

ITEM NO 6

OFF-STREET PARKING/PAY & DISPLAY GALASHIELS -TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Report by Service Director Commercial Services

EILDON AREA FORUM

13 November 2014

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 This report proposes to amend the Off-Street Parking/Pay & Display Traffic Regulation Order for Galashiels.

1.2 Recent Galashiels Inner Relief Road (GIRR) works and construction of the Transport Interchange have affected the off-street car parks within the town. These proposals are to amend the Traffic Order to reflect the changes in size and location of the car parks.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 I recommend that the Eildon Area Forum approves the proposed amendments to The Scottish Borders Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Galashiels) Order 2002.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Recent Galashiels Inner Relief Road (GIRR) and proposed Transport Interchange works have affected the size and location of the off-street car parks in Galashiels.
- 3.2 These amendments are shown in Appendix A. The changes are amendments to the extent of Stirling Place Car Park and the relocation of Stirling Street Car Park. Also included is a proposed amendment to the extent of High Street Car Park to cover an area previously not enforceable. This area has been included following an omission from a previous Traffic Order amendment.
- 3.3 The Car Park at B&M Bargains (formerly Somerfield) and the Bus Station Car Park have been removed from the Traffic Order. The removal of the Car Park at Huddersfield Street has also been included in the Order as this had been omitted from a previous Traffic Order amendment.
- 3.4 As with all Traffic Regulation Orders, the Council has to undertake a two stage consultation process. Firstly there is a statutory consultation with bodies that have a direct interest such as emergency services, freight and public transport representatives and the Community Council. Following that process, the proposal requires to be advertised locally (local press and on-street notices) to allow others the opportunity to comment or object.
- 3.5 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 21/02/2014 to 21/03/2014. No adverse comments were received at this stage.
- 3.6 The proposals were advertised to the public from 21/08/2014 to 18/09/2014. No objections or adverse comments were received.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 **Financial**

The financial implications associated with the recommendations relate to the advertising costs associated with a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Approximate costs for the advertising is as follows:-

Advertising Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£1,000
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The costs would be borne by Network's Aids to Movement budget.

4.2 **Risk and Mitigations**

- (a) The risks of not proceeding with the recommendations are that existing enforcement problems associated with parking would continue. Not controlling the new relocated Stirling Street Car Park by a TRO to encourage turnover would lead to its use as a long-stay car park especially once the Waverley line is re-opened.
- (b) There are no known risks of proceeding with the recommendations.

4.3 Equalities

An Equalities Scoping Template has been completed on this proposal and it was anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant impacts on the economy, community or environment arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.6 **Rural Proofing**

It is anticipated that there are no adverse effects on the rural area from the proposal contained in this report.

4.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, the Service Director Interim Capital Projects and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

Service Director Commercial Services Signature

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