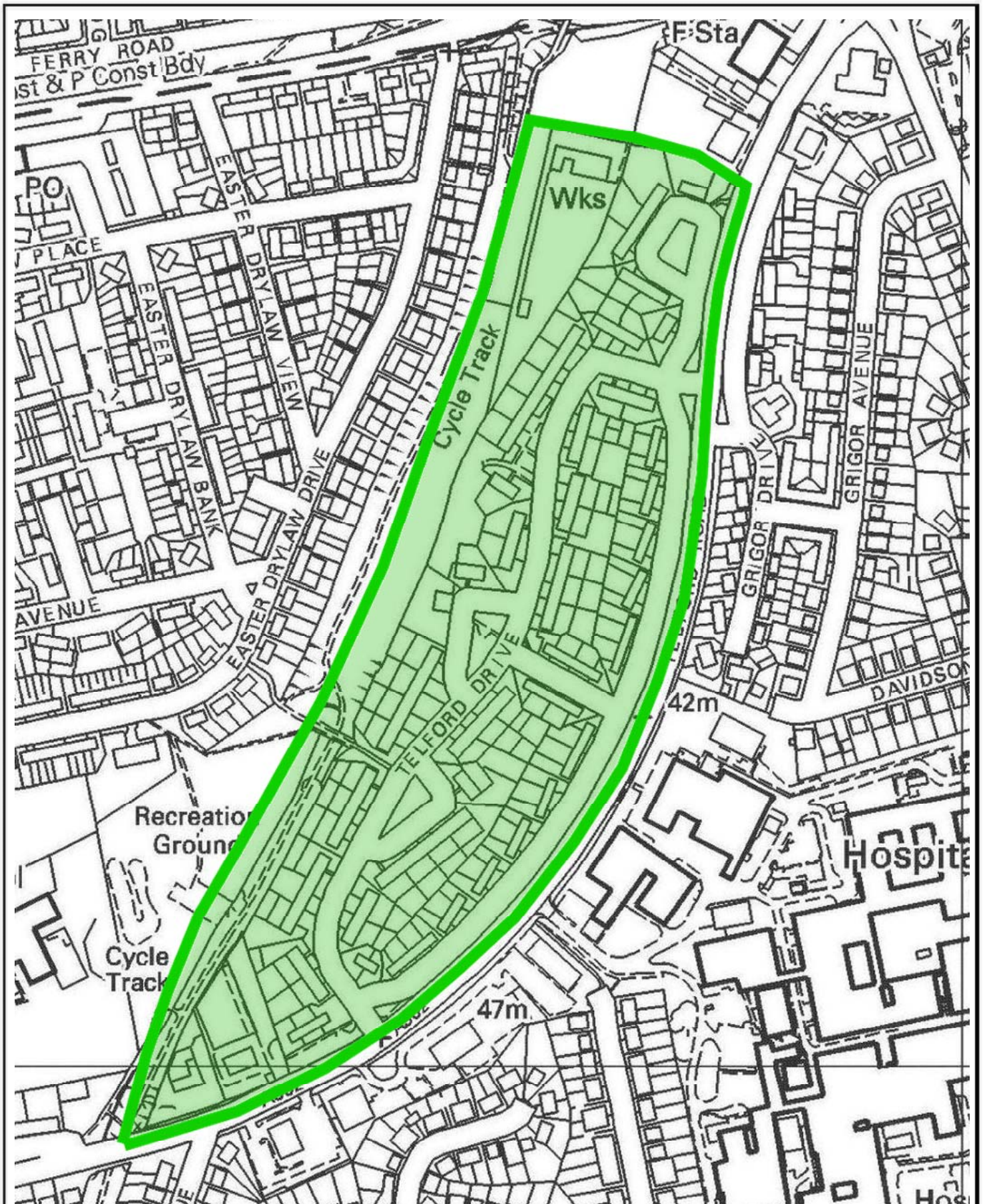
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11. Links

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**Extent of Priority Parking Area
Telford, Edinburgh**

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