

Transport and Environment Committee

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Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order TRO/15/41

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Executive Summary

A Traffic Regulation Order was advertised in September 2016 to amend parking at various locations in the New Town and West End to allow for the introduction of communal bins to collect household waste. This report advises the Committee of the representations regarding the bin sites, received as part of the statutory consultation process.

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Coalition Pledges	P44
Council Priorities	CP9
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4

Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order TRO/15/41

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee:

- 1.1 Sets aside the objections and makes the Traffic Regulation Order TRO/15/41 as advertised with respect to the parking restrictions in the following streets:

Coates Gardens, Forth Street, Hart Street, Howe Street, Leslie Place, London Street, Drummond Place, Nelson Street, Regent Road, Rosebery Crescent, South College Street, St Bernard's Crescent, West Bow, Magdala Crescent, St Giles Street.

2. Background

- 2.1 In September 2016, a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was advertised to implement waiting restrictions at various locations in the New Town and West End for the purpose of introducing communal waste containers. These containers are for the use of residents as part of the Modernising Waste project, which aims to containerise household waste, to avoid the problems associated with refuse sacks.
- 2.2 The bins are being introduced in line with the Council's guidelines on the siting of communal waste containers. A list of the streets covered by the TRO is provided in Appendix 1, together with plans of the parking amendments in Appendix 2.
- 2.3 The proposed change to the parking at these locations would allow the siting of 3,200 litre side loading bins or 1,280 litre wheeled bins as used elsewhere in the city.
- 2.4 This TRO seeks to move bins to their final permanent locations. All bins are in their temporary locations currently, with the exception to Rosebery Crescent and Coates Gardens where not all waste bins are on street.
- 2.5 Leslie Place received 65 objections out of 166 properties. London Street received nine objections out of 138 properties. Nelson Street received 12 objections out of 86 properties. A summary of these, together with Waste and Cleansing Services' responses is provided in Appendix 3.
- 2.6 Appendix 4 shows letters received by post. Waste and Cleansing Services' responses to these letters are the same as above.

3. Main report

- 3.1 It is considered that the introduction of household waste bins are necessary to improve the local environment in line with the previous decision in November 2011 by the Transport and Environment Committee to replace the collection of waste in plastic bags with more robust systems that prevent the spreading of waste by gulls or other vermin.
- 3.2 In the case of London Street, which was issued with gull proof bags after the original consultation, resident complaints about these led to a further ballot with householders which resulted in a vote in favour of communal bins replacing the gull proof bag collection.
- 3.3 Due to the nature of the streets in the New Town and West End, it is often necessary to amend parking to allow the siting of bins.
- 3.4 The sites are selected by a Roads professional officer, taking into account the Council's guidelines for siting bins, including:
- walking distance for the residents served by the bins;
 - the preference for bins to be located within parking bays where practicable, to reduce visual impact; and
 - minimising the loss of parking spaces, e.g. by amending line marking to extend bays where a space is lost to a bin. This is not possible in every case.
- 3.5 Assessments for bin sites take into account planning and transport issues and include a Road User Safety Audit, to ensure there are no safety concerns.
- 3.6 Following the advertisement of the TRO in September 2016 there were no objections regarding the majority of bin locations and the associated parking amendments, and these are in the process of being implemented.
- 3.7 Where objections were received Waste Services has provided a response to these in Appendix 3.
- 3.8 A number of the objections relate to wider issues, including the policy of using bins, bins being sited outside residents' properties, parking and how the TRO consultation is carried out. While not strictly part of the TRO process these were responded to in the same way.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 It is considered that the introduction of the bins 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; by containerising refuse sacks for collection.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 It is anticipated the total cost associated with the TRO and installing double yellow lines at the locations described, will be approximately £300-£400 per site (this varies depending on the works required to move poles, line markings, etc). The costs will be contained within existing budgets.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The TRO will allow household waste to be collected from bins, in compliance with the policy previously agreed by the Transport and Environment Committee.

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 duties under this Act.

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.
- 8.2 The replacement of sacks with rigid containers for the collection of waste would be expected to reduce the spread of litter and therefore improve the local environment.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 This Order was advertised for public consultation from 9 September 2016 to 30 September 2016 in line with TRO procedures.
- 9.2 As part of the proposed introduction of on-street bins to the World Heritage Site, extensive consultation with all interested parties, including local members, took place between October 2010 and January 2011 and the results were presented to the TIE Committee on 29 November 2011. The recommendation of the report was that the black bag method of waste collection be phased out and be replaced with either on-street bins or gull proof sacks. The views of relevant ward elected members were sought again in November 2016 and the comments received, and Waste Services' responses, can be found in Appendix 5.

10. Background reading/external references

None

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11. Links

Coalition Pledges	P44 – Prioritise keeping our streets clean and attractive
Council Priorities	CP9 – An attractive city
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4: Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.
Appendices	Appendix 1- List of sites covered by TRO 15/41 Appendix 2 – Maps/location plan of all sites covered by TRO 15/41 Appendix 3 – Summary of objections to TRO 15/41 Appendix 4 – Hand written letters to TRO 15/41 Appendix 5 - Responses from all relevant Ward 5 &11 Councillors

Appendix 1: List of Streets Covered by TRO 15/41

Coates Gardens

Forth Street

Hart Street

Howe Street

Leslie Place

London Street

Drummond Place

Nelson Street

Regent Road

Rosebery Crescent

South College Street

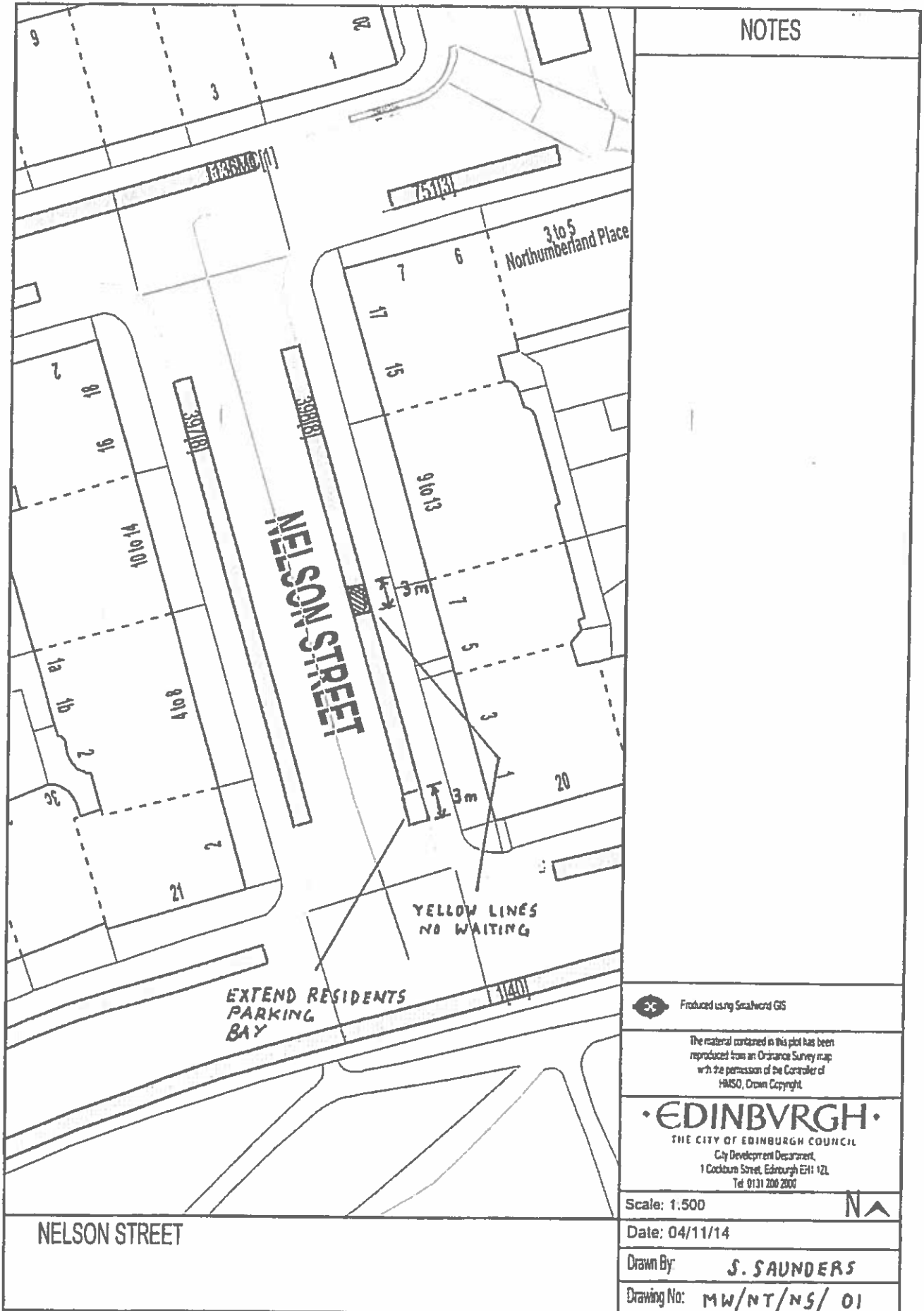
St Bernard's Crescent

West Bow

Magdala Crescent

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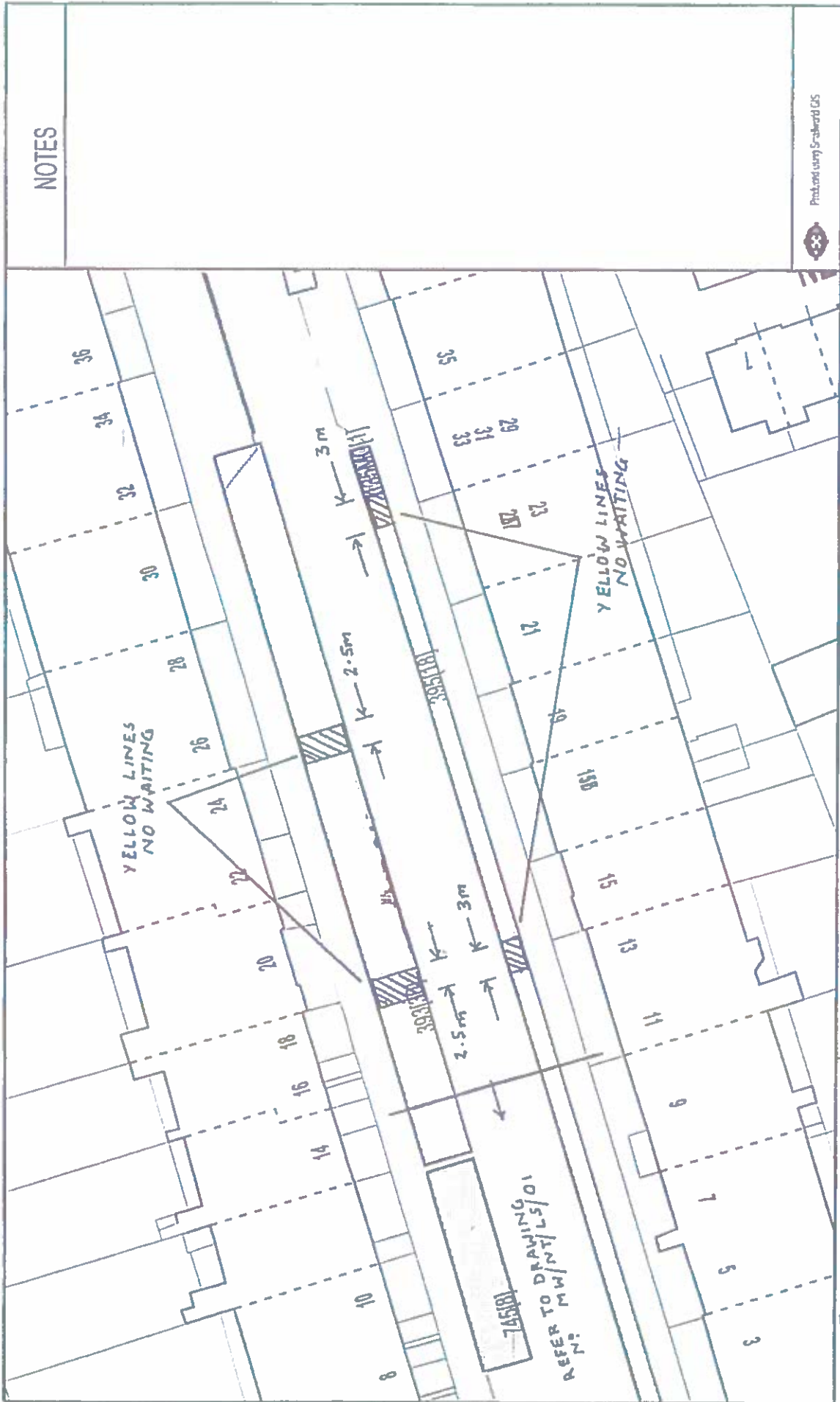
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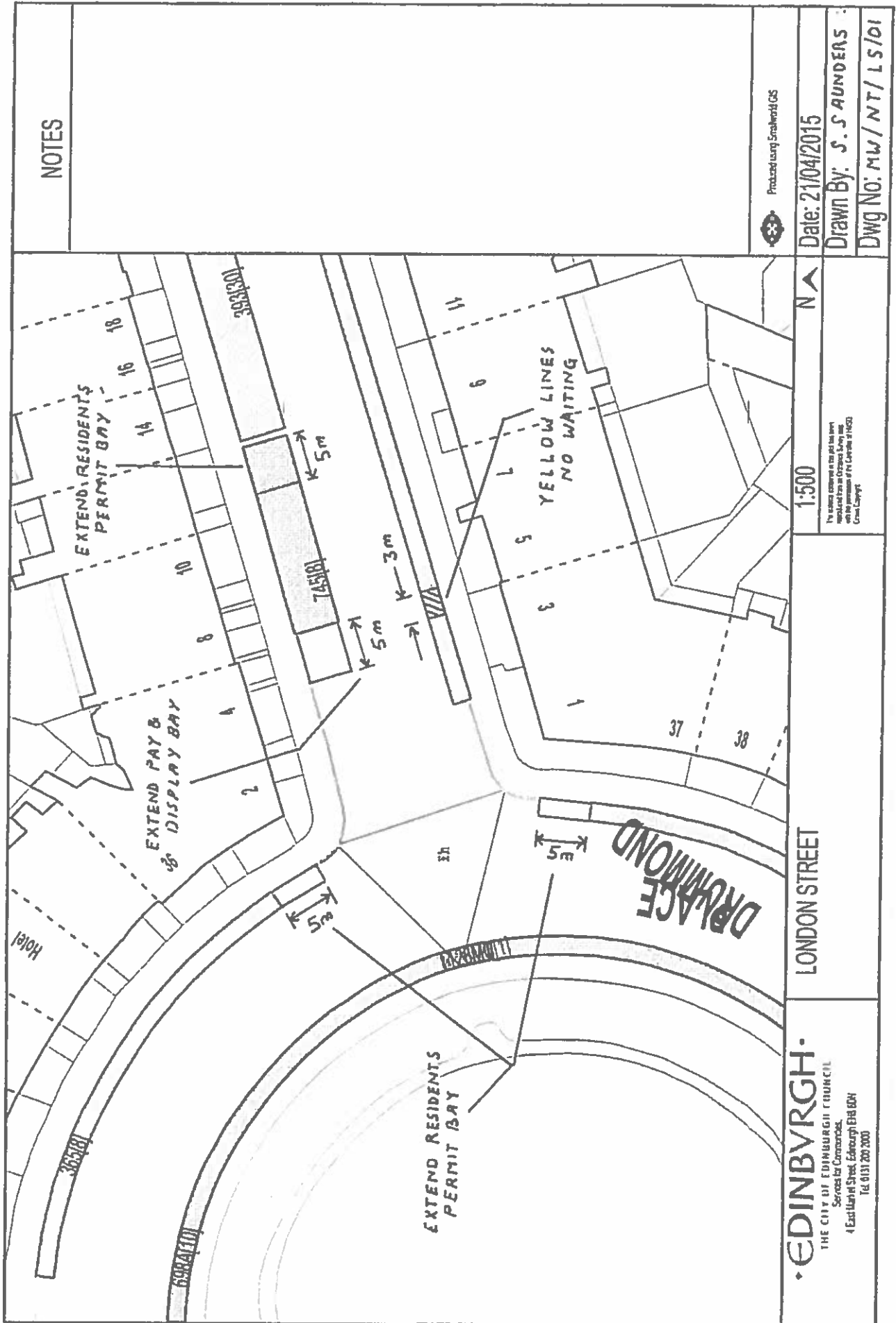
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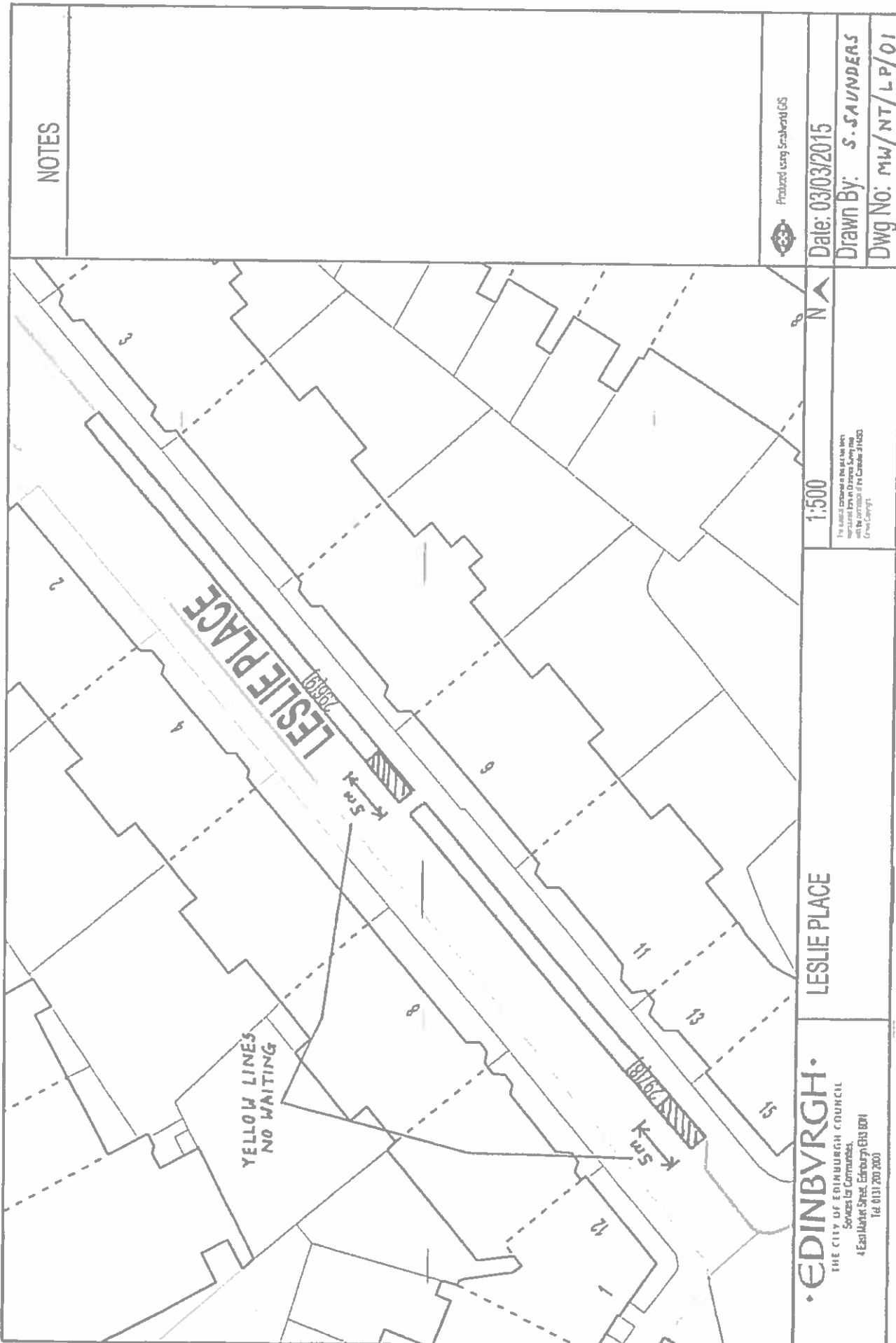
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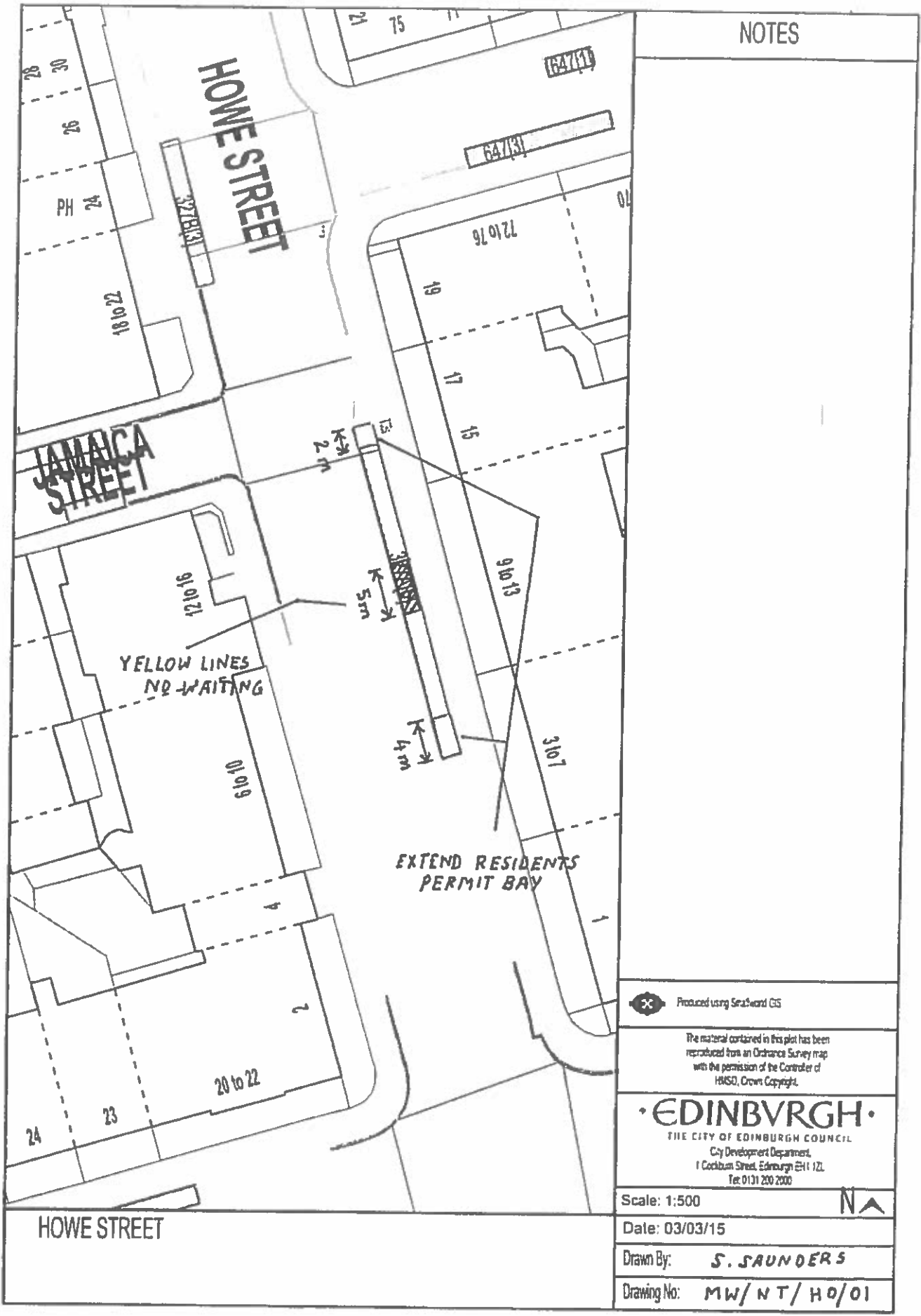
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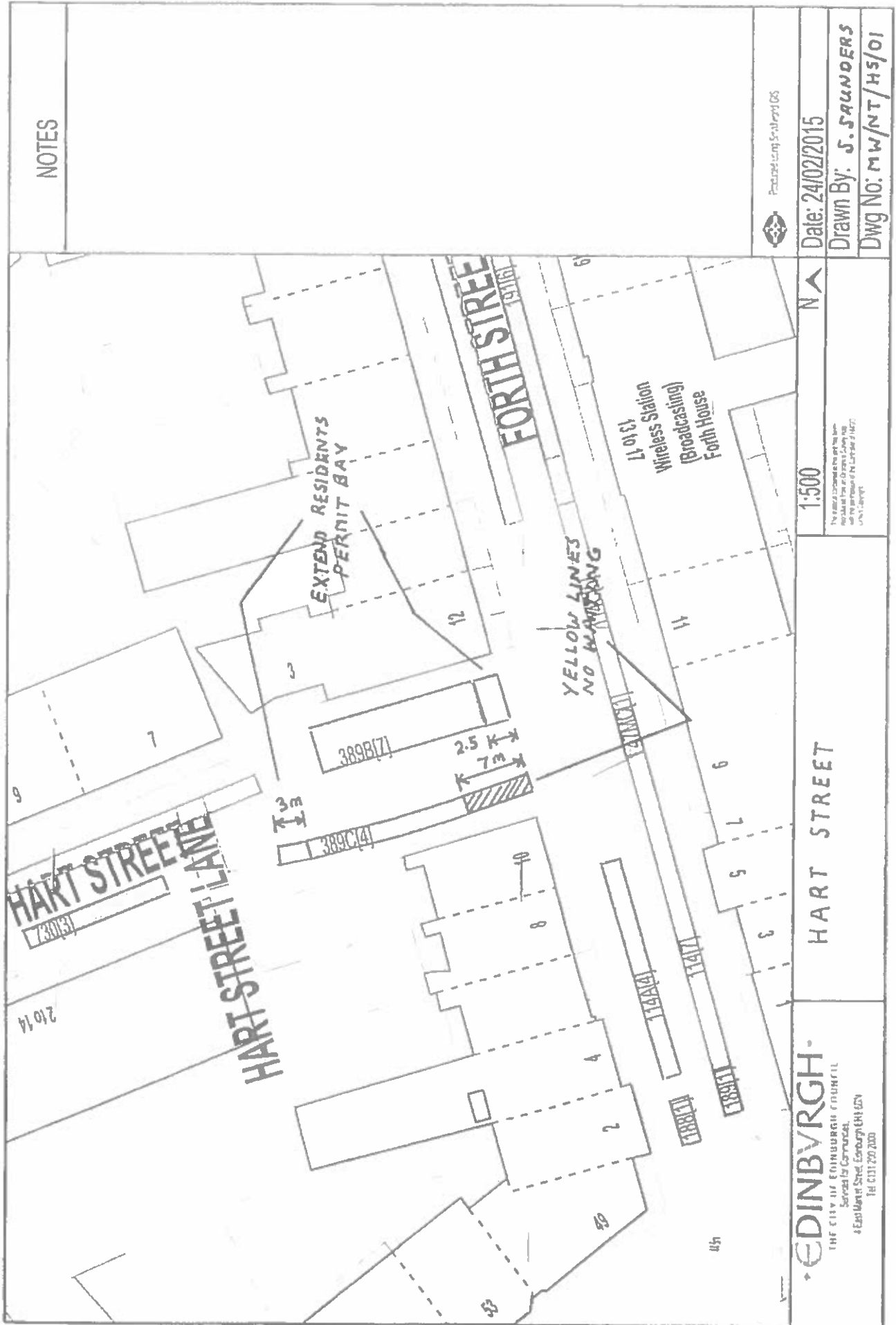
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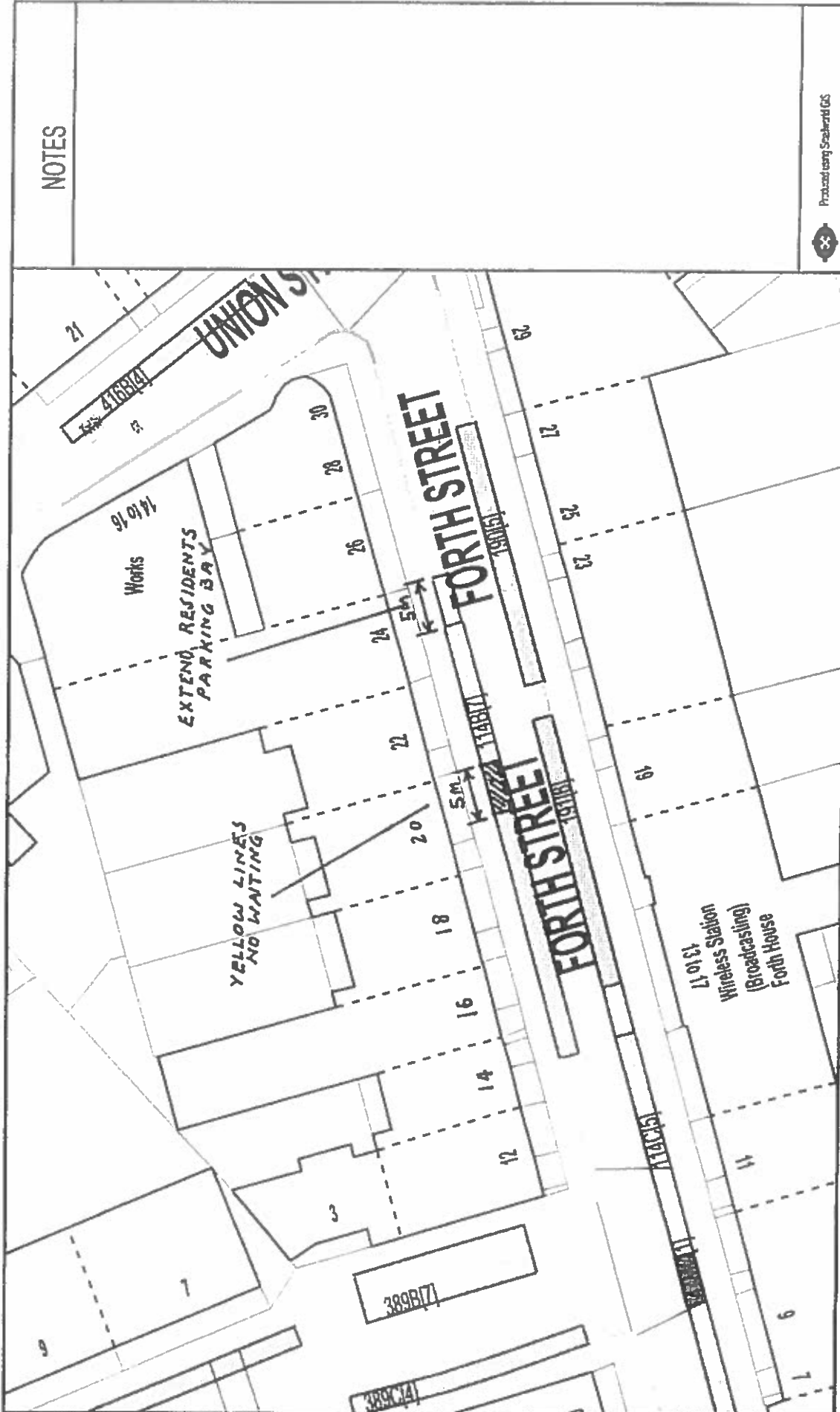
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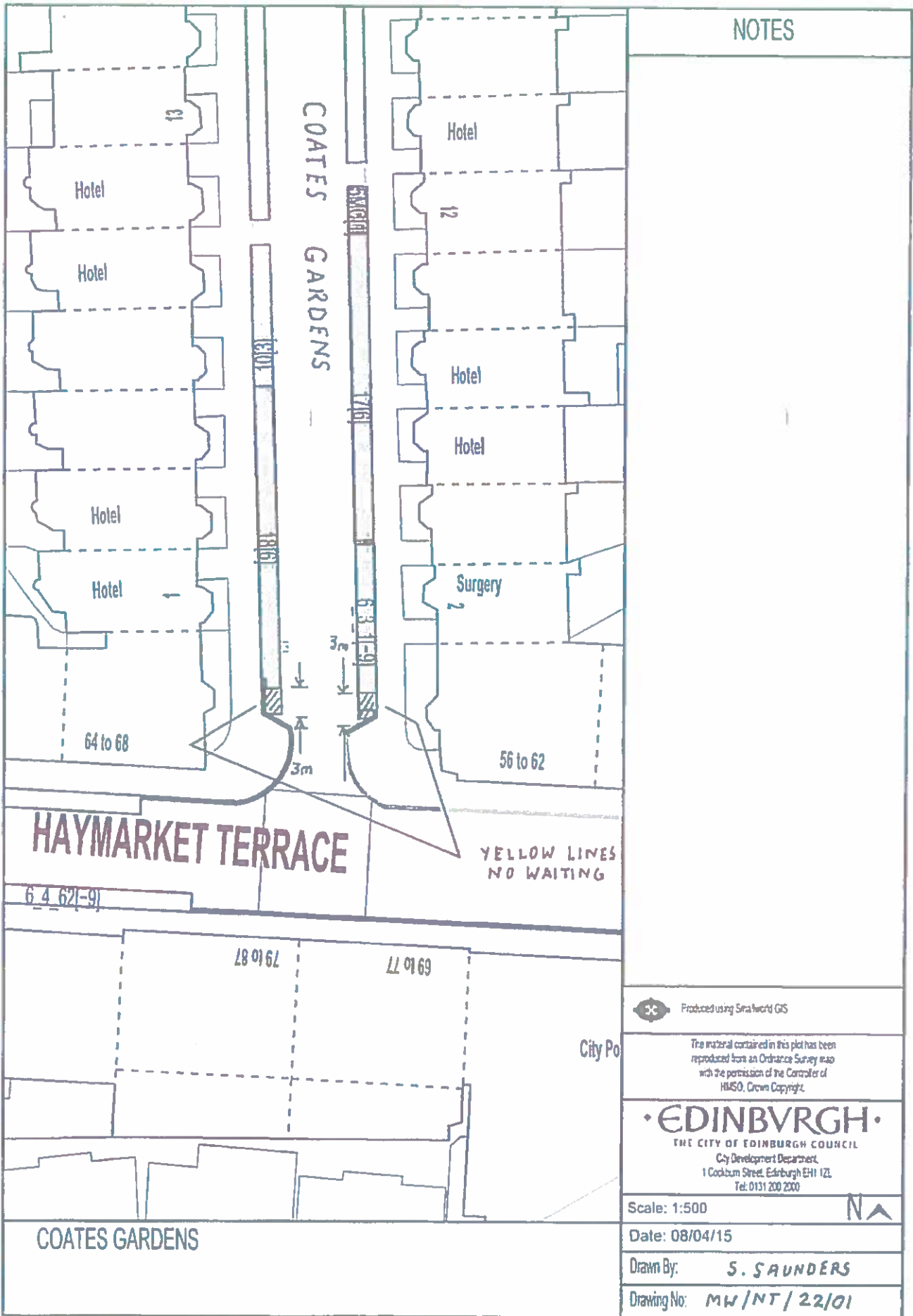
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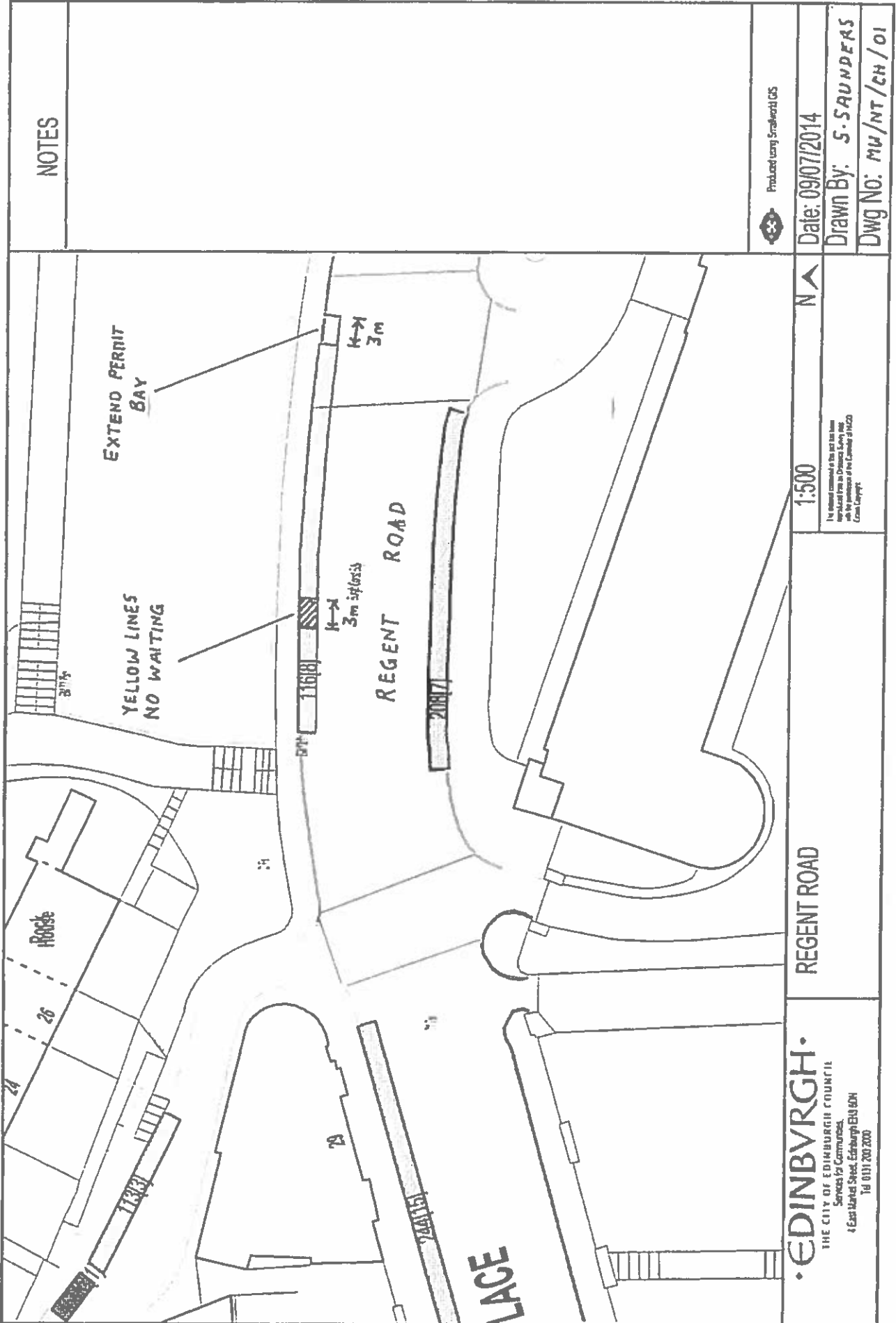
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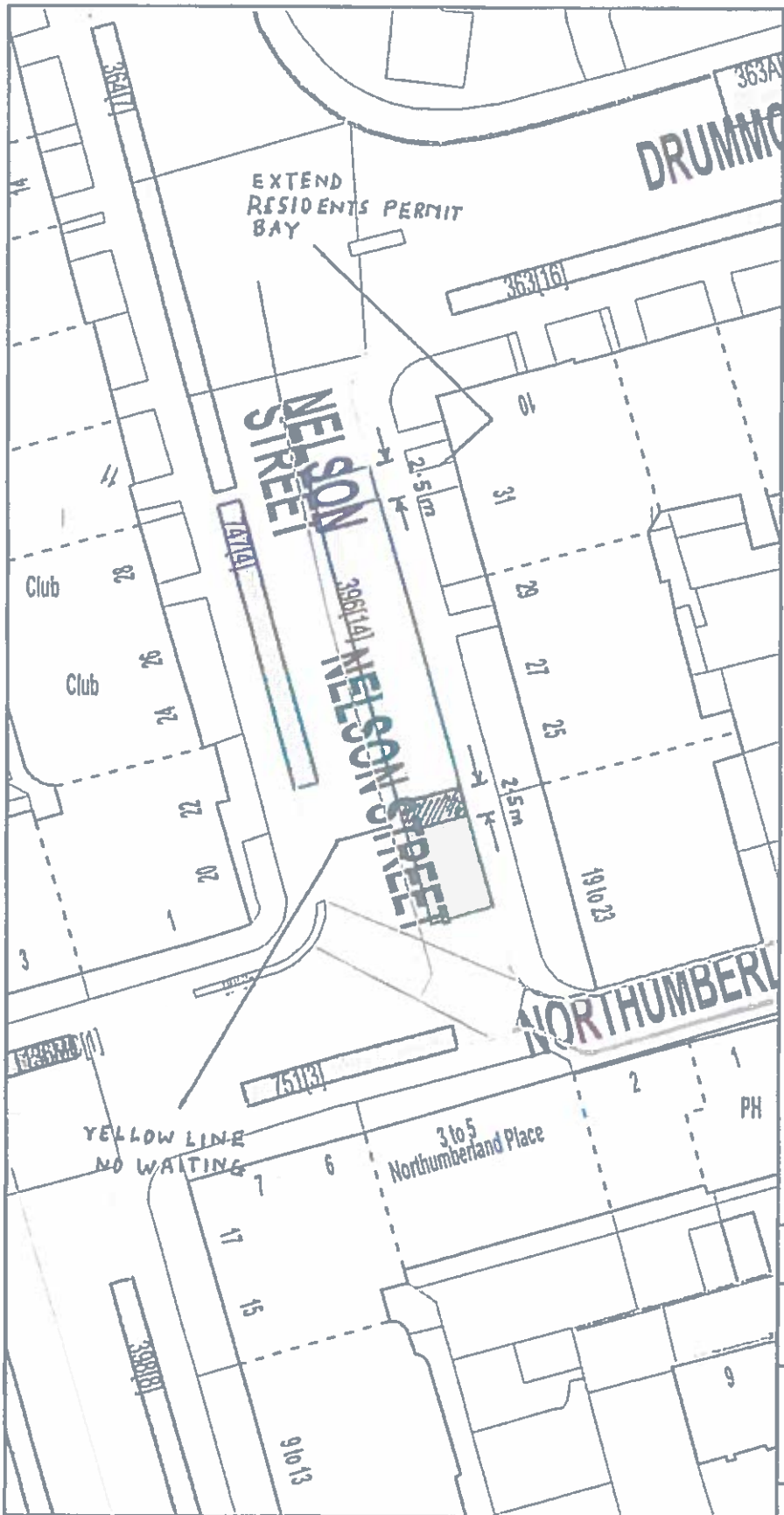
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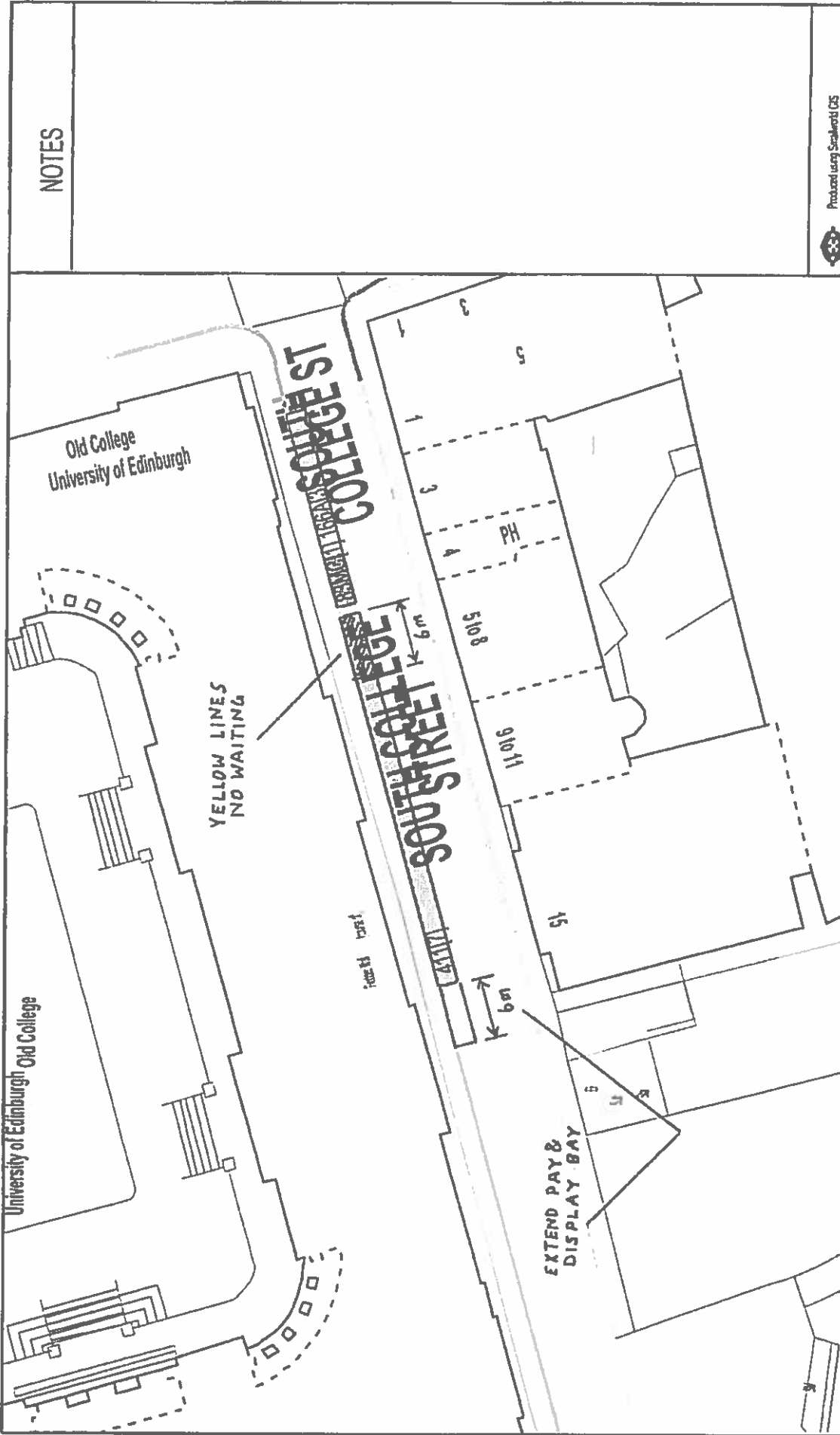
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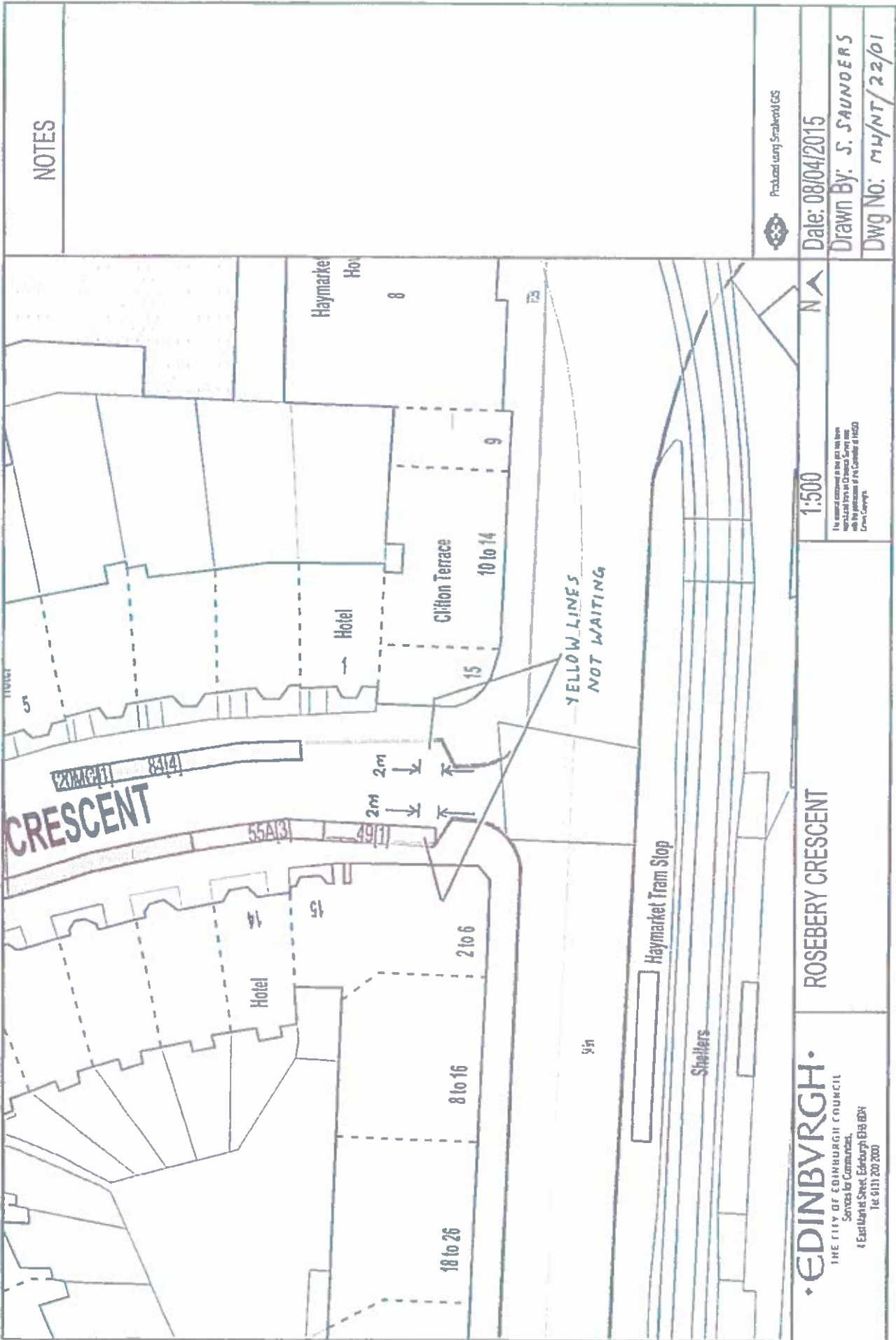
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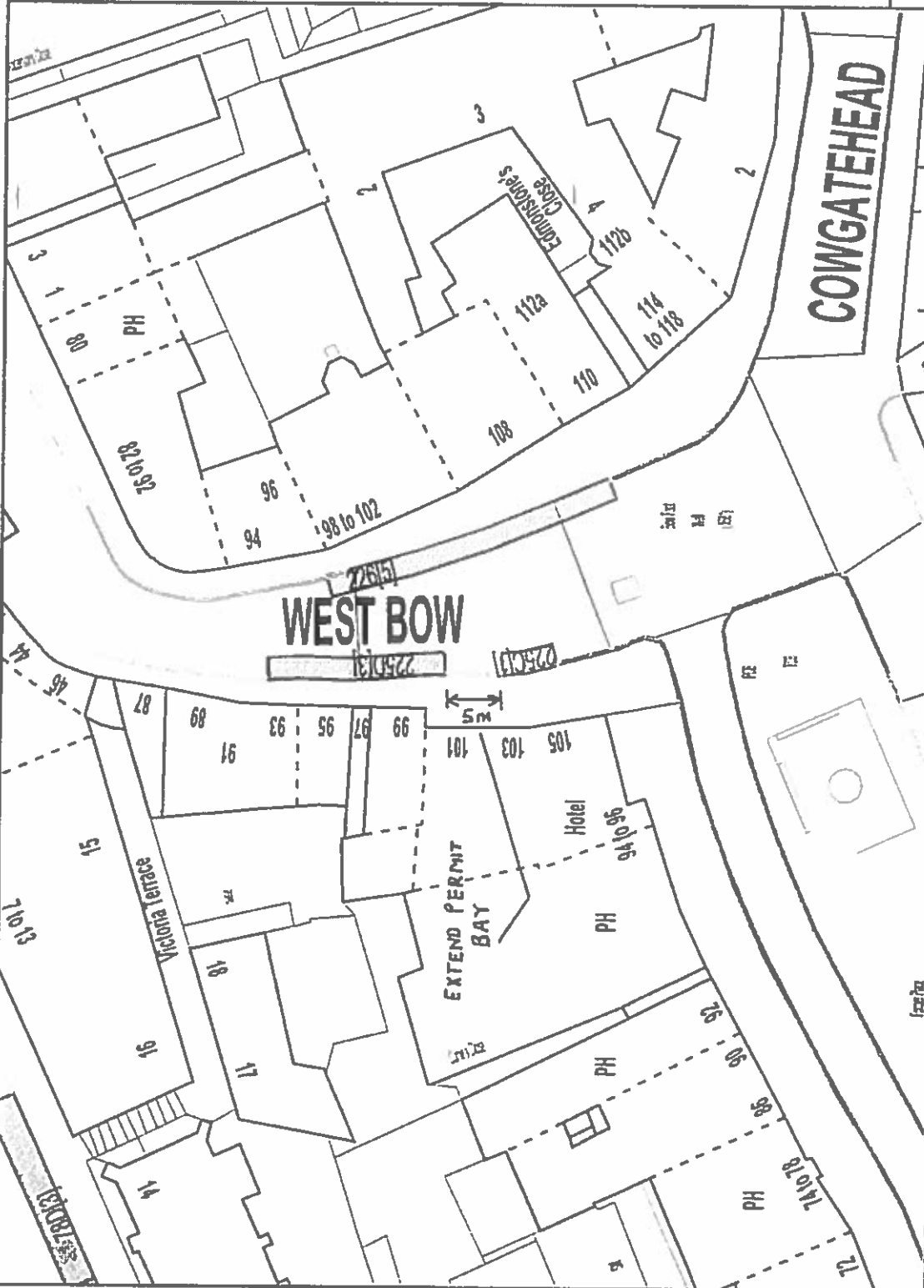
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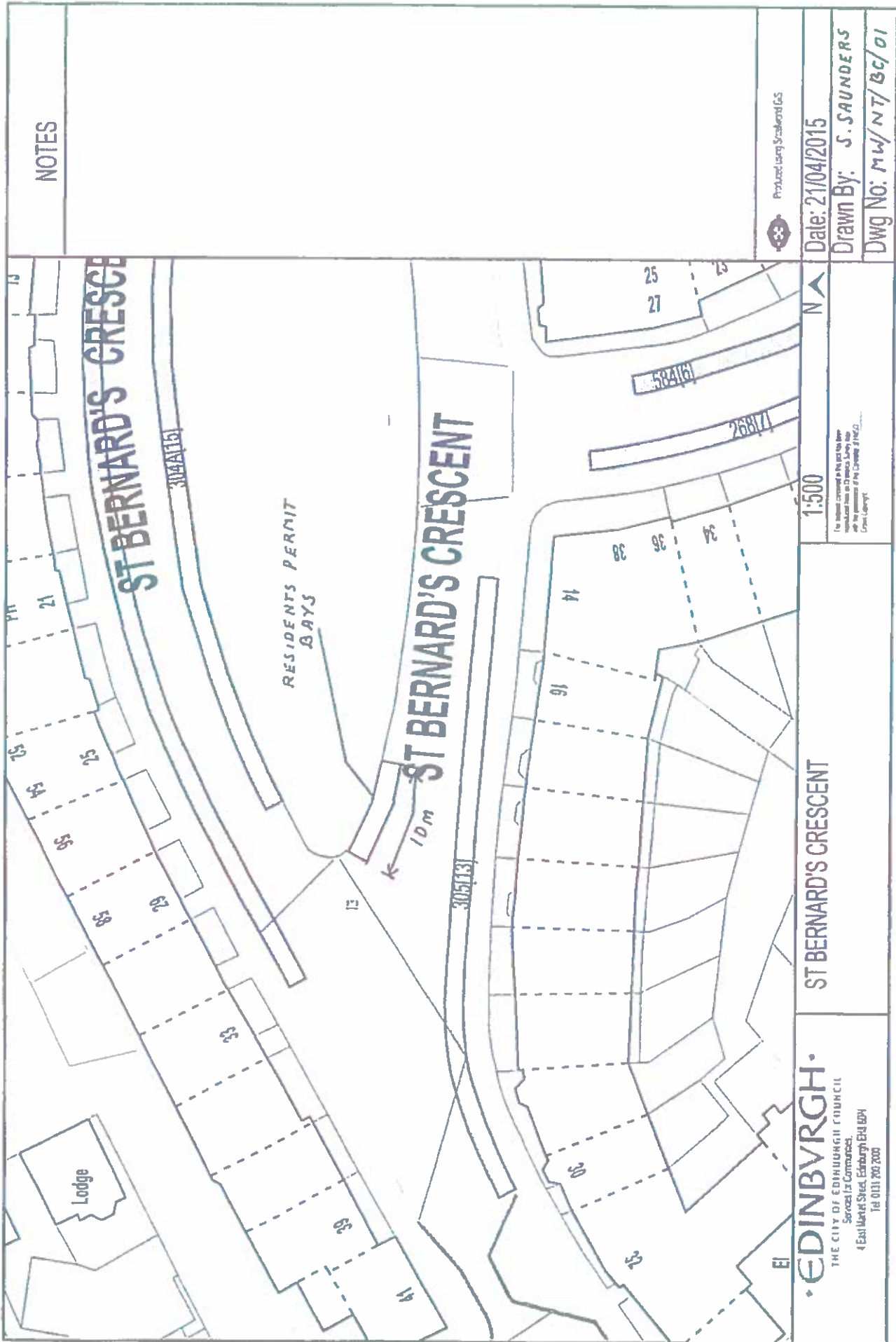


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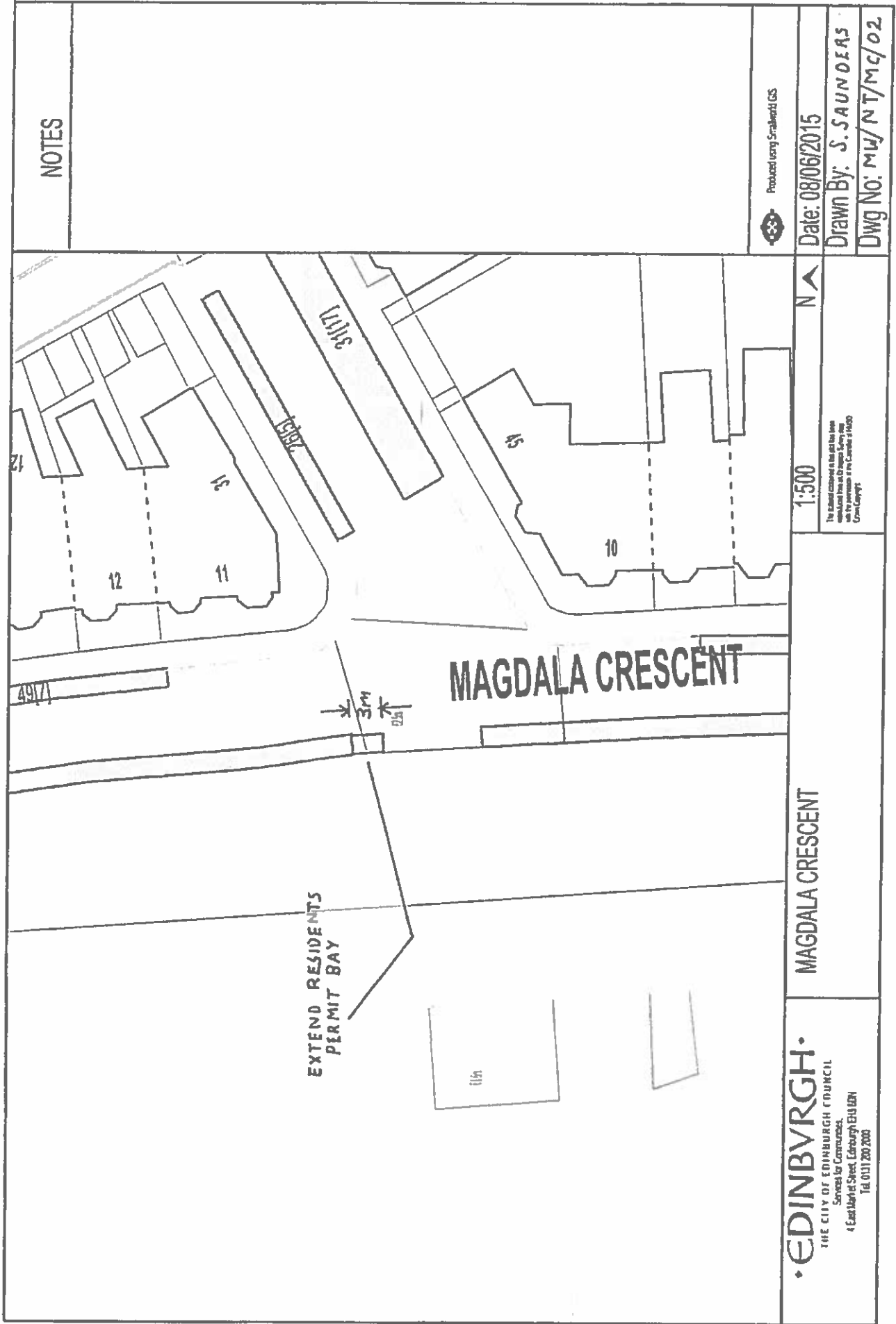
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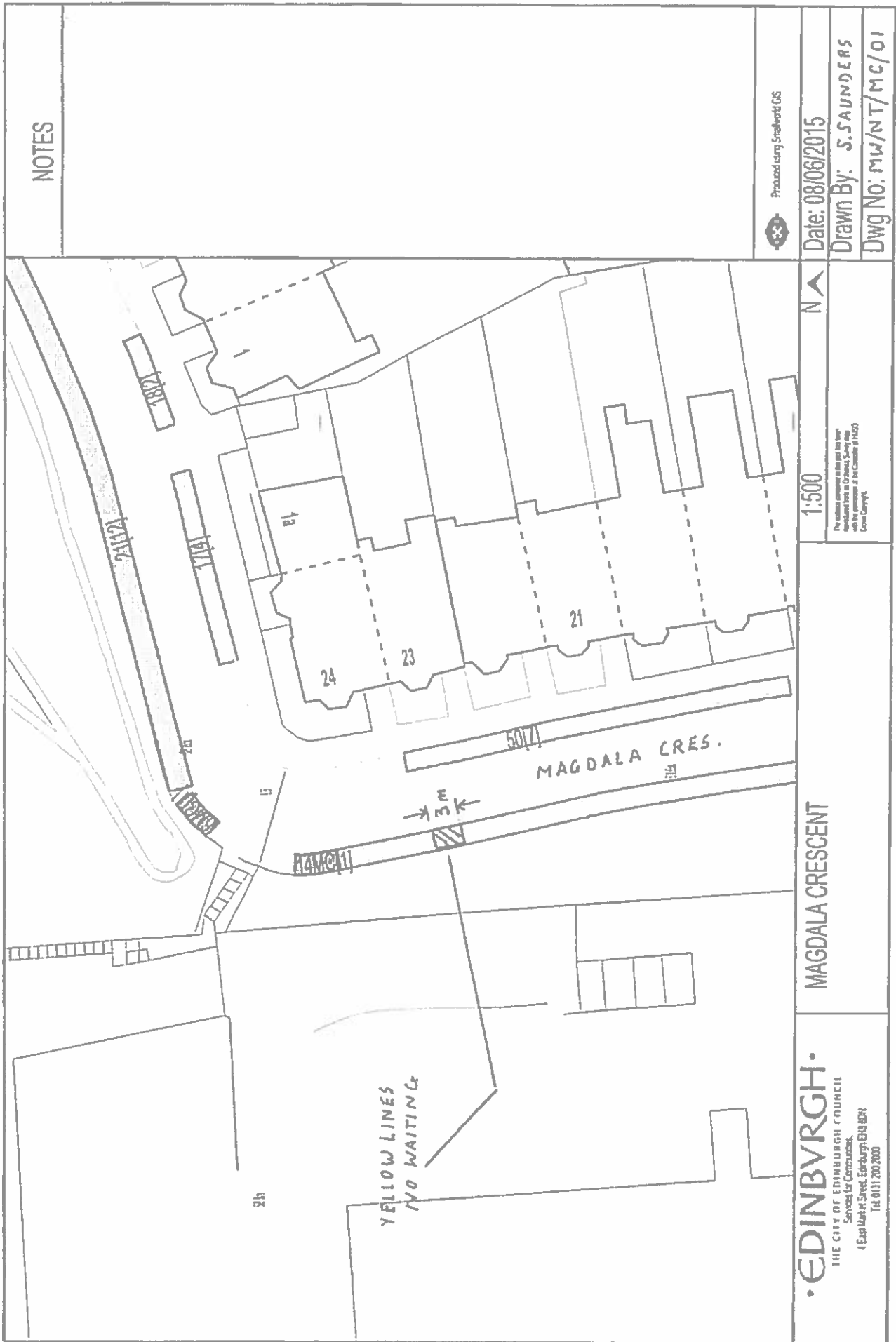
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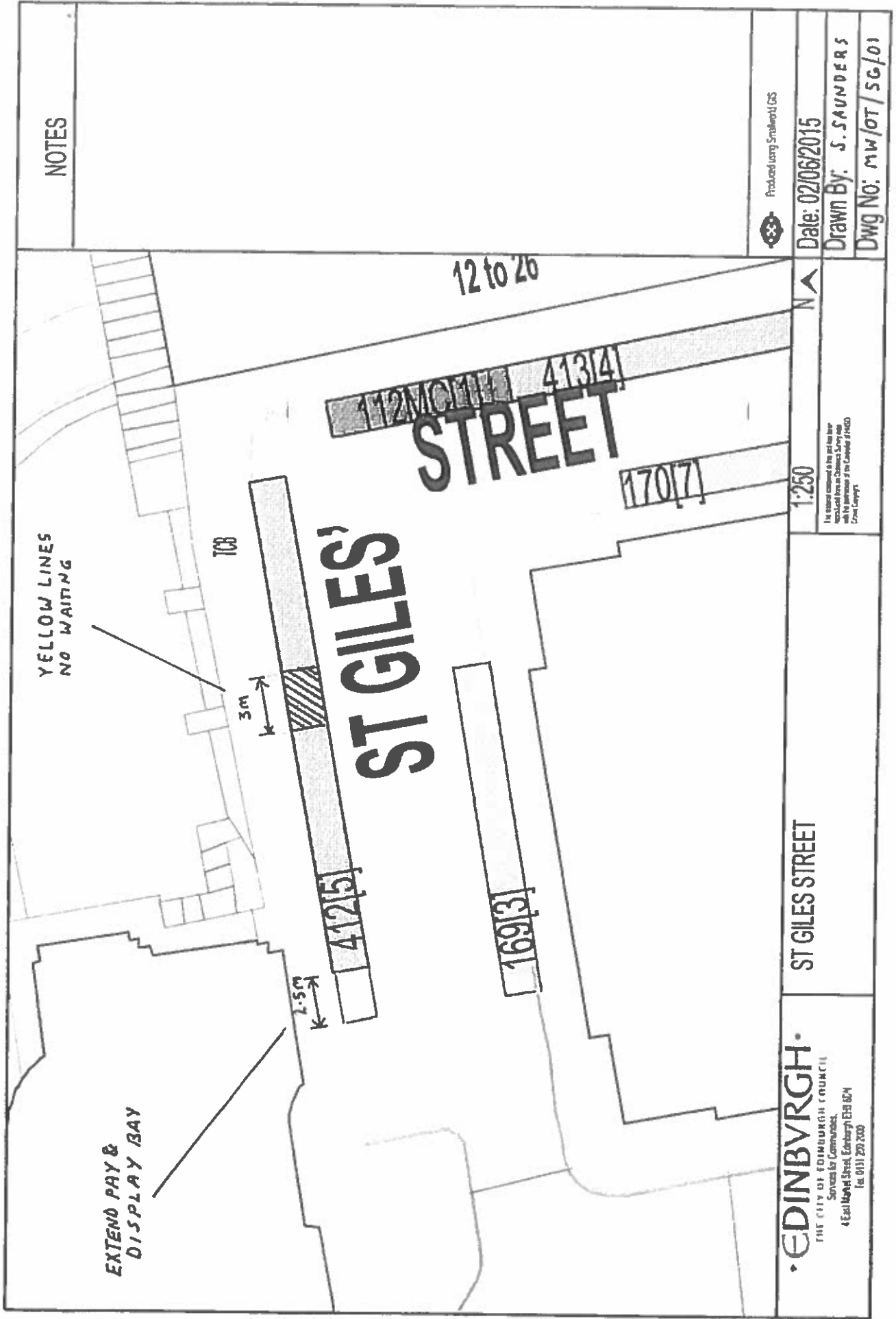
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Appendix 3: Objections to TRO 15/41

Street (s)	Objections received
<p>Leslie Place – This letter was received 48 times</p>	<p>TO WHOM IT CONCERNS</p> <p>RE REFERENCE TRO/15/41</p> <p>Please note that I object to the removal of the permit spaces and for the spaces to be replaced by Black Bins.</p> <p>My reasons are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of due care and consideration to discuss the proposed changes with the residents of Leslie Place • The failure to consider using the existing double yellow lines as a means of placing the Black Bins within a better setting which would allow for retaining key parking spaces. • Do not want refuse left in the street for days as these Bins will probably overflow as currently being reported by the local media • Traffic congestion has eased a bit in the street since the introduction of double yellow lines within the middle of Leslie Place. • This demonstrates that there is no need for additional double yellow lines <p>I would urge the Council to give full consideration of the above points and leave the much needed parking spaces as they are and allow for the continued collection of refuse waste by current methods or other proposals which prevents the loss of parking places in our street.</p>
	<p>Reference TRO/15/41 City Centre - on street communal waste bins</p> <p>On applying for my resident's parking permit a few years ago, I was informed that more permits were issued and charged for, than there were spaces available. Please can you confirm this?</p> <p>Do you consider it acceptable that I regularly spend in excess of 20 minutes looking for an available residents parking space? My permit is valid in Leslie Place, Dean Terrace, Carlton Street, St Bernard's Crescent and Danube Street, although some of these streets are not convenient when I am returning with heavy bags of shopping.</p> <p>There is little chance of finding a space after 5.30pm and therefore I have to park on a single yellow line or in a 'Pay & Display' space. I also then suffer the added inconvenience of having to move my car by 8.30am the following day. Do you consider this acceptable?</p> <p>Since receiving (renewing) my permit, a section of single yellow line in Leslie Place has been replaced by double yellow lines in an attempt to relieve traffic congestion. Are you aware that same congestion still happens, particularly at peak traffic times, caused by the same selfish drivers? All that has been achieved is a reduction in the space for overnight parking for local residents.</p> <p>Are we now to lose further parking to accommodate large waste bins? If so, exactly how many further parking spaces will be lost in Leslie Place?</p>

	<p>If further residents spaces are to be surrendered to allow more bins, then this exercise has not been properly thought through. Similar to the introduction of double yellow lines mentioned above, this exercise is appearing to be implemented piece meal to avoid giving the residents the full facts up front. Can you please reassure me otherwise?</p>
	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment on communal waste bins for Leslie Place. I do think Leslie Place needs access to communal waste bins. But is there no way to limit the parking loss, or even improve parking on the street? The biggest problem is the inappropriate through traffic between Deanhaugh Street and Queensferry Road. With less traffic on the street, there would be less pollution, safer crossing, less wear/maintenance of the cobbled road, and more room for parking (less passing places required).</p> <p>Perhaps an option could be more restriction of traffic from Dean Park Crescent to St Bernard's Crescent, maybe even completely? Local traffic could still get to Raeburn Place / Deanhaugh Street via the wide Dean Park Street but through-traffic wouldn't want to. The small numbers living in Danube Street, Dean Terrace & even Leslie Place would also have the option of going via Ann Street, but again through-traffic wouldn't want to. With less traffic, more (resident/meter) parking would be possible on both sides, as less passing places would be necessary.</p> <p>Could even still allow access to St Bernard's Crescent from Dean Street / Dean Park Street, if that maintains more local access/flow?</p> <p>An alternative/addition could be making Leslie Place one-way (going NE, i.e. opposite direction from Dean Street). If Dean Street was thought to provide insufficient SW access/flow, Dean Terrace could be opened onto Deanhaugh Street and made one way going SW.</p> <p>With any of the above designs, buses/bikes/taxis could have exemptions or buses could use Dean Park Street too.</p> <p>In summary, I do think we need bins but can we also please have a plan to improve parking, rather than limiting it further? Limiting through-traffic could be a good way to do this.</p>
	<p>Dear Edinburgh Council,</p> <p>I wish to object to the published plans to locate waste disposal bins outside 9 and 15 Leslie Place under TRO/15/41. While useful, the bins will present an unnecessary nuisance to local residents at the proposed location. I realise that the neighbourhood plan and centre plan is to distribute bins throughout the city. Sensitive location is essential. The proposed site is outside bedroom windows. When the lorries come to unload the bins they will cause severe traffic congestion in what is an extremely busy thoroughfare. That is hardly fair when there are other less inconvenient and obtrusive locations nearby, around the perimeter of the local gardens at St. Bernard's Crescent. The passage of traffic on either side of the Crescent would also relieve traffic congestion while the bins are being unloaded.</p>
	<p>I am emailing to object to this order in so far as it relates to Leslie Place. I am disappointed that there was only one notice the length of the street to let people know about this. It was only by chance that I became aware of it.</p> <p>I live on Leslie Place and do not agree that parking spaces in our street should be taken away to make room for large permanent refuse containers directly outside people's windows.</p> <p>The TRO doesn't make any mention of containers for the surrounding streets. Are</p>

other streets nearby being treated differently? Why? It feels as if yet again Leslie Place is being treated less favourably than other streets in the area.

The pavement on Leslie Place is quite narrow and there are basement flats in every stair. For those with containers outside, that is all they will see. A permanent refuse point with the risk of fly-tipping and vermin as can be seen in other areas in the city.

We have already lost parking to accommodate the passing place but at that time additional permit spaces were created nearby to offer some compensation. The proposal now is that Leslie Place residents parking spaces are located elsewhere but that is not very fair. Why should other streets get more parking but ours is taken away?

I understand that access to the Scottish Water mains is in the road where it is proposed to site containers.

A better location for the containers would be the curve of St Bernards Crescent. They would not be directly outside anyone's windows (they would be against railings) and there would be no need to lose permit spaces as its a single yellow line.

I would be grateful if these points could be considered and the proposed location of the containers looked at again to see if a better solution could be found.

As you know, I have a long-standing interest in this as per previous communications with you below.

I am extremely disappointed to find out from a neighbour that you are now consulting on this and that no-one had the courtesy to contact me when the maps became available. The only notice on the street is tied to a post outside number 9 and the notice itself does not enable the public to understand what is happening. It is extremely opaque. The effect of the notice seems to be that containers will be placed along one side of Leslie Place, displacing permit parking and more or less creating a refuse corridor on the Street. Please would you give me details of the size and number of containers it is anticipated will be sited here and how often it is intended that they are emptied? Please also advise what consideration has been given to the fact that Scottish Water requires access to the mains that can only be reached through the road outside number 13 Leslie Place. Please also advise why the draft regulations do not provide for containers to be sited on any of the streets around Leslie Place – what is proposed for them?

It would have been really helpful had someone contacted me to discuss options and proposals before we got to this stage. It is always a good idea to try to take people with you and you will recall that there were constructive discussions around a number of issues concerning this street in the past.

In addition to the objection / comments I made earlier in the week, specifically in relation to the proposals for Leslie Place, I would like to make the following further points:

- Because the order only covers changes to parking, it was not clear that there would in fact be 3 locations on Leslie Place where containers are to be placed. I have only just found out about this today and it feels as though the council is not being upfront about this.
- Nowhere is it stated that the intention is to place between 6 and 8 permanent containers in this single street
- This only reinforces my view that the street will be become the local refuse alley. It is unfair on Leslie Place residents that in addition to the disproportionately heavy traffic suffered, the Street will be lined with these containers yet the surrounding streets remain unblighted
- In other areas of the city, the Council has made a conscious effort to site

	<p>containers away from directly outside residential windows and doors but this doesn't seem to be the case for Leslie Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be much appreciated if the Council could look again at where the containers are to be placed recognising that a bit more ingenuity and compromise could be used.
	<p>Subject: TRO / 15 /41 Title: "City Centre - on street comunal waste bins" I am the landlord of the above address. I am concerned that it is proposed to place a comunal waste bin outside numbers 9 and 15 Leslie Place, for the following two reasons: (a) Leslie place is a bus route and is already a narrow road that causes some congestion; comunal waste bins will exacerbate this problem. (b) The comunal waste bins in the next street, Dean Terrace, are very suitable to my purpose and seem to be very rarely full.</p> <p>Could you please consider adding more comunal waste bins in Dean Terrace if they are needed, instead of in Leslie Place - the existing waste bins in Dean Terrace are placed on the side next to the Water of Leith and so do not block any property.</p>
	<p>TRO/15/41 - City Centre - On Street Communal Waste Bins Leslie Place</p> <p>I am writing to note my strong objection to the proposals to introduce waste bins onto Leslie Place. I hope that you take on board the concerns noted below (and those of others on the street) before taking any decision on whether to proceed with the proposals which I believe to be questionable for numerous reasons below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leslie Place is a densely populated street with very limited parking already (with only space for at most 20 cars on the whole street, which I believe must have around 160 flats) - to remove several spaces for bins will be of significant inconvenience to residents, particularly older residents. Whilst I appreciate parking has to be weighed against other needs, in this day in age when cars/parking is so important to people's lives (work and otherwise) to reduce the already limited supply of car spaces would not be appropriate. 2. As noted, parking is already very difficult and reducing spaces will only cause more problems on the street. People need to be able to get access to their flats and, unlike in other streets, could not even temporarily park next to a bin to offload goods due to the fact it is a narrow and busy thoroughfare with a bus stop and double yellow lines on the other side from the parking area - the street needs to be kept clear and parking is already ridiculously scarce. 3. The existing service is adequate. Indeed many residents already take refuse to bins on Dean Terrace/Raeburn Place - these bins are painted green to fit in with the trees behind and are not directly outside anyone's front door - there is ample scope to increase the number of waste bins on Dean Terrace as an alternative which will not affect the quality of life for residents there (or on Leslie Place and surrounding streets). 4. Leslie Place is at the gateway to the world heritage site of surrounding streets - the waste bins are unsightly. I understand this is the reason that properties on St Bernard's Crescent, Carlton Street and Danube Street have large hessian bags to place rubbish in - this would be a suitable alternative if the reason for the proposals is bags being ripped. There is no reason why residents on Leslie Place should be prejudiced and not get this option afforded to other residents. If bins were to be placed on Leslie Place they would be used by all surrounding streets and if this was to be the case then it would only be fair for bins to be placed on these streets where I would suggest there are more suitable places for bins to be placed (e.g. next to the gardens on St Bernards Crescent green bins could be placed as there are on Dean Terrace) - These would not be right outside people's doors, the street is less densely populated and there are already some areas (e.g. next to the public telephone box on St Bernard's Crescent Gardens) or indeed at the side nearer Leslie Place which are currently single yellow lines where waste bins could easily fit without reducing parking spaces. 5. Waste bins tend to overflow and attract vermin which in such a narrow densely populated street is not desirable and could represent a public hazard - Leslie Place is

	<p>gradually starting to look nicer and years of neglect and introduction of these bins would be a significant step backwards when there are suitable alternatives (hessian bags/green bins on dean terrace/bins on Raeburn place).</p> <p>I hope that you take the above issues seriously - the concerns of myself and others on the street who I have talked to are real and will impact upon our lives. When there are clearly more suitable alternatives I believe it would be completely wrong to proceed with proposals as they are currently and so I hope you take the opportunity to reconsider.</p> <p>Please do let me know if you would like to discuss these issues further.</p>
	<p>Ref. Communal bins proposed in Leslie Place</p> <p>My objections to these proposals are as follows:1) numbers 13 and 15 Leslie Place are part of the same corner tenement building as 15 Carlton Street. As such it is part of the New Town Conservation District and the Edinburgh World Heritage area. I am therefore concerned that such a proposal is being made which affects the historic streetscape and architectural importance of this location.</p> <p>2) 13 and 15 Leslie Place are immediately opposite the no. 36 bus stop.</p> <p>3) Leslie Place as a thoroughfare is a rat run for traffic to and from Queensferry Road it is severely congested at many times of the day, including at weekends.</p> <p>4) The crossroads of Leslie Place (near 15 Leslie Pl) , Carlton Street and St Bernard Crescent is frequently blocked and is the site of many near miss and actual accidents.</p> <p>5) The proposed placement of bins outside 13 and 15 Leslie Place will add to the likelihood of motor and pedestrian accidents by blocking the sight lines of cars emerging from Carlton Street.</p> <p>6) It should be noted that the above location of the proposed bins was until about 2 years ago marked with double yellow lines. This had the effect of assisting the flow of traffic going North, particularly the buses and large vehicles. It is not known why the double lines were replaced with parking.</p> <p>7) It is not clear from the maps how many resident parking bays are being lost by this proposal for Leslie Place but it must certainly be 3 or 4. This is in Zone 5 which is already massively oversubscribed for resident parking.</p> <p>8) The position of the proposed bins in Leslie Place is close to main doors and bedroom windows. Many of the flats have bedroom windows facing on to Leslie Place. Basement flats are affected even more. These bins are unpleasant, unhygienic, unsightly and noisy. Their presence constitutes a deterioration in the overall amenity of the street.</p> <p>9) I have numerous photographs of bins around the city left overflowing with more rubbish lying alongside them. This adds to the unpleasantness and hygiene issues described in (8) above.</p> <p>10) Residents on the opposite side of Leslie Place will be required to cross a busy road to use the bins.</p> <p>11) I note that there is no proposal for communal bins in adjacent streets, Carlton Street, St Bernard Crescent or Danube Street (all of which have flats as well as houses). This will add to the overuse of any communal bins in Leslie Place.</p> <p>12) The existing system with regular collections works very satisfactorily.</p>
	<p>I am writing to raise an objection to the placing of 'Street Bins' outside 9 Leslie Place and possibly verging to 7 and 11.</p> <p>The addition of bins would reduce car parking spaces and there is at present insufficient space for owners to park their cars in this street</p>

	<p>- also surrounding streets. These bins would encourage the dumping of rubbish in the street as often seen when bins become full or by people who can't be bothered to deposit their rubbish inside. It also seems to encourage the dumping of larger object that don't even fit in the bins as people presume the council will remove these, thus saving them the bother of disposing of them themselves. In short I would hope the council see fit not to place these bins at this location. I am an owner of a property at 9 (3F3) Leslie Place.</p>
	<p>Ref. TRO/15/41 - City Centre - On street communal waste bins Thank you for informing us about the proposed placing of waste bins outside our building (9 Leslie Place). Whilst I am grateful for the provision of more waste bins, I feel that it is unfortunate that you are considering placing them outside our front door. I see from the plans that parking bays will be extended on St. Bernard's Crescent, just up the road. I agree with the other residents of 9 Leslie Place that placing the bins in these proposed parking bays would be more sensible. These areas are away from people's front doors, concealed to some extent by the trees. This solution therefore appears both more practical and less of an eye sore. I would be grateful if you would kindly take these suggestions in to consideration.</p>
	<p>Please take this email as my objection to the above proposals.</p> <p>I reside at 9 Leslie place and I object to black bins being put outside my window and also the removal of permit spaces.</p> <p>I do not want to look out my window onto black bins.</p> <p>In my opinion this will devalue my property</p> <p>The bins will overflow and rubbish will be left on the pavement (as this happens in dean street)</p> <p>Do not want rubbish lying outside my windows.</p> <p>Will be unable to open my windows due to the smell from the buckets</p> <p>Not nice for the elderly man who resides underneath me to look out on to black bins all day (he is housebond) and this will prevent less light into his house.</p> <p>Will cause more chaos with traffic</p> <p>Buckets to close to my property</p> <p>Do not want to lose the permit spaces</p> <p>Already lost parking spaces due to double yellow lines being put in place</p> <p>The notice for these restrictions is only placed on the lamp post outside my house (as been told the council do not have to notify residents)</p> <p>In my opinion the Council should have written to all the residents as not all residents will see this notice.</p> <p>Some of the residents in Leslie Place are elderly and do not have access to the internet.</p> <p>The sign does not explain that they propose to take away permit places and put black bins in</p> <p>A lot of residents will not have seen the notice as they have only placed it on 1 lamp post.</p> <p>People also work during the day, so how do you expect them to visit the office within the opening hours</p> <p>The Council once again are trying to sneak pass their proposals in order that residents do not complain.</p>

	<p>I therefore intend to go round all the residents in Leslie Place and get them to object to the Council's Proposals</p> <p>I also intend to bring this issue up with our local Councillor.</p> <p>I would however have no objection to the bins being put round St Bernards Crescent, (the bins will also be away from people's property) and I also have no objection to walking up there with my bin.</p>
	<p>I would like to formally register my objection to this order as a resident of Leslie Place, I find it baffling that the Council would try to implement something which will cause huge disruption to an already cramped street . I suggest doing some research into how other countries run their cities (the Netherlands are a great example) and issues to see if you can't find a more creative solution to these issues – we are a city of culture after all!</p>
	<p>I wanted to express my concern about two waste bins being placed in Leslie Place. I feel that this would impact significantly on car parking spaces in the street by taking two away. I think that this has not been considered. There are already waste bins in a parallel street which could be used by residents (Dean Terrace). I am also concerned about this arrangement as Leslie Place is on a bus route, with the No.36 bus running up and down the already busy and crowded street. Bins would further add to this problem of congestion.</p> <p>If the bins are instated then parking in adjacent areas for residents MUST be seriously reviewed and action taken.</p>
<p>Leslie Place – This is not an objection but was a comment as part of the consultation. This is in favour of the TRO</p>	<p>Please, Please, Please allow the bins on Leslie Place. As a lower ground floor resident that has to look at bin bags out of my window twice a week on the railings & floor outside my flat I would much prefer bins.</p> <p>The objections will be from upper floor flats that do not have to clear up the rubbish from these bags that have blown in front of their windows after the seagulls have attacked them.</p> <p>The main objection is car parking, yet I have seen people that have to park in nearby streets already moan about losing a space yet they don't have a space anyway</p>
<p>Response from Waste and Cleansing services</p>	<p>Consultation on use of bins in World Heritage area</p> <p>Explained about lengthy consultation in 2011, and the outcome that bins are compatible where sited appropriately and can serve to enhance the environment. Provided copy of report as background.</p> <p>Visual Impact</p> <p>Bins are sited at intervals within the line of cars where possible and are smaller than some cars. This serves to minimise visual intrusion. This is in line with the guidelines we follow. Bins are normally sited in the street they serve,</p> <p>Parking loss</p> <p>Advised that every effort is made to avoid minimise parking losses. Explained re siting guidelines. Bin is at a blank wall and in-between parked cars were possible. Bins are being sited in a mix of yellow lines and in parking spaces. Parking is being extended so no net loss of parking. The proposed site avoids householders standing on roadway to use bins.</p> <p>Frequency of collection and noise created by bins being emptied</p>

	<p>Explained emptying process and advised there should be no real difference with current collections. The frequency of collection will not change.</p> <p>Traffic</p> <p>The siting of on-street bins will not affect traffic. Road user Safety Audit has been completed.</p> <p>Transportation Consultation Process An advert giving details of the proposal is advertised in The Scotsman, Community Councils in the area affected are contacted and, local members (Councillors) are informed. (The statutory bodies fire police, utilities etc are also informed) Relative documents are made available for inspection at the front Counter of the City Chambers on the High Street. Information is also placed on the Council Website and the Tell Me Scotland Website. Street Bills are placed on site to invite the public to look at the proposals. The consultation period runs for a three week period.</p>
<p>Nelson Street</p>	<p>As a resident of Nelson Street (EH3) I am writing with regards to the proposed re-positioning of the waste bins in Nelson Street. Nelson Street has long campaigned for the use of the gull proof bags, which has gone ignored and the reason given was that there was no feedback given to the council, which is totally untrue.</p> <p>The current bins in Nelson Street are used by all residences in nearby Northumberland Street, Dublin St meuse, Nelson Place, Drummond Place and Great King Street. These streets have the gull proof bags and people still use the bins. I believe that we should all have bags or we should all have bins.</p> <p>Parking spaces are already in limited supply and we struggle to get a permit space after coming home from work. The new bin position will remove another three parking spaces in Nelson Street. What are we paying for when buy a permit? The privilege of driving around the block twice only to find a park in Scotland Street??</p> <p>I am also in the process of trying to sell my house and the proposed position of the bins is directly outside my house, I have seen the fly tipping of numerous mattresses, furniture, televisions and food waste dumped in front of the current bins in Nelson Street as people cannot be bothered walking to an empty bin (if for once they have been emptied).</p> <p>I hope that this "public consultation" is actually what it says and not just another box ticking exercise undertaken by the council...</p>
	<p>I write to object to the proposed placement of a new communal refuse bin outside Nos. 5/7 Nelson Street. If the waste bin is located there, it will restrict even further the extremely limited parking on upper Nelson Street. I recognise that the plan is to extend the parking 3m southwards outside No. 1 Nelson Street, on the east side. This would only partially mitigate the parking disruption created by interrupting the existing residents' parking. There are no discrete parking spaces on Nelson Street, which means that vehicles space themselves along the street in an ever-changing pattern. Breaking this stretch into two segments will ultimately impede parking options.</p> <p>Instead, I recommend that the additional bin is placed alongside the existing one outside of No. 2 Nelson Street, i.e. just to the south of it on the same stretch of single yellow line where there is plenty of room such that it will not obstruct traffic or pedestrians. Even better would be to place the additional bin alongside the existing one outside of No. 17 Nelson Street, where there is considerable room on the single yellow line, and again, there would be no safety concerns for road traffic or pedestrians.</p> <p>Putting the new bin beside either of the existing ones on upper Nelson Street would have the following benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is the easiest and most cost-effective solution. 2. You would not disrupt the flow of parking, on a street where parking is at an

	<p>absolute premium.</p> <p>3. This would be the most aesthetic solution (for a World Heritage site), as it would confine the bins to either of two existing sites, instead of dotting them all over the street.</p> <p>4. The rubbish collection lorry need only make two stops on our street, instead of three, again improving efficiency.</p> <p>I thank you for your attention, and trust that you will give my counter-proposal due consideration.</p>
	<p>I am writing on behalf of the New Town and Broughton Community Council to object to TRO/15/41. So far we have been contacted by residents of London St and Nelson St with objections to the proposed bin sites on the basis that they will cause residents significant loss of amenity. There is concern among residents that almost all current communal bins have had significant periods when rubbish has built up round them in past few months, and residents understandably fear that any new communal bins will rapidly become surrounded by dirt and rubbish.</p> <p>In particular the community council objects to the suspension of parking outside siting of the bin outside 3 /3A and 5 London St in order to provide a site for a container on the basis that it does not conform with the guidelines for siting communal bins in the World Heritage Site.</p> <p>The detailed guidance (h) states " Where containers are sited in front of properties, they should, wherever possible, be sited on the division between properties, respecting architectural design." Whilst the bin site is on a division between properties 3 and 5 London Street it takes no account of the architectural layout of number 3a London St, a basement flat accessed by stairs from a front gate next to the division with 5 London St, and right in front of the proposed bin site. Moreover, the windows of both 3 and 3a are close to the division with 5, so the container will be clearly visible from these windows.</p> <p>The siting also contravenes General Condition (d) which states;</p> <p>"Within the World Heritage Site, the location of containers adjacent to listed buildings and formal and set pieces of architecture(such as palace frontages) and within the overall urban structure, will only be acceptable if there is no adverse impact on their setting or appearance"</p> <p>The block containing 1 and 3 London Street presents a palace frontage to Drummond Place, and London Street side of the palace frontage is part of that formal set piece, so should not have communal bins sited in front of it.</p> <p>We are also concerned that the site is too close to the corner with Drummond Place and in particular the island crossing at the west end of London Street, which we understand is planned to be upgraded to a pedestrian crossing. The communal bins are higher than most parked cars and we fear that it will be hard for pedestrians wishing to cross to see round it to check for oncoming traffic, so we are concerned pedestrian safety is being put at risk. Detailed guidance (g) states " Locations at the edge of parking areas or in isolated areas on main streets or at the end of streets should be avoided."</p> <p>Last, we note that this is one of 5 proposed sites for communal bins on London Street, which appears excessive for a relatively short street, compared with , for example, Dundas Street, so given the loss of amenity it will cause local residents, we respectfully suggest this site should be omitted.</p>
	<p>I note the proposals to relocate the waste containers in Upper and Lower Nelson</p>

	<p>Street from their initial temporary locations a couple of years ago. I am aware of the Council's wish to avail itself of the economies of this form of waste removal but we return to the strong objections from Nelson Street and Northumberland Street to the loss of visual amenity to the residents of this exceptional Georgian City. Nelson Street residents still felt that their wishes were not taken heed of and that the large waste containers were forced upon them.</p> <p>The present container serving Lower Nelson Street is located in Drummond Place where it has been the subject of some objections. The proposal to move it half way up the east side of the street, outside numbers 23 and 25, is not acceptable to the owners affected and I understand that you have already received some objections on this matter. Despite the Council's promises at the outset there is a record of overflowing containers and extraneous waste items dumped around, sometimes not removed at collection times. Collections can be sporadic and require prompting by residents by the rather tenuous telephone arrangements through the central switchboard. Waste containers are a magnet for those citizens who are inclined just to dump their unwanted items on the street. That would now happen right outside our properties and would present an unacceptable sight, particularly for basement and street level rooms. The site proposed also has a high kerb with a sloping cobbled berm making it difficult or even dangerous for the more elderly to approach the container and reach up to the lid to put their bag in. To try and avoid any accusation of 'nimbyism' I suggest that a better location would be on the west side of the street outside number 28 in the ticket bay where the kerb is low. The flats in that block are rarely occupied.</p> <p>The proposed relocation in Upper Nelson Street on the east side outside numbers 5/7 would appear to be less intrusive as the pavements and basements are wider making distance from the buildings to the container greater.</p> <p>I hope that the residents of the City will have the opportunity to consult with the Council at the launch of the Waste Strategy to agree an acceptable solution to this essential service.</p>
	<p>I am writing to object to the proposal to re-site the on-street communal waste bin which is currently placed at the south-west corner of Nelson Street, just before the junction with Abercromby Place. The proposal is to move the bin to a location immediately outside the main door of 5 Nelson Street, the building in which I and others live.</p> <p>There is nothing wrong with the current site of the bin. It is convenient for everyone, and is directly outside no one's front door. I cannot see why it needs to be moved, but if it has to be moved, then a good place would be on the other side of Abercromby Place, adjacent to Queen Street gardens and under the overhanging trees. The important point is that it should not be outside anyone's front door. Children running out of front doors and refuse trucks do not make a good combination. The bins and trucks should be well away from the entrances to people's houses.</p> <p>The proposed location opposite 5 Nelson Street is particularly badly chosen because there are three flats at 5 Nelson Street, with the front door to the next house immediately on one side, and the entrance to a basement property on the other side. Many households would be inconvenienced if the bin is moved to this position.</p> <p>Please could you do what I and my neighbours all want, which is to keep the bin where it is?</p>
	<p>I wish to comment on/object to the above proposals.</p> <p>1. Procedure for Notification - I understand that such Notices (under Schedule 2 Part</p>

2 of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999) require to be displayed as follows " *Where the order relates to any road, the notice shall be displayed in a prominent position at or near each end of the road and in such other positions as the authority think requisite for securing that adequate information about the subject matter of the notice is given to persons using the road.*" The Notification of the above proposals has been by laminated A4 sheets attached like a sleeve to posts at both ends of the South part of Nelson Street at one end of the North part of Nelson Street. The method of attachment does not in my view make the Notices "prominent" as is required- ie. they are easily missed and as such are in breach of at least the spirit of the regulations, if not the letter.

2.Location in terms of obtrusiveness to householders /residents- No one would choose to be looking out on a large waste container bin from their home never mind an overflowing bin, as they frequently are, However the current locations of 2 (at the South End of the West side of the Southern half of Nelson Street - this location has no windows at ground, or any level, overlooking the location- and at the South West corner of the gardens in Drummond Place- adjacent to gardens not immediately overlooked by windows) of the 3 existing containers are such as to be the least obtrusive to Nelson Street householders/residents from this point of view. The proposals in the above Traffic Order places bins in more obtrusive locations (outside 23/25 and 7/9) from the point of view of Nelson Street householders/residents.

There is no information in the proposals as to the reasons for the change in the status quo- whether the 2 containers in the proposals are additional containers or relocation of existing containers?

However I understand from other sources that one of the bins in the above Traffic Order is a replacement for the existing bin at the corner of the gardens in Drummond Place which is being removed. The removal is in response to a persistent complaint about the bin in this location via I understand the Drummond Place Association..

While acknowledging the rights of this complain I question the relocation of the replacement bin in a more obtrusive location (outside either 7/9 and 23/25) for householders/ residents in Nelson St.

In terms of the proposal for a container outside 23/25 Nelson Street I feel there are alternative less obtrusive locations from the point of view of householders/residents' windows overlooking the container. On the carriageway outside no. 28 where the majority of the flats are only used a few weeks in the year. Or on the carriageway just north of the entrance to no. 31 Nelson Street. In the adjacent building there are no windows at ground floor, or any level, overlooking this location; the container would be screened from 31A Nelson Street by the telecommunications boxes, and the occupants of the two premises opposite this location are transient not permanent - 28 Nelson Street as above and 11 Drummond Place which is non residential (Polish Club).

In saying the above I am aware that the current locations of the containers for Nelson Street residents are not in line with the Council's Guidelines on the siting of waste containers which state that if alternative sites are not feasible "containers should be located on the carriageway so that they are integrated among parked cars" . However I would comment that "among parked cars" applies to the view of the street/containers by transient street users not to that of people living in the street viz. householders/residents whose windows permanently overlook the location of the container.

3. If the the containers in the above Traffic Order increases the no. of bins to be located in Nelson Street I wish to comment on the use of the bins by householders/residents. I understand that the Northumberland Street Association and Drummond Place Association made a case and negotiated successfully to prevent communal waste containers in these streets with the non recyclable rubbish of their householders/residents being collected via gull proof bags. I have observed on a number of occasions residents from Northumberland Street and Drummond Place placing rubbish in the containers provided for Nelson Street residents. This might

	<p>partly explain my frequent difficulty in finding space in one of the containers for my rubbish and the frequent overflowing of the containers which as well as being unsightly is a potential public health risk. While I respect the position of these two Associations it is somewhat galling for them to eschew waste containers in their streets only to then use and compromise the capacity of the containers provided for Nelson Street householders/residents..</p> <p>4. Location in terms of parking - I understand the Council's Guidelines on the siting of waste containers state that locating containers in areas of end on parking should be resisted. The proposals in the above order locates one of the bins outside 23/25 Nelson Street which is within an area of end on parking. It is not clear to me why this hasn't been resisted.</p>
	<p>The bin in its present location is frequently full and overflowing resulting in rubbish being distributed around its periphery. I believe this is because a) it is infrequently emptied b) the capacity is inadequate for the area it services c) the bin is the wrong type namely does not have a foot bar for opening the lid. The street has a considerable number of elderly people, my self included, who find the current opening procedure extremely awkward particularly when the bin is regularly at capacity.</p> <p>I therefore object to the waste bin being re sited between 5/7 Nelson Street on the grounds that it will be a health hazard to the occupants as a consequence of the regular rubbish distributed around its periphery. In my opinion it should either remain at its present location or, if it must be moved, directly across the street where the property access is similar to its current location. If it were to be moved to this site there would be less of a traffic hazard, whilst being emptied, as the traffic slows as it approaches uphill to the Nelson Street/Abercromby Place junction.</p>
	<p>As a resident of 25 Nelson Street I wish to make a strong objection to your proposal to move TWO waste containers onto Nelson Street namely outside my property and no 23 and then literally next to it between nos 19 and 21. I cannot stress enough how upsetting this is to me, my family and other residents. These containers are NOT emptied regularly causing bin bags and other waste to pile up outside it, attracting vermin etc, any rubbish left beside it is then left by the collectors!</p> <p>Why can they not remain in their current location ie the one beside drummond place gardens . This is not overlooked by anyones home etc. I will be in touch with the council should this go ahead and it affect my health, that of my children and the value of my property as this has ultimately not been thought through by the council.</p> <p>Please acknowledge this email.</p>
	<p>I write to object to a proposal, local to my property, in TRO/15/41- (City centre on street communal waste bins).</p> <p>My objection refers to the proposed new location of a communal bin at 23-25 Nelson St, Edinburgh EH3 6LJ. I regard the current locations to be appropriate. There are 2 additional specific issues to consider please.</p> <p>Firstly, the new proposed location is exactly where there is the steepest sloping cobbled original kerb, making access to the bin very unsafe, particularly for elderly and disabled residents, especially in poor weather. (I am a pensioner with recent knee replacement surgery, so am very aware of & worried about this). Easier safe access is available further north in this street, and the current location outside No 17 is better than the new proposal.</p> <p>Secondly, this is a dangerous part of the street when attempting to cross on foot. It is close to the corner with Northumberland Street, but with no view of approaching traffic. Again, current sites at the ends of roads are much safer, especially for those requiring more time to cross. Again, the north end would be much safer. As you will know, speed limits are regularly ignored by drivers, inappropriately using these routes as short cut commuting roads.</p> <p>I hope you will please look at this again, and take account of my real concerns. Please contact me if you require any further information, and I would be pleased to accompany Officials if you wish to see clearly, at first hand, the difficulties I refer to.</p>

	<p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p>
	<p>Dear CEC, Having just seen the notice on the lamppost and looked over the plans I would like to object to the position of the bins in London Street. There are 3 bins spread evenly on the south side but 2 bins both sited in the middle of the north side. If we must have these horrible bins spoiling the street scape can they at least be spread a bit more evenly with only 1 in the centre and 2 towards each end. Or, if it's been calculated 2 bins are enough to avoid the horrendous overflow problems I see weekly in Dublin street and Nelson street, then 2 bins evenly spaced along the street</p>
	<p>I write to object to the current proposal to relocate one of the on-street communal waste bins in (upper) Nelson Street from its current position at the southwest corner to the middle of the east side of the street outside house numbers 5/7.</p> <p>On grounds of safety, the re-location would position both of the on-street waste bins on the same side of the street, requiring all residents from the west side to cross the street and to do so in mid-street where traffic is moving fastest, rather than at a corner where traffic slows down.</p> <p>On grounds of visual amenity, the re-location would position the large bin – and its inevitable overspill – to be directly outside 2-3 front doors, whereas in its present position it is directly outside no-one's door.</p> <p>For both reasons, the proposal is ill-considered and deplorable.</p> <p>If it is necessary to move the bin from its current position – which is far from evident – then an obviously better alternative would be to the southeast corner of the street, directly opposite its current position, where again traffic would slow at the junction and it would be immediately outside no-one's front door.</p> <p>A further option could be to position it on the south side of Abercromby Place, opposite the top of Nelson Street, adjacent to east Queen Street Gardens, where it would still be convenient for residents but would impinge on no residences, and would, I think, be particularly convenient for emptying/collection and much more amenable to periodic street cleaning around the bin.</p> <p>As a concerned resident of Nelson Street, I urge you to re-consider your proposal and consider the options.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you with a positive outcome.</p>
<p>Nelson Street - This is not an objection but was a comment as part of the consultation. This is in favour of the TRO</p>	<p>I have heard from neighbours that the Council is taking action to move the black communal waste hopper from outside number 17 Nelson Street.</p> <p>I would like to say thank you very much, as this hopper has become both an eyesore and a health hazard. For most of the week it is overfull and some people, if they cannot get their bin bag inside, just leave it on the ground outside the hopper. Here it is attacked by foxes, cats and (from March to September) gulls, with smelly rubbish strewn everywhere. The reason the hopper is overfull is that it is being used by residents on Northumberland Street, who have been provided with gull-proof plastic sacks (which they preferred to use instead of hoppers). Some residents do use the gull sacks as agreed but a significant number living at the east end of the street do not. They bring their rubbish to the hopper outside 17 Nelson Street, which is sized to accept rubbish from the east side of Nelson Street only.</p> <p>This means the hopper quickly becomes full, at which point people simply leave their bag on the street. At times the mess is extreme, and in addition to rubbish bags, all sorts of other items are being left alongside the hopper. I recently saw a bathroom cabinet and an ironing board.</p> <p>In a friendly way I have challenged two sets of Northumberland Street residents but</p>

	<p>they have been unabashed: "it's a rubbish bin and the Council are going to empty it, what is the problem?". The nuisance and inconvenience to Nelson Street residents does not figure in their decision at all.</p> <p>We are all very grateful for your intervention and look forward to the next step, when we understand that the Council plans to moved the bin further up Nelson Street, away from Northumberland Street residents.</p>
London Street	<p>I should like to lodge some comments and objections to the traffic order relating to communal waste bins in London Street;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The location is inequitable. Having all the bins on one side and in the middle of the street means hat some residents will have to walk a considerable distance with potentially heavy waste bags. It seems to make more sense to have bins sited a third of the way along the street and on the north side on one third, the south side on the other. 2. Having the bins in front of the central and most architecturally prominent frontages seems against the requirements of a Unesco World Heritage site. <p>Also, I am on holiday currently, had it not been for a sharp eyed neighbour with my telephone number, I should not have been aware of the imposition of communal waste bins. The last I was aware, London Street residents had voted to retain the gull proof bags. When did this change to policy and the expressed wish of residents take place, and how could I better have prepared myself to be aware?</p>
	<p>Traffic Order TRO 15/41 - WHEELIE BINS – LONDON STREET, North side Ref: Drg no. MW/NT/LS/02, drawn by S. Saunders 21/04/2015.</p> <p>I should like to object to the proposed locations of Wheelie Bins in London Street, EH3 6NA. My reasons for the objection are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Architecture. The proposed locations of the wheelie bin sites on the north side of London Street do not respect the quality of the UNESCO World Heritage architectural environment. By placing them directly in front of the Central 'Pavilion' block, the focus of this beautiful terraced street would be sorely compromised. 2. Practicality. Practically, these locations are not even ideal for residents elsewhere on the north side – those at either end of the street will have to walk furthest. The locations would be more convenient for all if they were placed symmetrically approximately one-quarter of the way along from either end, so no-one would have to walk more than one-quarter of the street's length to dispose of their garbage. This would entail moving the westernmost of the two locations approximately 5-10 metres to the west, and the eastern location approximately 5-10 metres to the east. 3. Equity. Relocating the bins as I suggest would also have the equitable benefit of not concentrating the entire garbage storage/collection for the north side in front of just three houses. <p>As the closing date for comments/objections is later this week, on 30 September, I should be most grateful if you would contact me to discuss the matter as soon as possible.</p>
	<p>I am writing on behalf of the New Town and Broughton Community Council to object to TRO/15/41. So far we have been contacted by residents of London St and Nelson St with objections to the proposed bin sites on the basis that they will cause residents significant loss of amenity. There is concern among residents that almost all current</p>

	<p>communal bins have had significant periods when rubbish has built up round them in past few months, and residents understandably fear that any new communal bins will rapidly become surrounded by dirt and rubbish.</p> <p>In particular the community council objects to the suspension of parking outside siting of the bin outside 3 /3A and 5 London St in order to provide a site for a container on the basis that it does not conform with the guidelines for siting communal bins in the World Heritage Site.</p> <p>The detailed guidance (h) states " Where containers are sited in front of properties, they should, wherever possible, be sited on the division between properties, respecting architectural design." Whilst the bin site is on a division between properties 3 and 5 London Street it takes no account of the architectural layout of number 3a London St, a basement flat accessed by stairs from a front gate next to the division with 5 London St, and right in front of the proposed bin site. Moreover, the windows of both 3 and 3a are close to the division with 5, so the container will be clearly visible from these windows.</p> <p>The siting also contravenes General Condition (d) which states;</p> <p>"Within the World Heritage Site, the location of containers adjacent to listed buildings and formal and set pieces of architecture(such as palace frontages) and within the overall urban structure, will only be acceptable if there is no adverse impact on their setting or appearance"</p> <p>The block containing 1 and 3 London Street presents a palace frontage to Drummond Place, and London Street side of the palace frontage is part of that formal set piece, so should not have communal bins sited in front of it.</p> <p>We are also concerned that the site is too close to the corner with Drummond Place and in particular the island crossing at the west end of London Street, which we understand is planned to be upgraded to a pedestrian crossing. The communal bins are higher than most parked cars and we fear that it will be hard for pedestrians wishing to cross to see round it to check for oncoming traffic, so we are concerned pedestrian safety is being put at risk. Detailed guidance (g) states " Locations at the edge of parking areas or in isolated areas on main streets or at the end of streets should be avoided."</p> <p>Last, we note that this is one of 5 proposed sites for communal bins on London Street, which appears excessive for a relatively short street, compared with , for example, Dundas Street, so given the loss of amenity it will cause local residents, we respectfully suggest this site should be omitted.</p>
	<p>Below is a more thought through email rather than the earlier accidentally sent draft.</p> <p>I have recently heard about plans to place waste bins on London Street. I would like to object to the planned siting of the bins for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The south side of the street is side-on parking. Keeping the bins on the north side (end-on parking) would keep them further away from the residential buildings, and therefore would have a slightly lesser impact. 2. The bin proposed on the south side near Drummond Place will be over-used. As there is no proposal for bins on Drummond Place itself, it is inevitable that residents there will use it. This will result in overflowing bins. Living in a basement flat nearby, I am not looking forward to that waste ending up by my front door!

	<p>3. In my mind there is a much more appropriate location for a bin (or two) at the west end of London Street, and that is on the edge of Drummond Place Gardens. It would not be directly outside any property, and the park itself would be sheltered from them by the trees.</p> <p>At the other end of the street, there is a space on the north side outside the commercial premises' that would comfortably take 2 bins. Not sure if that is already part of the plan as I can't currently access the Traffic Order - it appears to have gone from the website?</p>
	<p>Traffic Order TRO 15/41 - WHEELIE BINS – LONDON STREET, North side Ref: Drg no. MW/NT/LS/02, drawn by S. Saunders 21/04/2015.</p> <p>I would like to object to the proposed locations of the wheelie bins. The reasons are as follows:</p> <p>1) Through placing the bins in the middle of the street, in front of the main central block (the main focal point of the buildings) would drastically affect the beauty of the property, an A-listed building in a world heritage site. Given how respectful we are of the properties it would seem ill fitting to have two large bins right in front of it. There's an image attached and if you look at the building the central block is clearly the most 'grand' from street view and it would be a shame to ruin that.</p> <p>2) From an owner's point of view I wouldn't welcome the addition of two large bins right outside my front door. Having seen what the surrounding areas of the other communal bins across the likes of East London Street are like, I'd spend half my time clearing up other people's rubbish and the general state of the area would not be desirable. Having the two bins side by side will only encourage an accumulation of rubbish to be left outside of the bin should they be full. I think that most of us residing at 20/22/24 London Street would see more sense in putting the bins further out towards the end of the street, rather than right in the middle, allowing the residents from Drummond Place to also make use - there's more space towards that part of the street.</p> <p>I understand that the closing date for objections is this Friday and so I'd be grateful if you could note my email before then.</p>
	<p>Traffic Order TRO 15/41 - WHEELIE BINS – LONDON STREET, North side Ref: Drg no. MW/NT/LS/02, drawn by S. Saunders 21/04/2015.</p> <p>Further to my telephone conversation with Mr. Young this afternoon, I should like to object to the proposed locations of Wheelie Bins in London Street, EH3 6NA. My reasons for the objection are as follows:</p> <p>1. Architecture. The proposed locations of the wheelie bin sites on the north side of London Street do not respect the quality of the UNESCO World Heritage architectural environment. By placing them directly in front of the Central 'Pavilion' block, the focus of this beautiful terraced street (see attached photo) would be sorely compromised.</p> <p>2. Practicality. Practically, these locations are not even ideal for residents elsewhere on the north side – those at either end of the street will have to walk furthest. The locations would be more convenient for all if they were placed symmetrically approximately one-quarter of the way along from either end, so no-one would have to walk more than one-quarter of the street's length to dispose of their garbage. This would entail moving the westernmost of the two locations approximately 5-10 metres</p>

	<p>to the west, and the eastern location approximately 5-10 metres to the east.</p> <p>3. Equity. Relocating the bins as I suggest would also have the equitable benefit of not concentrating the entire garbage storage/collection for the north side in front of just three houses. The occupants of the 10 households - 35-40 people - in the Central Pavilion block, would certainly not regard this concentration as a welcome privilege.</p> <p>As the closing date for comments/objections is later this week, on 30 September, I should be most grateful if you would contact me to discuss the matter as soon as possible.</p>
	<p>I write to raise objections to the proposed locations of Wheelie Bins on the North Side of London Street, EH3 6NA and the subsequent implications for parking.</p> <p>My objections are as follows:</p> <p>Architectural Impact: The 'pavilion' block at 20-24 London Street (and its partner on the south side) is the main architectural focus of the Street. Placing both communal bins outside this block will compromise the features of this street within the World Heritage Site.</p> <p>Impact on residents: The concentration of all the refuse collection and storage for the north side of the street outside 3 adjoining houses, in one block, will place unfair concerns on the residents of that block by comparison with residents elsewhere on the north side. It is naive to assume there will be no environmental impact on residents living near the bins - issues of overflowing bins, garbage left round the bins etc will fall to them to deal with. These responsibilities should be shared more equitably among residents.</p> <p>Ease of access: The location of the bins on the north side does not allow equitable access for all residents. Those living at the ends of the street will have further to walk and carry refuse. Placing the bins 1/4 of the way along from either end would give everyone the same access.</p> <p>Lack of Consultation: I am not aware of any consultation directly with residents on the location of the bins, nor of any information being provided by the Council on the criteria/guidelines they use for determining the location. We have had nothing from the Council since they announced the results of the original survey. Discussion between interested residents and the Council would be helpful in ensuring the most acceptable solution.</p> <p>Parking Spaces: It seems, from the plans, that 4-5 resident parking spaces are being removed to accommodate bins - to be replaced by 3 spaces. If that's correct, the loss of even 1 resident space seems unacceptable in an area in which parking spaces are at a premium.</p> <p>I would be happy to discuss any of these objections with you further or to receive any further comments or information.</p>
	<p>Wheelie Bins Proposal, London Street: Drawing No MW/NT/LS/02</p> <p>My attention has been drawn to the proposed locations of the Communal Wheelie Bins on London Street. I note that as drawn there appears to be little attempt to locate the bins in an equitable manner for users along the Street.</p> <p>The locations also ignore the opportunity to get some use out of the vast paved area at the East end. This is little used except for the piling of trade waste bags and other rubbish for collection. At the West end of the Street there is a virtually unused motorcycle bay opposite This is only used as overspill vehicle parking at weekends and at night. In addition at the West end on the North side there is stretch of road where parking is prohibited presumably to ease the flow of traffic turning into the Street. However this is used daily for on-street parking by a long wheelbase van and another private car. Apparently, these are not considered obstructions and the space could easily accommodate a bin.</p> <p>The above locations offer minimal disruption to occupants of the use of the Street, but even just a better spaced location of the bins along the Street would be a considerable improvement.</p>
	<p>I am writing to object to the placement of communal bins outside 3-5 London Street. I object on the grounds that this will mean the bins are directly onto the pavement</p>

(which is outside my basement flat) and the resulting smell and accumulation of dumped bags on the pavement (as is widespread throughout central Edinburgh) will impact on my property. On streets nearby, such as Scotland Street, the bins are placed on the side of the street where there is nose-in parking - meaning they are much further away from domestic property. On my side of the street, the parking is side-on to the pavement. On a related topic, I have looked at the documents connected with these proposals online and note that the document titled 'On Street Communal Waste Bins Statement of Reasons' is empty and thus useless. Further to our telephone conversation today, and my objections noted below. Can I submit two further reasons for my objection to the siting of a communal waste bin directly outside number 3-5 London Street.

1. My bedrooms are at the front of my basement flat, as are the bedrooms in the flats above - very close to where the bin will be, with all the attendant noise and smell, particularly at night when the (inevitable) fly tipping tends to take place. I have a particular horror of rodents, which this will inevitably attract, and the thought of having rats outside my bedroom is horrifying. 2. This site is very close to the corner with Drummond Place, which does not have communal bins, nor are any planned.

Residents of Drummond Place WILL use these bins; moreover, some of the properties very close to the corner with London Street on the SE section of Drummond Place are of a type, comprising housing association flats and a social work premises (housing for people who have recently been in institutions) where some of the tenants are less than scrupulous about the appearance or cleanliness of the streets. Can I make two suggestions to obviate these concerns. That the bin be placed on the other side of the street, outside number 2, where there are no basement windows facing the street, nor in the ground floor flat. OR that this bin be sited at the east end of Drummond Place at the head of London Street, alongside the garden, where there is currently a litter bin. There is, of course, a container bin on the west side of Drummond Place alongside the garden, which I understand is for use by people living in Nelson Street, and is a precedent for such a placement. Further to this correspondence, can I ask if in drawing up the traffic orders to accommodate the proposed communal waste bins on London Street, you have taken into account the current status of a plan to install a pedestrian crossing on London Street at the corner with Drummond Place, in much the same place as the proposed bin and associated parking changes. This crossing plan has been on the cards for a number of years, but I note - from looking at the online 'Pedestrian Crossing Prioritisation List' for 2016/17, as given in Appendix 1 of the Report by the Executive Director of Place to the Meeting of the CEC Transport and Environment Committee held on 7 June 2016 (with minutes tabled at the subsequent meeting of 30 August 2016) - that it is now listed as the no. 1 priority in the list for the current year, with the following rubric attached 'various crossing options to be designed and consulted on' with construction dependent on the implementation of TRO. Excuse my emailing you again. I hope you appreciate my concern.

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Reference TRO/15/41
Traffic Orders, Place,
City Chambers, High St,
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26th September, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object in the strongest terms to the draft order Ref TRO/15/41. This relates to the removal of Residential Parking spaces outside 15 Leslie Place and 9 Leslie Place, and replace with Communal Waste bins.

I have lived at 15 Leslie Place for 21 years and during that time, especially in the past five years, numerous surveys have been carried out by the Council to consider changes to the traffic flow, creating a one way route, parking spaces and collection of domestic refuse.

The draft proposal is to remove 5 meters of current residential permit parking space outside these two properties, 9 and 15, and put in double yellow lines to accommodate large black refuse containers.

I certainly am appalled at the idea of a refuse container outside my flat at 15 Leslie Place. The street is already congested with traffic and pollution and this is just a further erosion of quality of life. It could devalue the properties, which is a Residential Street in the New Town Conservation area. If any of the owners were intending to sell their flat with such a container outside the front door, perhaps a prospective purchaser might look elsewhere.

At present, residents hang their black rubbish bags from the railings along the street on Monday and Thursday nights. It is true that seagulls used to attack bags if left on the pavement but hung on the railings has drastically reduced this. If we had hessian bags on this street, (like our neighbours around the corner), this would be totally prevented.

I understand that there is no proposal to introduce these containers in any of the streets around us (St Bernards Crescent, Carlton Street or Danube Street) who will no doubt continue to use their black refuse bags inside Hessian bags. When these were introduced, I contacted the Waste Department to ask why residents on Leslie Place were not supplied with these but I did not receive a suitable response.

The only proposed change on St Bernard's Crescent is to create the displaced parking spaces from Leslie Place here.

The two Containers to be located outside 9 and 15 Leslie Place will have to service around **200 flats** along the street. There are approximately 12 - 14 flats in each property and 15 tenement blocks in total. Has the amount of household rubbish each week been estimated?

How often would the containers be emptied? With so many residents, they will be full each day with refuse spilling out on the street. These bins could also attract rubbish being deposited by residents nearby in between their hessian bag collection.

The location outside No. 15 beside the crossroads (Carlton Street and St. Bernard's Crescent) is totally unsuitable. The 36 bus stop is directly opposite and most days the bus travelling towards Deanhaugh Street has to pause at the corner to allow traffic through.

A large Waste container placed a few feet from the pavement and right beside the wide, jutting out section of pavement will cause continual congestion. Traffic travelling towards St Bernard's Crescent would be held up trying to pass the Containers and there could be sight line issues. Most importantly, being opposite the Bus stop this would cause an intolerable "choke" point for the flow of traffic.

The location would also cause problems with the Refuse collection lorry arriving to empty the Bins, having to park immediately at this junction – and cause a tailback of traffic.

What is so ironic is the fact that this space directly outside 15 Leslie Place was always a double yellow line until a few years ago. The pavement was widened at the junction here, to narrow the roadway in order to slow down traffic. The double yellow line was invaluable – no cars could be parked and it was frequently used as an essential Passing Place at this bottle neck of a junction.

Having lived here, as I say for over 20 years, I have witnessed so many crashes, scrapes and near misses as cars race along St. Bernard's Crescent and down Leslie Place to reach the lights. Commuter traffic and the school run avoiding Raeburn Place and cars, trucks and lorries, day and night. At the junction of Carlton Street opposite the inner side of St. Bernard's Crescent, there are no road markings to say, Give Way. If there is more congestion around these crossroads, I can just envisage many more accidents.

Please see my enclosed memory stick of images – in particular the two photographs named Chaotic Traffic on Leslie Place and Congested Traffic on Leslie Place. This is before large communal bins create a narrower throughway beside the widened pavement beside No. 15.

Many years ago Dean Terrace residents engaged an engineer to persuade the council that their street should be blocked off as it could not cope with the volume of traffic. The direct consequence is the busy stream of two way traffic along Leslie Place with parking on both sides, evenings and weekends. Dean Terrace is a haven of tranquility with no through traffic.

Having read through all the documents, TR0/15/41 - City Centre – I note that no reasons are listed under the pdf file "On Street Communal Waste Bins Statement of Reasons.

In summary I object to these draft proposals to install the Communal Waste containers outside No. 9 and No. 15 Leslie Place on several pertinent grounds, many of which are fully explained above:

First there is the failure to give any reason as part of the statutory procedure of this proposal. In addition, the only notification of this Traffic/Waste Container Order is a Notice attached to the lamp-post outside No. 9. There is such notice near No. 15 to alert residents to this draft proposal.

The installation of unsightly black bins would totally affect the architectural character and amenity of residents in this New Town Conservation area. Having recently had my windows repaired, I was strictly advised on glass and historic sash design to abide by New Town regulations. So why should the Council destroy the traditional vision of the street?

Containers are unsightly, noisy and a magnet for fly-tippers and vermin and should not be placed directly outside residents' flats as it would be here at No. 15. On Dean Terrace, the bins are located along the Water of Leith side of the street.

There are other more suitable locations which could be considered to avoid these being directly outside people's windows. There is an ideal space at the east end corner of the St Bernard's Crescent Garden. Then they would not be directly outside anyone's windows.

The block of flats at 15 Leslie Place is the same building as the adjacent property, 15 Carlton Street, sharing roof, plumbing, chimneys and structure. Flats 1, 4 and 7, at 15 Leslie Place, have their drawing room windows overlooking Carlton Street and St. Bernard's Crescent.

Our building curves around the corner and the dining room windows of 15 Carlton Street are in fact on Leslie Place and will overlook these proposed communal bins. This poor resident will still have her rubbish collected in her hessian bag, but the communal bin will be right outside her flat.

The proposed location directly outside 15 Leslie Place is beside a purposely narrowed section of roadway, adjacent to the junction with Carlton Street and St. Bernard's Crescent. It is also virtually opposite the No. 36 bus stop. Traffic congestion would increase at this corner and perhaps cause more accidents.

It is the worst possible location for a Refuse truck to stop to empty the waste Container and this would also cause problems outside 9 Leslie Place. Around 200 flats on Leslie Place to be served by two Communal Waste Bins? These will be overflowing within days.

Please just maintain the status quo for this area -- provide Hessian bags for our black refuse bags on Leslie Place, always efficiently removed each week to keep the street clean and rubbish free. Why should Leslie Place residents be treated like second class citizens compared to our next door neighbours?. There is no logic to this proposal.

Councillors or department officials should arrange a site visit to observe the traffic problems at present and seriously assess the unsuitability of waste containers outside 15 Leslie Place.

I enclose a memory stick containing several photographs to illustrate the corner building of No. 15 Leslie Place with 15 Carlton Street, St Bernard's Crescent Garden (East corner space for Communal bins), and current traffic congestion on Leslie Place.

Yours sincerely,

RCPS/10/16 ay

29th September 2016

City of Edinburgh Council
Road Traffic Regulations
Order 201

Ref. TRO/15/41

I am writing to make an objection to the plan for removing parking spaces in Leslie Place and replacing them with black bins.

There are not enough parking spaces already, losing two may not sound much but it is important to keep as much parking as possible. A shortage of spaces leads to people parking awkwardly + dangerously at night when restrictions finish.

The bulk of these bins will add to traffic chaos on that road where it is already hard for large vehicles to pass safely.

The mess that gathers around these bins is appalling. Dumped electrical items etc will make hazards on the road and the pavement.

I lived in Leche Place for many years so know the area, and the traffic behaviour, well.

My tenant there has also expressed concern about this plan.

I do hope this proposal would be reconsidered, but I doubt it.

Yours

RCD 30/9/16
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Edinburgh
EH3 6LJ

29 September 2016

Traffic Orders, Place,
City Chambers, High Street
Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ

Dear Sir/Madam,

TRO/15/41

I write in relation to the proposals to change parking restrictions to accommodate additional communal bins on Nelson Street.

Whilst I agree that there is a need for one additional bin to meet the needs of the residents of Nelson Street, it seems unnecessary expense and hassle to position it right in the middle of existing parking spaces. Why not position it in one of the several areas that are not currently parking spaces, for example outside number 20 Nelson Street or outside number 31?

This would be cheaper and cause less inconvenience to the the Council and to residents.

In addition, I am concerned that by adding a parking space at the bottom of Nelson Street (ie outside number 31), the line of vision for cars turning left out of Drummond Place onto Nelson Street will be adversely affected.

A more sensible option would be across the road in the middle of the parallel parking spaces (ie between 22 and 24 Nelson Street).

Yours sincerely

RCD 30/9/16
ag

London Street
Edinburgh

TR0/15/41

London Street

29/9/16

Dear Sirs, I am writing to
object to the plan to site
street refuse bins on the
North side of London Street
outside 18/20 and 24/26 London
Street spoiling the appearance
of the Central Pavilion of the
Georgian, Grade A listed
building and failing to
serve residents at the east
and west ends of the street
yours faithfully

Appendix 5 – Responses from all relevant Ward 5 &11 Councillors

All ward councillors were consulted in regard to this Traffic Regulation Order and comments are shown in the table below

Councillor comments	Waste and Cleansing Services response
<p>Joanna Mowat</p> <p>I am concerned about the bin in drawing number MW/NT/LS/01 because of visibility at this corner – I think there are also plans for a crossing to be put in place here. I have raised the issue of bins at corners on wide streets before – there is an example at Albany Street where the bin creeps further and further towards the centre of the road and obscures visibility for people crossing the road. The effect is magnified the shorter the person trying to cross – so as people get shorter they have to stand further out in the road to see round the bin and are more in the way of oncoming traffic – so children are disproportionately affected and put at risk. This crossing is on the route to various schools which older primary and young secondary children might be using unaccompanied and I do have safety concerns about the siting of this bin. There does seem to be alot of bins in this street as well.</p>	<p>The bin on London Street at the junction of Drummond Place is to be sited between no 3-5 and this does not affect the sightlines for drivers or pedestrians crossing. We can look at painting lines around the bins so that it is placed back in the correct location. In terms of the crossing, we have liaised with Road Safety and whilst the pedestrian crossing has been agreed they are not as far in the stage as we are at. It is unlikely that the bin at the Drummond Place end will affect the crossing but if it does we will work around this when the time comes. We require 5 bins to provide adequate capacity for the 138 properties.</p>
<p>I'm also concerned about the bin in Lower Nelson Street - drawing number MW/NT/NS/02 next to the raised pavement – I think this will be very difficult for</p>	<p>We have looked at the pavement and it is lower at this section and should not cause issues to users of the bin. If it does cause an issue we do have the option of offering an assisted collection to any residents that do find it difficult to get to the bin.</p>

<p>older and smaller people to access safely and would support these concerns raised by residents and place it lower down the street where the kerb is lower.</p>	
<p>For all these bins I would like a recommendation that they are part of the sensor trial and fitted with sensors so that they do not overflow and cause waste to spill out on the pavement and attract vermin.</p>	<p>There is a trial of 100 bin sensor being undertaken at the moment. Once this trial is completed we will evaluate its success and look at the possibility of rolling them out more widely. At the moment we do not have any spare sensors to use.</p>
<p>Lesley Hinds</p>	
<p>My only comment would be, there is parking loss in Leslie Place?</p>	<p>There is loss of parking on Leslie Place but we are making it up on St Bernard's Crescent. So overall no loss of parking in total.</p>