
EXTENSION OF WAITING RESTRICTION – DUNS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Report by Director of Environment and Infrastructure

BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM

26 February 2013

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report presents a proposal to amend the Scottish Borders Council (The Borders Regional Council) (Various Streets, Duns) (Regulation of Traffic) Order 1996.**
- 1.2 Scottish Borders Council has recently been made aware of continuing difficulty in vehicles accessing and egressing some businesses due to parked cars on a section of road that is currently not restricted. Proposals seek to alleviate the problem by extending existing parking restrictions.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Berwickshire Area Forum approves the extension of the Traffic Regulation Order to extend the existing loading and waiting restriction as per the plan included in Appendix A and draft schedule included in Appendix B**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In 2010, a length of loading and waiting restriction was implemented on each side of the northernmost access road to Duns Industrial Estate. Although this has been well adhered to, it has led to increased demand on the section of the road that remains unrestricted.
- 3.2 The Council has been made aware of difficulties that vehicles are having accessing and egressing businesses on the unrestricted section due to parked cars during the working day.
- 3.3 This problem was brought to the fore when JE Douglas and Sons Ltd, which has premises, on the south side of the road secured a license from VOSA to operate as an Authorised Testing Facility. Ease of access was a prerequisite to final authorisation being granted.
- 3.4 Officers met with a representative from JE Douglas and Sons Ltd and agreed that under current arrangement access was somewhat limited due to parked cars and by extending the waiting and loading restriction the situation could be significantly eased.
- 3.5 It was agreed that officers would take forward a proposal to extend the existing loading and waiting restriction by 100 metres in an easterly direction on the south side of the road.
- 3.6 As a courtesy, officers wrote to businesses potentially affected on 26 June 2012 advising of the proposal. Although no adverse comments were received the Council learned from Renton Swan Vets who have premises on the north side of the footway have similar problems with parked cars preventing or restricting access/ egress from its lorry park. It was considered wholly appropriate to extend the loading and waiting restriction on the south side of the road by 20m to ease this.
- 3.7 Again, officers wrote to the same businesses on 9 July 2012 advising of the slightly modified proposal. No comments were received.
- 3.8 It is understood that much of this parking demand is generated by employees of businesses within the industrial estate. The parking displaced could be accommodated elsewhere in the in the industrial estate albeit further afield. Demand for parking could also potentially be reduced by staff and visitors to premises using transport modes other than the private car such as walking, cycling or public transport.

4 PROPSALS

- 4.1 It is proposed to extend the waiting and loading restriction on the north side of the road by 100m and on the south side of the road by 20 metres as shown on the plan included in Appendix A.
- 4.2 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 8/08/2012 to 6/09/2012 and no adverse comments were received.
- 4.3 The proposals were advertised to the public from 21/11/2012 to 20/12/2012 and no objections were received.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

Financial implication associated with this proposal relate only to the provision of road marking. This will be no more than £500 and will be borne by the Aids to Movement budget.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) The effect of not proceeding with the recommendation is that the existing parking arrangement would continue to restrict the movement of vehicle in and out of the affected business(es) and its/ their viability may be reduced.
- (b) The risk of proceeding with the recommendation is that road users continue to park as they do at the moment flouting the restriction and provide police with resourcing difficulties to enforce the restriction. The Police were included in the statutory consultees and offered no comment or objection.

5.3 Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

5.4 Acting Sustainably

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

5.5 Carbon Management

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

5.6 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.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the Head of Audit and Risk and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and comments received have been incorporated in the report.

Approved by

Director of Environment and Infrastructure

Signature

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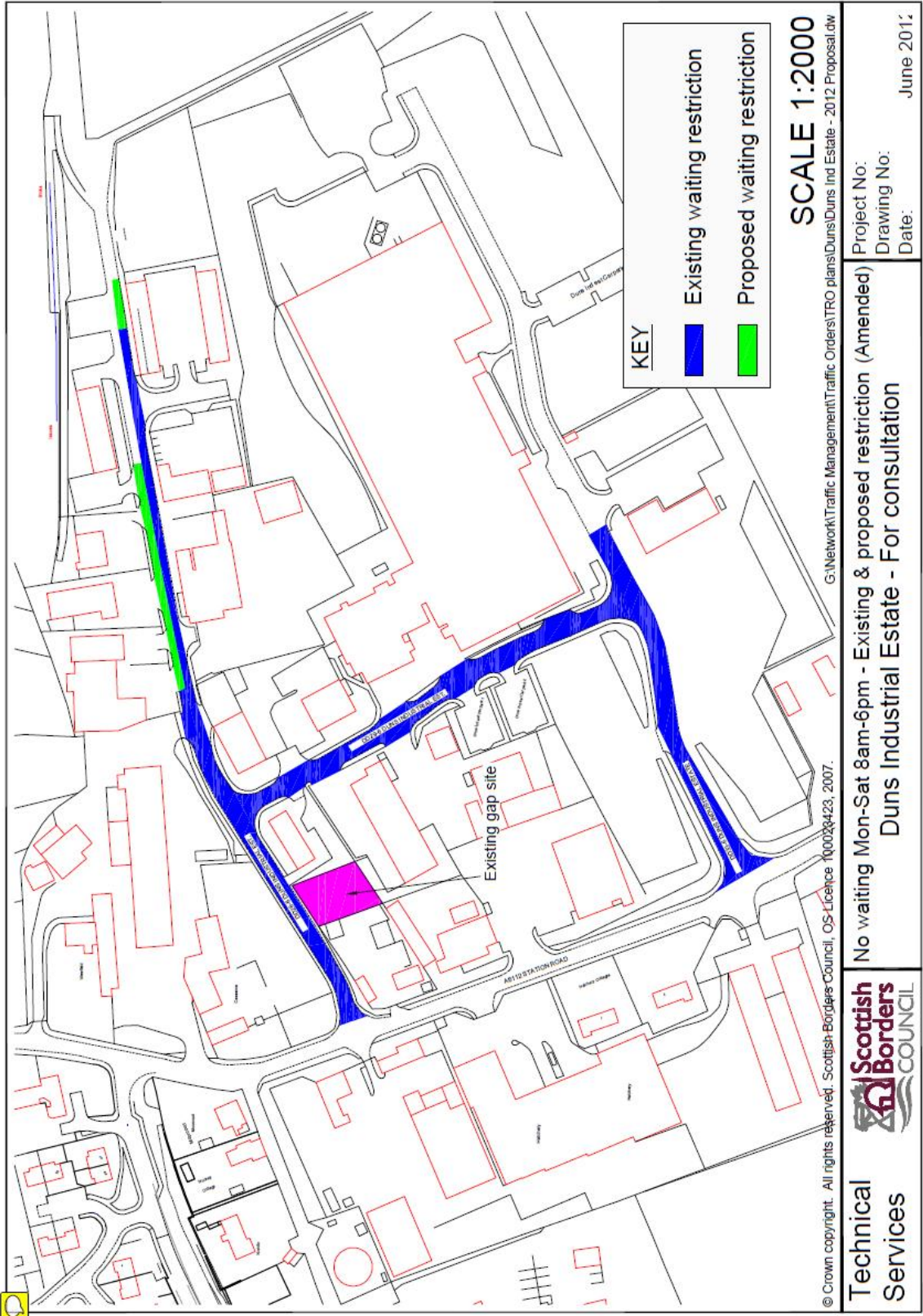
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Schedule A

Schedule I That section of the 1996 order that deals with No waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm.

Amend items

DD28-6 Duns Industrial Estate

North side

Amend 160m to 260m

South side

Amend 320m to 340m