

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL14 December 2016Report by Director of EnvironmentTHE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
(THORNIEBANK & WEST GIFFNOCK AREA) (ON-STREET)
(WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2016**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend the Council approve the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Thornliebank & West Giffnock Area) (On-Street) (Waiting and Loading) Order 2016".

RECOMMENDATIONS

2 It is recommended that the Council approve the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Thornliebank & West Giffnock Area) (On-Street) (Waiting and Loading) Order 2016" and delegate to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

BACKGROUND

3. The Council introduced Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in April 2013 and became the Parking Authority for East Renfrewshire.

REPORT

4. A review of current restrictions was undertaken in the Thornliebank/West Giffnock area to assess the demands on the transport network taking into consideration changes to road layouts, increased volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and associated road safety issues as a precursor to a formal consultation process and making of a new Order.

5. An informal consultation seeking feedback on suggested changes to the restrictions was carried out from 16 February 2015 to 16 March 2015. Nearly 350 questionnaires were sent to frontagers directly affected by proposed changes and to properties within 50 metres of a proposed restriction. Notices advising of the proposals and viewing locations were posted in the local post office, medical centre, and other local community facilities. Exhibition boards showing the current and proposed restrictions along with paper questionnaires were put on public display in the Spiersbridge Council Offices. Digital copies of the proposals and questionnaire were also made available on the Council's website. A total of 23 responses were subsequently received with 21 of those coming from residents and the remaining 2 from unknown responders.

6. Many of the responses related to a proposal to introduce loading bays on Main Street, Thornliebank suggesting that there was no consensus or perceived demand for these. The other issues raised by respondents were varied and did not indicate a significant area of concern.

7. Following the informal consultation and the feedback received, a formal consultation was carried out from 12 September 2016 to 14 October 2016 in compliance with "The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) Scotland Regulations 1999 (and subsequent amendments)". Police Scotland, emergency services and other organisations/persons likely to be affected by any provision in the order were notified individually of the proposals. Notices of the proposals were also published in the local 'Eastwood Extra' newspaper and on the Council's web site.

8. The key proposals in the Draft Order are summarised in the table in Appendix 1. The list is not comprehensive and the full proposals are contained within the Draft Order. Copies of the existing and Draft Orders are available in the Members' Library and on the Council Website. The main points of note are:-

- Limited waiting time of 30 minutes Monday to Saturday on sections of Main Street, Thornliebank fronting shops – (No change to existing provision).
- Introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at a number of junctions.
- Introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on a section of Inglestone Avenue, Thornliebank.
- No specific On-Street Disabled Persons' Parking Bays are proposed due to existing exemptions from waiting restrictions already available to Blue Badge holders.

9. A total of 6 formal objections and a further 4 representation were received in relation to the proposals. Replies acknowledging receipt of objections/representations were issued in all cases. Three objections received were from residents adjacent to restrictions proposed on Orchard Park Avenue at the junction with Main Street, Thornliebank citing the resultant loss of available on-street parking near their properties. These restrictions were consequently amended to take into account the residents' concerns. Two objections received were from residents in the vicinity of restrictions proposed at the junctions of Orchard Drive with Belmont Drive and Glenville Avenue; one citing the loss of available on-street parking and the other citing potential increase of traffic speeds due to the removal of parked vehicles. The restrictions proposed at these locations are considered necessary to ensure the safe use of the junctions for all road users. The final objection was to a restriction proposed at the end of Lochiel Road adjacent to the footpath leading to the McDonalds Restaurant citing the loss of available on-street parking for residents. This proposed restriction was consequently withdrawn. Following the amendments made to the proposals, two of the objections received were formally withdrawn. A summary of all objections and the response or proposed action to each is attached as Appendix 2.

10. In accordance with the statutory procedures, none of the objections require the Council to hold a Hearing by an Independent Reporter.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

11. The financial implications of implementing the Traffic Regulation Order will be met from the Parking Account. This is an account held under the terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and it is a requirement under Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act that the Parking Account income and expenditure are reported annually to the Scottish Government.

12. There will be a requirement to renew / refresh lining and signing, update the Parking Attendants' hand held computers and carry out publicity. There will also be the normal maintenance costs associated with occasional lining and signing replacement which is estimated to be in the region of £1500 every 8-10 years. All these requirements will be met from the Parking Account.

CONSULTATION

13. Consultation with regards to this Order was undertaken between 12 September 2016 and 14 October 2016 and was carried out in compliance with "The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) Scotland Regulations 1999 (and subsequent amendments)". Police Scotland, emergency services and other organisations / persons likely to be affected by any provision in the Order were notified individually of the proposals. Notices of the proposals were also published in the local 'Eastwood Extra' newspaper.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

14. The Council's parking enforcement is a joint working arrangement between Roads & Transportation Services and Corporate & Community Services. The departments have worked closely on the preparation of the draft Traffic Regulation Order to ensure that the new restrictions can be readily enforced and incorporated into the work programme.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

15. Introduction of new & amended on-street waiting and loading restrictions in Thornliebank & West Giffnock Area.

16. There will be no property, IT, equalities or sustainability implications arising from the proposals.

CONCLUSIONS

17. "The East Renfrewshire Council (Thornliebank & West Giffnock Area) (On-Street) (Waiting and Loading) Order 2016", will introduce new on-street waiting and loading restrictions in Thornliebank & West Giffnock Area, and will balance the demands on the transport network taking into consideration changes to road usage and volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and associated road safety issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS

18. It is recommended that the Council approve the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Thornliebank & West Giffnock Area) (On-Street) (Waiting and Loading) Order 2016" and delegate to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

Director of Environment

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

East Renfrewshire Council Local Transport Strategy 2008-2011

- Section 12.5

East Renfrewshire Council (Thornliebank Area) (On-Street) (Waiting and Loading) (Consolidation) Order 2013

The East Renfrewshire Council (Thornliebank & West Giffnock Area) (On-Street) (Waiting and Loading) Order 2016

KEY WORDS

A report to Council seeking approval to introduce revised waiting and loading restrictions in Thornliebank & West Giffnock Area following a review of the current restrictions;

Decriminalised Parking Enforcement

TRO, Traffic Regulation Order, Parking restrictions, Waiting restrictions, Loading restrictions

**APPENDIX 1
SUMMARY OF KEY PROPOSALS**

LOCATION	EXISTING RESTRICTION	PROPOSED RESTRICTION
Main Street – Various Junctions	None or advisory 'Keep Clear' markings	No Waiting and No Loading at Any Time No Waiting at Any Time
Main Street- fronting shops	Waiting limited to 30 minutes Mon – Sat 9am – 6pm	NO CHANGES TO EXISTING RESTRICTIONS
Lochiel Road – Various junctions	None or advisory 'Keep Clear' road markings	No Waiting at Any Time at junctions No Waiting at Any Time opposite the junction with Eastwood Crescent to enable appropriate turning splays for buses
Crosslees Drive	Advisory 'Keep Clear' markings at junction	No Waiting at Any Time for a distance of 40 meters from its junction with Main Street and extending a further 110 metres on the east side of the road only.
Orchard Park Avenue / Main Street junction	None	No Waiting at Any Time around junction No Waiting Mon–Fri, 8am–6pm for a further 25 metres into Orchard Park Avenue from the end of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions.
Orchard Park Avenue at Heathwood Drive	None	No Waiting and No Loading at Any Time around junction No Waiting and No Loading at Any Time on Orchard Park Avenue along the length of the traffic island which separates the main carriageway from the private service road fronting the shops/business properties.
Orchard Park Avenue & Orchard Drive at Belmont Drive & Glenville Avenue	None	No Waiting at Any Time around the junctions
Thornliebank Road	Advisory 'Keep Clear' markings at various junctions	No Waiting at Any Time around various junctions
Thornliebank Road – near and across rail bridge	Non-enforceable double yellow lines as not included in any known existing Traffic Regulation Order	No Waiting at Any Time on both sides of road between the access gate to Eastwood New Cemetery and the Council boundary with Glasgow City Council
Inglestone Avenue	None	No Waiting at Any Time at junction with Robslee Road and extending for approximately 150 metres from the junction on south side of the road only.
Spiersbridge Avenue & Spiersbridge Way	Expired Temporary TRO No Waiting at Any Time	No Waiting at Any Time
Spiers Grove	Advisory 'Keep Clear' markings at junction	No Waiting at Any Time at junction and extending for a distance of 40 metres from the junction on the north side of the road only.

Note: The above list is not comprehensive; the full proposals are contained within the Draft Order.

A copy of the Existing and Draft Orders are Available in the Members Library and on the Council Website.

**APPENDIX 2
SUMMARY OF OBJECTIONS**

Street	Comments/Objections	Response / amendments to restrictions proposed	Objections status following amendments
Orchard Drive	2 objection to total length of No Waiting at Any Time at Orchard Drive to allow close access to property entrance	The restrictions were reduced in length allowing access while still maintaining safe use of junction	No further responses received
Orchard Park Avenue	Various comments regarding inconsiderate parking near the shops at Heathwood Drive	No Waiting and No Loading at Any Time on the traffic island and at the nearby junctions are included in the TRO	N/A
Orchard Park Avenue & Main Street	3 objections from nearby properties due to proposed restrictions preventing parking in front of their properties	Restrictions were reduced from No Waiting at Any Time for approximately 60 metres to No Waiting at Any Time for approximately 30 metres from the junction and No Waiting Mon- Fri 8am – 6pm for a further 30 metres	1 objection formally withdrawn: No further comments received from the remaining 2 objectors
Lochiel Road	1 Objection to proposed No Waiting and No Loading at Any Time at end of cul-de-sac	Proposed restrictions fully withdrawn	No further comments received
Orchard Park Avenue at Belmont Drive	1 objection to restrictions along Orchard Park Avenue fearing that it will cause vehicle speeds to increase and requested installation of pedestrian crossing at location	Parking restrictions proposed at junctions are in line with the guidelines in the Official Highway Code and will assist in improving visibility splays for pedestrians and motorists. The request for a pedestrian crossing is out with the scope of the consultation and was passed to Traffic Section for consideration.	Objection formally withdrawn
Glenville Avenue	1 objection to No Waiting at Any Time at junction of Glenville Avenue from Orchard Drive as restrictions would reduce available parking in the area	The restrictions extends for a distance of only 10 metres around the junction and considering the amount of unrestricted on-street parking available in the immediate vicinity it was not deemed appropriate to withdraw or lessen the restriction.	No further response received
Various Bus Stops	1 representation from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport suggesting the use of Loading restrictions at bus stops and the installation of additional bus stop markings	Bus Stops restrictions are out with the scope of this consultation. Bus Stop restriction markings can be installed where necessary without the requirement to promote a Traffic Regulation Order.	No further response received