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BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2015

A MEETING of the BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER,
NEWTOWN STREET, DUNS on THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2015 at 6.30 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

28 May 2015

BUSINESS		
1.	Welcome and Introductions.	
2.	Apologies for Absence.	
3.	Order of Business.	
4.	Declarations of Interest.	
5.	Engagement Event Presentation by Mr Alasdair Pattinson – General Manager, NHS Borders and Ms Katie McWilliam – National Programme Manager, Scottish Government.	15 mins
6.	Health and Social Care. Engagement by NHS Borders and the Scottish Ambulance Service. Dr Sheena MacDonald, Medical Director, NHS Borders and a representative from the Scottish Ambulance Service.	25 mins
7.	Minute. (Pages 1 - 8) Minute of the meeting of Berwickshire Area Forum of 5 March 2015 to be noted. (Copy attached.)	2 mins
8.	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. (Pages 9 - 12) Quarterly update report and Multi- Member Ward Operating Plan for Berwickshire by the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service. (Copy attached.)	
9.	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan. Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.	15 mins
10.	Police Scotland. Quarterly update report by Police Scotland.	10 mins

11.	Disabled Persons Parking Places - Traffic Regulation Order. (Pages 13 - 24) Report by Service Director Commercial Services. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
12.	Various Streets Duns - Traffic Regulation Order. (Pages 25 - 34) Report by Service Director Commercial Services. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
13.	Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life Works. (Pages 35 - 42) Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
14.	Open Questions. Opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues not included on the agenda.	10 mins
15.	Community Council Spotlight. Consider matters of interest to Community Councils.	10 mins
16.	Future Agenda Items - Open discussion to consider future agenda items.	10 mins
17.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated.	
18.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent.	
19.	Date of Next Meeting (Berwickshire Area Forum).	

NOTES

1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.
2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

Membership of Forum:-

Scottish Borders Council Members:- Councillors M J Cook (Chairman), D Moffat (Vice-Chairman), J Campbell, J A Fullarton, J Greenwell and F Renton.

Community Councils:-

Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston

Ayton

Burnmouth

Chirnside

Cocksburnpath

Coldingham

Coldstream and District

Duns

Edrom, Allanton and Whitsome

Eyemouth

Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton

Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth

Gordon and Westruther

Grantshouse

Greenlaw and Hume

Hutton and Paxton

Lammermuir

Leitholm, Eccles and Birgham

Reston and Auchencrow

St Abbs

Swinton and Ladykirk

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM

MINUTE of the MEETING of the BERWICKSHIRE
AREA FORUM held in the Chamber, Newtown
Street, Duns on 5 March 2015 at 6.30pm.

- Present:- Councillors M. Cook (Chairman), J Campbell, D. Moffat, F Renton.
Community Councillors:- Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston – David Morrison,
Ayton – John Slater, BAVS – Alice Fisher, Berwickshire Civic Society – Judy Torrance,
Cocksburnpath – Pauline Hood, Coldingham – Rhona Goldie, Coldstream and District –
Martin Brims, Duns – A Affleck, Edrom, Allanton & Whitsome – Trixie Collin, Eyemouth
– Neil McMurdo, Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth – Keith Dickinson, Grantshouse – Kym
Bannerman, Greenlaw and Hume – Gerry McCann, Hutton and Paxton – J McGregor,
Lammermuir – Mark Rowley, Reston and Auchencrow – Barry Forrest, Swinton and
Ladykirk – Bill Purvis.
- Apologies:- Councillors J Fullarton, J Greenwell.
Community Councils: Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton - H Doherty, Burnmouth –
Lynne Craighead.
- In Attendance:- Inspector Keith Dougal – Police Scotland, Station Manager Scott Forbes – Scottish Fire
& Rescue Service, D Silcock (Neighbourhood Area Manager Berwickshire), Democratic
Services Officer (P Bolson).

Members of the Public:- 7

WELCOME

1. The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

PRESENTATION BY BORDERS SPORT AND LEISURE TRUST

3. The Chairman welcomed Mr Ewan Jackson, Chief Executive of Borders Sport and Leisure Trust (BSLT) to the meeting to give a presentation on the activities of BSLT in the Berwickshire Area. Mr Jackson explained that the Trust was launched as a company limited by guarantee with charitable status in 2003. The purpose of the Trust was to inspire everyone in the Borders to enjoy more active lifestyles, sporting excellence and healthier futures. The organisation grew significantly in 2011 when Sports Development, Active Schools and the Queens Leisure Centre were transferred from Scottish Borders Council to the Trust. Further development in 2011 and 2012 included the 3G Arena at Netherdale and the Borders Tennis Centre respectively, with the Tweedbank Bowling Club and Peebles High School Sport Centre in 2014. In total there had been £1,070,812 investment in the Berwickshire Area since 2003. The wide range of services being delivered by 29 employed members of staff and 419 volunteers within the Berwickshire community (with its population of 20,862) each year included 18,000 swimming lessons, 22,600 Active Schools visits, 53,000 general swim sessions, 22,000 gym and/or class visits and 35 sports clubs supported. The presentation then considered the business side of the Trust, looking at the income and management costs from 2004/05 through to 2014/15 and at where investment was made on a monthly basis. Mr Jackson explained that the aim was to reach a point where all opening hours at the facility in Berwickshire would at least break even. He went on to that there were challenges ahead for the Trust and listed them as trying to achieve a balance between what was sustainable and what was worthwhile, ageing facilities, the economic climate, changing habits of customers and energy costs. The presentation also noted the strengths of the organisation, such as the skilled and friendly staff, a diversity of programmes to reach all ages, the geographical reach of facilities and services, excellent relations with partners and a knowledgeable, voluntary Board of Trustees. Mr Jackson closed his presentation by emphasising that the communities that the Trust served remained at the heart of its 2015-19 Strategy for the Borders.

In response to questions, Mr Jackson confirmed that there had been growth in a number of activities, that Community Sports Hubs, although still in their infancy, were making an impact in local communities and with regard to football development, that 96 young people were currently taking part in the programme, with a number of youngsters participating at National Club level. With regard to facilities for the disabled, Mr Jackson emphasised that all BSLT facilities were accessible and acknowledged the importance of providing activities for disabled people. The Chairman thanked Mr Jackson for his attendance and interesting presentation.

DECISION

NOTED the presentation.

MINUTE

4. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of 4 December 2014. With reference to the decision at paragraph 6 (b), it was noted that this should have read " NOTED that the above spend would leave a balance of £152 in the Small Schemes and Quality of Life budgets for Berwickshire."

DECISION

APPROVED the Minute for signature by the Chairman, subject to the above amendment.

FLAGS AT LAMBERTON TOLL

5. With reference to paragraph 14 of the Minute of the Meeting of Berwickshire Area Forum of 4 December, 2014 the Chairman reported that he had written to Transport Scotland to explore what flexibility there might be in relation to the flags flown at the national border at Lamberton Toll. A number of points for clarification were raised by the Chairman in his letter and some historical background was also provided to Transport Scotland, the full details of which were included in the correspondence attached to the Agenda. The Chairman had since received a response from Transport Scotland and this had been circulated in advance of the meeting for information. Transport Scotland's Area Manager, Gemma Montrose, confirmed that Transport Scotland did not have a policy, as such, for the flying of flags adjacent to the Trunk Road network. Any formal proposal for alteration would require the views of external stakeholders such as VisitScotland and Scottish Borders Council to be sought through consultation and taken into consideration. This would be done following a detailed formal request proposing alteration of the flag arrangement. Ms Montrose also pointed out that any 'non-standard' flags proposed would need to gain prior approval from Transport Scotland. She went on to advise that Transport Scotland's Operating Company, Amey, maintained the current provision of flags at Lamberton Toll and that this arrangement would need to be revisited and possibly altered should any change to the flag flying arrangement be proposed. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the Chairman would progress this matter with Transport Scotland and report back to the Forum in due course.

DECISION

AGREED that the Chairman would progress this matter with Transport Scotland and report back to the Forum in due course.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

6. The Chairman welcomed Ms Edwina Cameron, Interim Director of Workforce and Planning and Dr Sheena MacDonald, Medical Director from NHS Borders who were present at the meeting to update the Forum on matters of interest and concern within Berwickshire. Ms Cameron began by highlighting some of the key issues for NHS Borders at this time, the first of which was a review of all services which would deliver the best possible care to local communities within the available resources. Members were advised that the public consultation for the Review took place during the summer of 2014 and at no time was it stated that community hospitals would close. Ms Cameron went on to explain that NHS Borders had a duty to ensure that community services were situated in the right places and that the Service Review would be underpinned by the principles that people in the Scottish Borders helped to design. She went on to explain that only in-patient services were being reviewed at the moment but that other services could be affected and it was necessary to move with the changing needs of the community, eg an inpatient could be prescribed a course of antibiotics which could be administered at home rather than in hospital. With regard to the Out of Hours Service, discussion took place and a number of concerns and questions were

raised. It was noted that there had been a national shortage of GPs since 2014 and Members were advised that NHS Borders was one of the best services in Scotland at the current time. With regard to the use of the Knoll Hospital in Duns for Out of Hours Service, Dr MacDonald advised that this service was always provided from the BGH after 11.00pm and that currently, the service was achieving close to 95% of its target response times.

7. Discussion took place in relation to consultations and the effectiveness of communication between NHS Borders and local communities. It was noted that during recent consultations, a number of Community Councils had submitted comments but had not received any acknowledgement so were unsure whether their contributions would be taken on board. Ms Cameron and Dr MacDonald apologised for this oversight but confirmed that all submissions from Berwickshire Community Councils had been received. In terms of statistical information used by NHS Borders, it appeared that Kelso was included in figures relating to Berwickshire and that this was not a true reflection of the area, particularly in respect of the more remote East Berwickshire. This was relevant when services were removed from Duns and offered from a centre further away. It was noted that a national Review of Out of Hours Services had been announced by the Cabinet Secretary and that the outcome of this was expected in August. Ms Cameron advised that, as a result of being unable to recruit GPs within the Scottish Borders, it had been necessary for NHS Borders to proceed with its Review earlier than this. Discussion took place regarding cross-border services with Northumberland and East Lothian. Dr MacDonald clarified the situation and advised that this issue had been highlighted during the consultation process. Concern was raised regarding the increase in Category A medical response times. Dr MacDonald advised that she was meeting with the Ambulance Service to discuss this issue and asked the Forum to submit to her any examples of specific situations when this had been a matter of concern. She went on to advise that it took 18 months to train nurses with enhanced skills to deal with these emergency skills. In response to further questions, it was noted that there had been a slight dip in NHS Borders' Accident and Emergency waiting times since the beginning of 2015 and that all figures were published on their website for information. In respect of travel for health care services, it was acknowledged that consideration of car parking, car sharing and a public transport shuttle service would be useful when linked to the provision of such services.
8. For information, the Forum was advised that the consultation period for the draft Scheme for Health and Social Care Integration was due to close on 13 March 2015. The Chairman thanked Ms Cameron and Dr MacDonald for their presentation and looked forward to a valuable dialogue between NHS Borders and the Berwickshire Area Forum. In response, Ms Cameron stated that it would be useful to receive advance notification of any issues which the Forum wished to discuss as this would allow time for a meaningful response to be prepared and presented at meetings.

DECISION

(a) NOTED the presentation.

(b) AGREED to notify NHS Borders of any issues which the Forum wished to discuss in advance to allow time for a meaningful response to be prepared and presented at meetings.

POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE

9. Inspector Keith Dougal presented a report to the Forum updating Members on Police Scotland activity in the Mid and East Berwickshire Wards up to 31 August 2014. Inspector Dougal advised that the figures in the report showed a decrease of 11% in reported crime in the Berwickshire Wards compared to the same period the previous year and that, over the same timescale, solvency had decreased by 6% in East Berwickshire whilst increasing by 6% in Mid Berwickshire. Members were informed that the local Multi-Member Ward Plans had now been published and were available for downloading from the Police Scotland website. The report gave details of Operation Monarda, due to commence on 23 March 2015 and explained that this was a national campaign to target doorstep crime. Inspector Dougal encouraged communities to continue their vigilance locally in terms of reporting any suspicious activity to Police Scotland and "keeping an eye" on any vulnerable or susceptible neighbours. With reference to Ward Priorities in East Berwickshire, it was noted that 59 drivers had been stopped and charged with speeding between 1 December 2014 and 1 March 2015. In terms of drugs misuse, 11 positive searches had been carried out

during the reporting period in East Berwickshire. Anti-social behaviour continued to be a priority and a total of 12 tickets had been issued during the reporting period, 14 premises were in the advanced stages of being issued with ASBOs and other premises were currently being monitored. Inspector Dougal advised that rural thefts continued to be an area of concern in isolated areas close to main arterial routes and that home security surveys were available through the Safer Communities Team when premises met the required criteria. Mid Berwickshire continued to have problems relating to indiscriminate parking and it was noted that 5 parking tickets had been issued and 2 motorists warned during the period covered by the report. Again, youths and anti-social behaviour was a high priority for Mid Berwickshire, with 12 tickets being issued and a further 14 premises currently in the advanced stages of being issued with an ASBO. The report noted that there had been no reports of dog fouling in the area during this reporting period. In response to questions, Inspector Dougal explained the way in which shift patterns operated within the Service and that Community Police Officers (CPOs) could attend Community Council meetings if they were on duty and available but would have to leave to respond to any calls that came in. Posters by Police Scotland which were displayed in local communities appeared to be out of date and Inspector Dougal agreed to investigate this to ensure that current information was provided. Inspector Dougal also agreed to look into and report back to the Forum regarding the current situation for the provision of monthly local reports provided to all Community Councils.

DECISION

(a) NOTED the report.

(b) AGREED that:-

(i) Inspector Dougal would investigate the provision of updated Police Scotland posters for local communities; and

(ii) Inspector Dougal would look into the provision of monthly reports to Community Councils and report back to the Forum in due course.

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UPDATE

10. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Station Manager Scott Forbes was present at the meeting to give an update on activity in the Berwickshire area since the previous report on 4 December 2014. Members were informed that over this reporting period, there had been 8 house fires, 2 of which had been malicious calls; 7 open fires, of which 2 were vehicle-related, 3 were controlled burning, 1 was a burning tree and 1 was burning rubbish; 8 special service calls covering a range of activity; and 33 non-deliberate unwanted fire alarm signals. Station Manager Forbes highlighted the ongoing activity carried out by the SFRS within the Berwickshire area, including Home Fire Safety Visits, Firesharp and Fire Safety Audits. It was also noted that the implementation of the SFRS Safeguarding Policy and Procedure for Protection of Children and Adults at Risk of Harm had continued to create closer partnership working with other agencies such as Social Services. The report listed the winter fire safety campaigns underway in December, namely festive fire safety, safety at home, fire and alcohol and cooking safely. The Spring Thematic Action Plan had begun in early March 2015 and covered areas such as wildfire/grassland, rubbish/refuse and derelict property. Station Manager Forbes provided an update on the current Retained Duty System (RDS) recruitment situation in Berwickshire and it was noted that the soon to be launched local initiative being run in partnership with Radio Borders included an acknowledgement to local employers for the release of employees to enable them to serve their local community. Station Manager Forbes advised the Forum that a pilot initiative had been launched in Peebles whereby the SFRS supported the Scottish Ambulance Service in responding to cardiac arrests. Members noted that the Multi Member Ward Operating Plan for Berwickshire covering the period 2014 – 2015 had been published and was attached to the report for information.

DECISION

NOTED the report.

REQUEST FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE STOPPING-UP ORDER FOR PART OF DE17/6 AT HARBOUR ROAD, EYEMOUTH

11. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Commercial Services seeking confirmation of the Stopping-up Order for part of the DE17/6 public road at Harbour Road, Eyemouth. The report explained that part of the road known as Harbour Road would be incorporated within the redevelopment of the Mission Centre recently approved by Council due to the provision of an external ramped access. Members noted that approval would mean that the solum of roads included within the Order would transfer to the ownership of the landowner and the area would be incorporated within the new development. The report advised that Planning Permission for the alterations and extension of the existing Mission Centre building on Harbour Road, Eyemouth to create a new Arts Centre was sought by Hippodrome Arts CIC on 5 March 2014. Roads Planning had raised no objections to the Application, provided the existing parking bays opposite the proposed ramp were altered to provide wider bays with improved access off the narrower section of road. Planning Permission was granted by Council on 15 July 2014. Ward Members were subsequently consulted on the proposal for the Stopping-up Order for the area in question and raised no objections.

DECISION

- (a) **APPROVED the stopping-up of an area of the DE17/6 Harbour Road, Eyemouth adjacent to the Mission Centre, an area of approximately 49m².**
- (b) **AGREED to delegate authority to confirm the Order to the Council's Chief Legal Officer, subject to there being no substantive objections.**

AMENDMENT TO EYEMOUTH OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER

12. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Commercial Services proposing to amend the Eyemouth Off-Street Parking Places Order 2012 to include Harbour Road Car Park and rescind the current Scottish Borders Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Eyemouth) Order 2002. The report explained that concerns had been raised regarding overnight parking in the Harbour Road car park in Eyemouth. It was noted that irregular and overnight parking did not come under the provisions in the 2002 Order and that inclusion in the more general Traffic Regulation Order introduced in 2012 would bring the car park in line with other main car parks in Eyemouth. A plan of the car park at Harbour Road was shown at Appendix A to the report and the Scottish Borders Council (Eyemouth) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2011 (Amendment) Order 2014 was attached at Appendix B. Members were advised that the statutory two stage consultation process was completed on 18 December 2014 with no objections or adverse comments received.

DECISION

AGREED to:-

- (a) **amend the Eyemouth Off-Street Parking Places Order 2012 to include Harbour Road Car Park; and**
- (b) **rescind the Scottish Borders Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Eyemouth) Order 2002.**

LAND USE STRATEGY (LUS) FRAMEWORK

13. The Chairman welcomed Andy Tharme from Scottish Borders Council to the Berwickshire Area Forum to give an update presentation on progress in respect of the regional Land Use Strategy (LUS) Framework. Mr Tharme explained that, following the examination of opportunities and constraints and through the development of mapping and extensive stakeholder engagement, a draft Framework had been produced which was approved by Scottish Borders Council in December 2014 for public consultation. The presentation detailed the extent of consultation carried out in 2013/14 with regular meetings taking place of a key stakeholder group representing 20 organisations in addition to engagement with 44 organisational representatives and 36 Community Councils. The draft Framework set out the key land uses in the Borders and how these might change. Further sections dealt with how the Framework should be used, the next steps and monitoring and assessment going forward. The Framework identified the important

goods and services delivered by the Borders landscape, namely: the provisioning of crops, livestock, renewable energy and timber; the regulating of water quality, flood risk, soil erosion, sediment risk and carbon resource; supporting biodiversity and pollination; and cultural considerations such as sense of place, game and sporting, historic sites and landscape designations. There were seven opportunities for change identified and mapped indicatively in the Borders at present: mitigation of flood risk; expansion of timber provision; native woodland expansion; biodiversity enhancement; improvement in agricultural production; water quality enhancement; and enhancement of soil carbon storage. The presentation went on to look in more detail at where the information and maps could be used in respect of natural flood management and the enhancement of water quality. Mr Tharme stressed that the Framework was a non-statutory strategy for the Scottish Borders. It would assist and support decision-making about land use that was currently undertaken through existing processes. It also provided new information as a web-based tool which could be used to evaluate different land use options in an integrated way at sub-catchment or farm/estate level. Mr Tharme advised that, following the end of the public consultation a final report would be submitted to Scottish Government by the end of March 2015. In answer to questions Mr Tharme confirmed that although the formal public consultation was now closed, further comments could still be submitted by interested parties and would be considered whenever possible. Mr Tharme advised that the Framework was available on the Scottish Borders Council website and that the web-based mapping tool would be available on SBC Local View Fusion by summer 2015. Mr Tharme also confirmed that the next strategy document was due to be published in March 2016. With regard to the structure of the Pilot Schemes across Scotland, Mr Tharme explained that there were two main formats used and this allowed officers to compare and contrast between the two. Discussion took place regarding how biodiversity could be incorporated into the Small Schemes and Mr Silcock and Mr Tharme agreed to consider ways in which this could be taken forward. The Chairman thanked Mr Tharme for his interesting presentation and update.

DECISION

NOTED the presentation.

OPEN QUESTIONS

14. There were no open questions.

DECISION

NOTED.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

15. **Keep Berwickshire Tidy**

Judy Torrance from the Berwickshire Civic Society advised that the Keep Berwickshire Tidy Awards were being re-launched in 2015. Visits by the judges were scheduled from mid-April to the beginning of May 2015. The results would be announced following the judging in early May 2015.

DECISION

NOTED.

16. **WOOFS Bags**

Kym Bannerman reminded those present that WOOFs bags were only supplied to those who had registered to receive them. Anyone who wished to be added to the list should contact Kym Bannerman.

DECISION

NOTED.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

17. Discussion took place regarding subjects for consideration at future meetings and it was agreed that the following items be considered for inclusion on future Agendas:-

- (i) the scheduling of one additional meeting per year to the Calendar of meetings for Berwickshire Area Forum;

- (ii) a further update from the Strategic Transport Project on transport issues in Berwickshire;
- (iii) A1 and A1 Junctions;
- (iv) the Scottish Ambulance Service.

DECISION

AGREED that the above items be included on future Agendas for Berwickshire Area Forum.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

18. The dates of future meetings of the Berwickshire Area Forum were noted as follows:-

4 June 2015;
3 September 2015;
3 December 2015;
3 March 2016; and
2 June, 2016.

It was noted that these dates would be subject to change should an additional meeting of Berwickshire Area Forum be added to the Calendar.

DECISION

NOTED.

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

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"Keeping People Safe"



**Berwickshire Area Forum 4th June 2015
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.**

(Station Manager Scott Forbes)

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Berwickshire Area Forum on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity since the last forum meeting on 5th March 2015.

Within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017 for the Scottish Borders, five priorities, and actions outcomes are identified

1. Reduction of Dwelling Fires
2. Reduction of Fire Casualties and Fatalities
3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting(Not including Dwellings)
4. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
5. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions.

Response & Resilience activity in the Berwickshire Area

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	7	Farm Buildings, Chimney Fires, House Alight, Caravan Alight	
Fire- Open	4	Secondary Fires various	
Special Service	5	R.T.C x3, Effecting Entry, Chemical Incident	2
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	22	Non Deliberate	

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Partnership Working

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), Community Action Team (CAT) within the Scottish Borders core work centres on the on-going delivery of the SFRS Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) policy. The team continues to expand its partnership working with key the Key agencies including Police Scotland, Health, Social care and Housing in order to focus on members of local communities at High Risk from fire and achieve outcomes in helping to reduce overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires. Fire raising awareness sessions presented by the team to partner agency practitioners have been and continue to be successful in promoting HFSVs and encouraging agencies to make referrals using the SFRS CSET online booking system.

Prevention and Protection

Fire prevention and protection activity over recent years has been key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses in Scotland thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The seasonal community safety calendar provides the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year.

Activity, which is ongoing at the moment within the Berwickshire Ward area;

- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staffs in all our local stations provide Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. The visits provide the householder with a home visit, focussing on identifying and reducing the risks of fire in the home. Smoke detectors with a 10-year battery life are provided as part of this free service.
- Firesharp is an initiative for Primary 6 pupils, providing face-to-face education within our local Primary schools on matters of fire risk and prevention.
- Fire Safety Audits provide a targeted examination of a business premises and their relevant documents to ascertain how the premises are being managed regarding fire safety. The enforcement officer also engages with members of staff to confirm their level of fire safety awareness.
- Unwanted Fire Signals are being addressed by our phased intervention actions which identifies premises which are producing 'false alarms', provides guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence, and can also evoke legislation if occurrences fail to reduce in number. Legislation and enforcement Policy and Procedure for Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals goes live on 1st December 2014.
- From the 1st April 2014 the SFRS Safeguarding Policy and Procedure for Protection of Children and Adults at Risk of Harm was implemented to link into adult and child protection. The introduction of this policy has created closer ties with Social Services within Scottish Borders and ensures those people and families that fire crews identify as at risk are brought to the attention of Social Services. This has resulted in joint visits to homes to reduce risk to those occupiers. This period has resulted in eight adults being referred.

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- Road Safety Scottish Borders Community Action Team (CAT) have been delivering road safety awareness to secondary schools throughout the Scottish Borders with the support of the local Whole time personnel from Galashiels and Hawick.
- In December 2014, the Community Action Team took part in the multi-agency Violence against Women Conference at Tweed Horizons, which, together with our strong partnership with the local Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service and involvement in MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference), puts us at the forefront of delivering the agenda of outcome six of the Local Fire Plan. The LALO and Scottish Borders Station Manager for Prevention and Protection are fully involved in all local MARAC processes, attending the monthly conferences and all steering group meetings. We will also be involved the inaugural twelve-month CAADA (Co-ordinated Action against Domestic Abuse) assessment. This work has provided the additional advantage of strengthening our partnership with external stakeholders, in particular Police Scotland, Adult and Child protection services and local housing providers.

The Spring Thematic Action Plan has just been completed with the following areas of safety and awareness to the general public being delivered by respective RDS stations within Berwickshire.

- Wildfire/Grassland
- Rubbish/Refuse
- Derelict Property

We now move into June and the start of our Summer Thematic Action Plan which runs through to the end of August and covers the following areas,

- Fire related anti-social behaviour
- Holiday Safety
- Countryside and Outdoor Safety

We have worked closely with all our partners in the Scottish Borders Council Safer Communities Team as well as the four registered social landlords to promote these issues. Detailed festive fire safety information was provided for the council website and home fire safety public information articles were published in both Elder Voice and Scottish Borders Connect. The LALO is delivering a second series of fire safety awareness presentations to housing officers of the aforementioned landlords to re invigorate the home fire safety visit referral process in order to continue improving partnership working, with particular focus on the elderly and more vulnerable tenants. The primary aims of this partnership activity are to help ensure the safety and welfare of vulnerable persons throughout the community, and to seek to reduce the overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires, fire casualties and fire fatalities in homes.

Retained Duty system

National recruitment campaign round two was launched in May for RDS Firefighters within the Scottish Borders East. A successful campaign was run in March with applicants being recruited for Eyemouth, Duns and Coldstream. The May campaign focuses on Eyemouth and Duns where the two respective stations still have a vacancy at each. The closing date for this recruitment cycle is 1st June 2015.

Local Initiative being run in Partnership with Radio Borders that will include acknowledgement to local employers for release of Employees to serve their local community.

Local Fire and Rescue Plan

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Scottish Borders 2014- 2017 have been approved following its consultation period. The local plan sets out the priorities for the Fire and Rescue Service, and we will continue to work with our community planning partners and local communities to make the most efficient use of resources and contribute towards the shared priorities and actions within the community planning partnership and community safety arrangements. The subsequent Ward plan for Berwickshire is now complete and available to elected members.

Strategic Plan 2016-2019

The engagement and consultation process regarding stakeholders being consulted in respect of Fire and Rescue Service Strategic plan for 2016-2019 is now underway with a timescale of the end of June for this consultation process. Respective managers from within the service who attend the respective forums will deliver a short power point presentation on this process during the month of June.

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**DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES - TRAFFIC
REGULATION ORDER**

Report by Service Director Commercial Services

BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM

4 June 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report proposes to introduce enforceable disabled parking bays within the Berwickshire area to be included in The Scottish Borders Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order 2015**
- 1.2 The Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 requires the provision of advisory on-street disabled parking for disabled persons. This report proposes to include those bays lying within the Berwickshire area in a region-wide Traffic Regulation Order to make the existing bays enforceable (omitting those which are no longer required since the beginning of consultation).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Berwickshire Area Forum approves the inclusion of disabled parking places in the Berwickshire Area listed in Appendix A (as amended by removals) in The Scottish Borders Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order 2015.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 came into effect on 1 October 2009 and imposed a duty on Local Authorities to provide advisory on-street parking places for disabled persons.
- 3.2 Under the Council's Scheme of Administration, approved on 01/01/2015, Area Forums approve the making of temporary, permanent or experimental orders for the regulation of traffic.
- 3.3 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) covers the whole of the Scottish Borders Council Area and this Area Forum is asked only to approve disabled bays within its own area.
- 3.4 Since the TRO was prepared and advertised, a number of disabled bays are now not required and have been brought to our attention for removal. These bays will not be included in the final TRO and are shown as struck off in the draft schedule shown in Appendix A. This could have been for any number of reasons, such as death or failure to renew the blue badge.
- 3.5 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 22/04/2014 to 21/05/2014. No adverse comments were received at this stage.
- 3.6 The proposals were advertised to the public from 12/02/2015 to 09/03/2015. One objection was received for the disabled bay at Marchmont Road, Greenlaw and one objection for a disabled bay in Windram Road, Chirnside. The objections are included in Appendix B and discussed respectively in 3.7 and 3.8 below.
- 3.7 The objection in Marchmont Road, Greenlaw comes from Greenlaw and Hume Community Council and relates to road safety concerns regarding the use of the bay by a high vehicle. A site visit by Traffic Section staff was subsequently carried out and it is considered that whilst visibility is somewhat obstructed, the vehicle type is required for the resident's needs and omitting the bay from the TRO would give the disabled person difficulties in accessing what would appear to be a specially adapted vehicle. A location plan is shown in Appendix B.
- 3.8 The objection in Windram Road, Chirnside relates to the resident who requested the bay now not being a blue badge holder. This information has been confirmed on the blue badge database and the bay is now proposed for removal. This bay will be omitted from the TRO and is also shown as struck off in Appendix A.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The costs associated with signs and lines have already been incurred when the disabled bays were introduced as advisory bays under the Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009. The only remaining costs are associated with advertising and making of the Traffic Regulation Order.

Advertising region-wide TRO £3,000

All costs would be borne by the existing Aids to Movement budget.

There are no costs associated with removing the bays as these works have been carried out.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

(a) The risks of not proceeding with the recommendation are that the bays would not be enforceable.

(b) There are no perceived risks of proceeding with the recommendation.

4.3 Equalities

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

4.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant impacts on the economy 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 and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

Approved by

Andrew Drummond-Hunt
Service Director Commercial Services

Signature

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Background Papers: None

Previous Minute Reference: None

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Appendix A – Draft Schedules

ALLANTON DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B051	Main Street (east side)	From a point 80m north of its junction with Blackadder Drive, north for 2.5m
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AYTON DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B029	Lawfield Drive (south west side)	2nd most southern space in parking area.
B057	The Crofts (north east side)	From a point 47m north west of its junction with The Crofts, north west for 6.6m
B063	The Crofts (south east cul-de-sac)	Corner bay in parking area outside no.29

CHIRNSIDE DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B025	Main Street East End (south side)	From a point at the entrance to the Homes Buildings parking area, west for 6.6m
B023, B024, B026	Windram Road (north side)	From a point 34m west of its junction with Park View, west for 6.6m
B032, B050	Main Street West End (north side)	B032: From a point 80.8m east of its junction with Parkview, east for 6.6m B050: From a point 125m east of its junction with Parkview, east for 6.6m

COLDINGHAM DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B001	Applin Cross (east side)	2nd most northerly space in north parking area
B002	Priors Walk (north west leg)	Centre space in car parking area

COLDSTREAM DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B028	Hillview (north cul-de-sac)	Most southerly space in car parking area
B060	Duns Road (west side)	From a point 64m south of its junction with Nursery Road, south for 6.6m
B067	Duns Road (east side)	From a point 103m north of the junction with High Street, north for 6.6m

DUNS DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B003	Berrywell Drive (west loop)	Most northerly space in the south west parking area next to the grass area
B004	Glebe Park (south roundabout)	Most north easterly space in car parking area
B042	Willis Wynd (east side)	Most northern space in car parking area
B065	Easter Street (north east side)	From a point 17m north east of its junction with Currie Street, north east for 6.6m

EYEMOUTH DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B005, B007, B008, B011, B014	The Avenue (south east side)	<p>B008: From a point 29m south of its junction with Buss Craig Road, south west for 6.6m</p> <p>B005: From a point 86m south west of its junction with Gunsgreen Crescent, south west for 6.6m</p> <p>B007: From a point 37.5m south west of its junction with Gunsgreen Crescent, south west for 6.6m</p> <p>B011: From a point 38m north east of the north junction with Lairds Hill, north east for 6.6m.</p> <p>B014: From a point 20m south west of the north junction with Lairds Hill, south west for 6.6m</p>
B006	Gunsgreen Crescent (east side)	From a point 68m north of its junction with Buss Craig Road, north for 6.6m

B010, B018 , B035, B056, B062	Hurkur Crescent (north west side)	B018: From a point 23.5m north of its junction with Coldingham Road, north for 12m B010: From a point 44m north of its junction with Coldingham Road, north for 6.6m B035: From a point 24.5m east of its junction with St Clairs, east for 6.6m B056: From a point 63m north of its junction with Coldingham Road, north for 6.6m B062: From a point 75m north of its junction with Coldingham Road, north for 6.6m
B012	St Ellas Place (north car park)	2nd most southerly space in car park
B013, B016, B039	St Clairs (north east side)	Most northerly 3 spaces in lay-by style parking area for 18m
B015	Coldingham Road (south side)	From a point 10m west of its junction with Upper Houndlaw, west for 6.6m
B017	Gunsgreen Crescent (east side parking area)	Most southerly parking space
B019	Seafield Place (south east side)	From a point 46m north east of its junction with Coldingham Road, north east for 6.6m
B020, B040	St Ebba Road (west side)	a. From a point 11.5m south of its junction with Glebe Crescent, south for 6.6m b. From a point 11.5m north of its junction with Seafield Place, north for 6.6m
B021	Coldingham Road (north side)	From a point 43m west of its junction with Upper Houndlaw, west for 6.6m
B034	Albert Road (south west side)	From a point 61m south east of its junction with Northburn Road, south east for 6.6m
B036	The Avenue (north west side)	From a point 18m south west of the north junction with Lairds Hill, south west for 6.6m
B037	Northburn Road (south west parking area)	Most north easterly space in car parking area
B038	Glebe Crescent (west side)	From a point 33.5m south of its junction with Hurkur Crescent, south for 6.6m
B043	Hinkar Way (west to east running leg) (south side)	Most easterly space in south car parking area
B044	Buss Craig Place (southern parking area)	Most central space in parking area

B045, B059	Buss Craig Road (north side)	From a point 42.3m east of its junction with The Avenue, east for 12m
B047	Upper Houndlaw (west side)	From a point 2.7m south of its junction with Beach Avenue, south for 6.6m
B048	Lairds Hill (east side)	From a point 62m south west of its northern junction with The Avenue, south west for 6.6m
B049	Beach Avenue (south west side)	From a point 36.6m south east of its junction with Hurkur Crescent, south east for 6.6m
B052	Queens Road (east side)	Most northern space in parking area
B053	Hinkar Way (north to south running leg) (west side)	From a point 26m north of its junction with Toll Bridge Road, north for 6.6m
B054	Houndlaw Park (east side)	From a point 43m north of its extended eastern kerb line with Coldingham Road, North for 6.6m
B055	Hinkar Way (west to east running leg) (north side)	From a point 25m west of its junction with Hinkar Way, west for 6.6m
B064	Buss Craig Road (south side)	From a point 14m west of its junction with Gunsreen Crescent, west for 6.6m

GRANTSHOUSE DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B046	Mansefield (south side)	From a point 46m west of its termination, west for 6.6m
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GREENLAW DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B022	Marchmont Road (south side)	From a point 26.5m west of its junction with Marchmont Crescent (west), west for 6.6m
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RESTON DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B027	Main Street (south side)	Most westerly space in lay-by at Kirkside
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ST ABBS DISABLED PARKING BAYS

B066	Brierydean (north west side)	First space in smaller parking area outside house no 4
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Appendix B – Objection and Location Plan

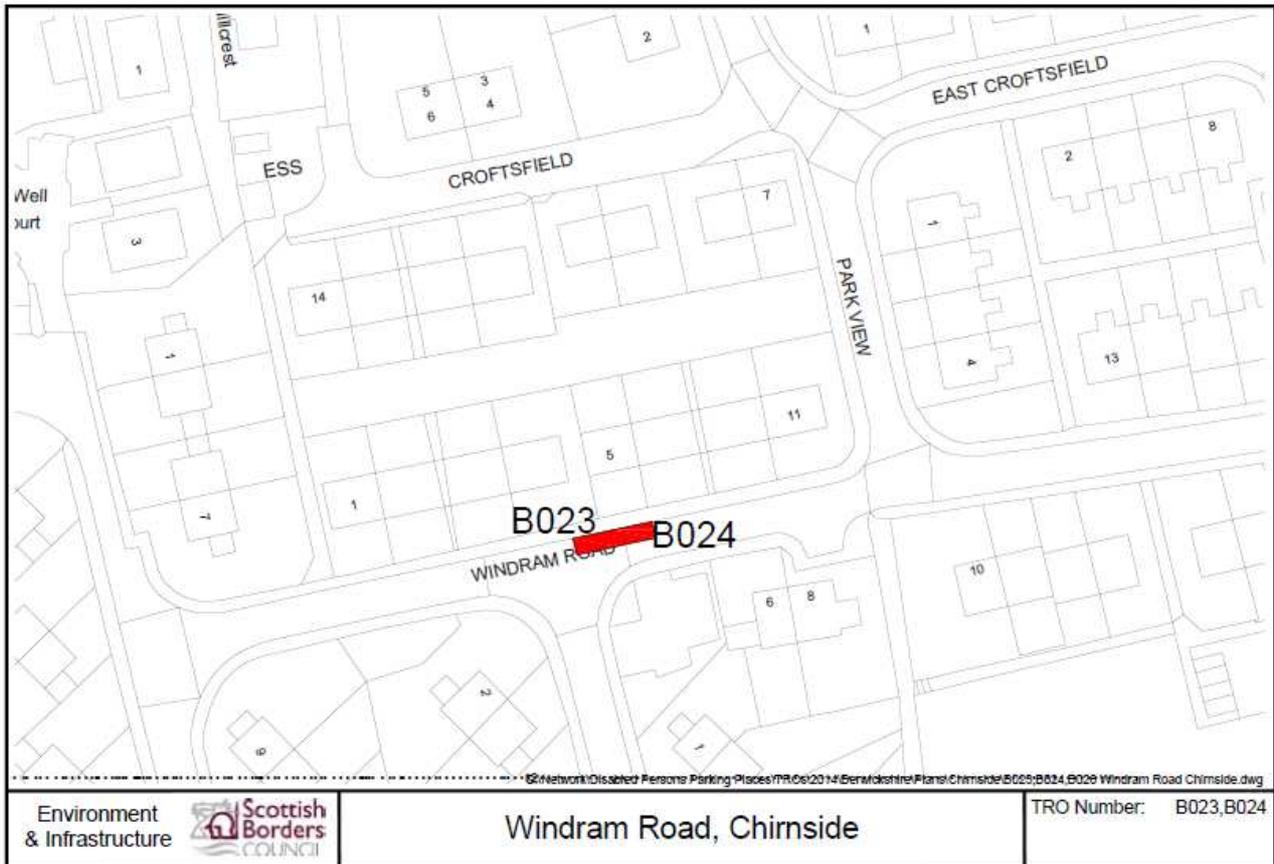
Dear Mr Elliott,

Reference your letter of 27.01.2015 concerning, "Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2003". As your records reveal I do have a disabled parking bay at this my home address. At the time it was created my wife had a Blue Badge but now the Council has changed its ruling saying she no longer qualifies for a replacement badge.

Now under these proposed new rulings I cannot park my car at my address, not my fault but due to this new Council Ruling. So yes I wish to object to the said parking bay and had it cancelled, painted-out by said Council.

This is my second letter of complaint of Council actions. Please advise me that said parking bay is cancelled. I'm sure my neighbours will in time lose their Badges and also the ability to park at their address.

Yours sincerely



From: Greenlaw Hume [<mailto:greenlawhumecc@gmail.com>]

Sent: 26 February 2015 18:32

To: Webster, Jane

Subject: Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places. B022 Marchmont Road, Greenlaw

**Traffic Regulation Order - Disabled Persons' Parking Places.
B022 Marchmont Road, Greenlaw**

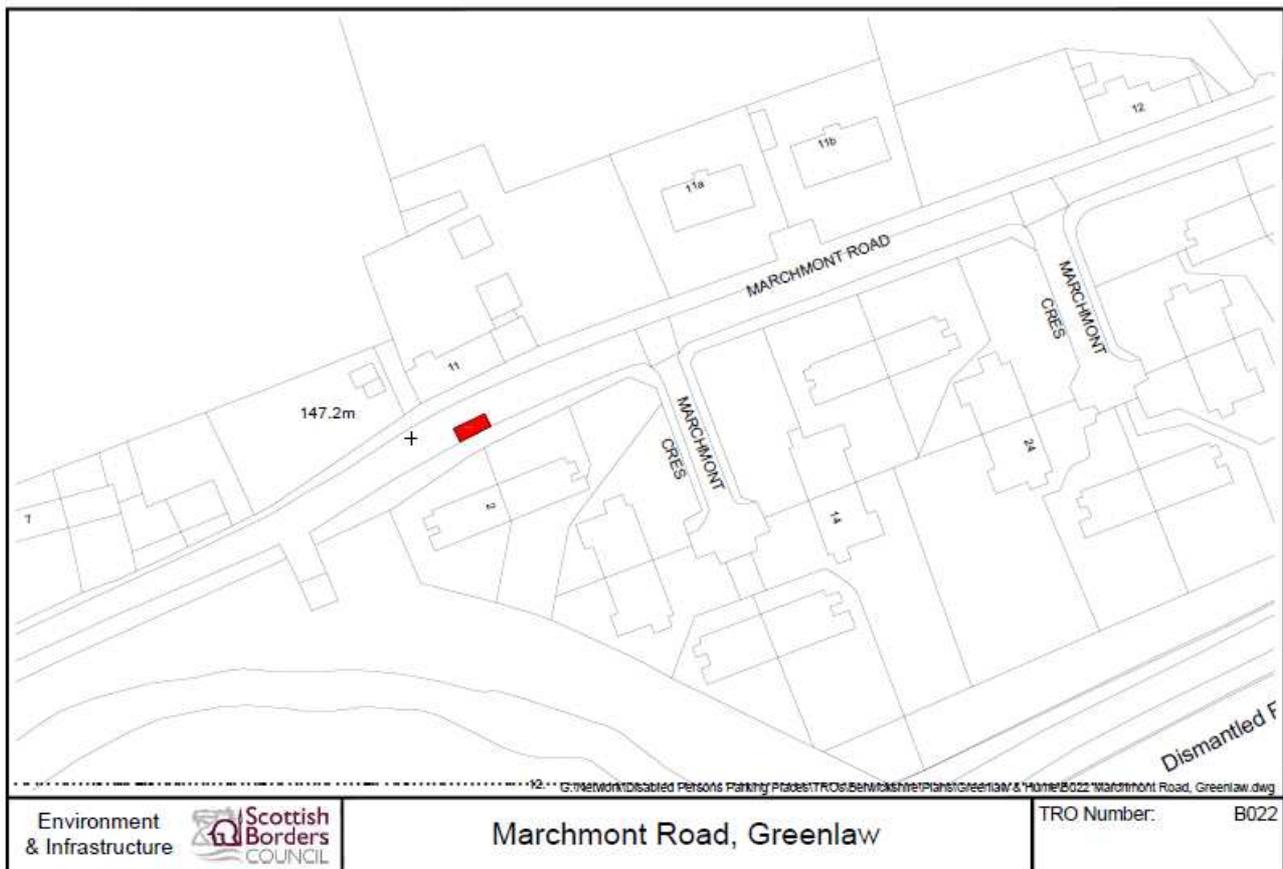
The above was discussed at our recent meeting.

We wish to make an objection on safety grounds.

Currently the disabled person's vehicle sits at the proposed site and as the vehicle is high sided together with the incline and slight curve of the road, it makes it extremely difficult for road users travelling east or west to see any oncoming traffic.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Greenlaw and Hume Community Council



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VARIOUS STREETS DUNS - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Report by Service Director Commercial Services

BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM

4 June 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 This report proposes to amend the Traffic Regulation Order for Duns.

1.2 Since the previous amendment in 2013 a number of issues have been brought to our attention regarding traffic management within the town.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 I recommend that the Berwickshire Area Forum approves the proposed amendments to The Scottish Borders Council (Borders Regional Council (Various Streets, Duns) (Regulation of Traffic) Order 1996).

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The previous amendment to the Duns Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was carried out in 2013. Since the previous amendment comments have been received from members of the public and local Members regarding further changes. These have been collected into this proposed amendment.
- 3.2 The amendments shown in Appendix A and described in Appendix B are proposed to aid the movements of vehicles in the town, as well as providing enforceable disabled parking and taxi provision.
- 3.3 Under the Council's Scheme of Administration, Area Forums approve the making of temporary, permanent or experimental orders for the regulation of traffic.
- 3.4 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 20/02/2014 to 20/03/2015. One comment was received at this stage from Perrymans Buses. A site meeting was carried out between Officers and local Members to discuss the concerns raised and it was decided that progressing the TRO was favoured. This comment is shown in Appendix C.
- 3.5 The proposals were advertised to the public from 30/04/2015 to 28/05/2015. One comment was received from Duns Community Council regarding the proposal for Black Bull Street. It is proposed to consider one-way operation in a future amendment following consultation with local residents on the direction of travel and to continue with the proposed waiting restriction at this time.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The financial implications associated with the recommendations relate to the advertising costs associated with a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and the provision of amended road markings, new signs and poles. Approximate costs are as follows:-

Advertising TRO	£1,500
Signs and lines	£1,000

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 the problems associated parking and traffic movement would continue.
- (b) There are no perceived risks of proceeding with the recommendations.

4.3 Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment scoping exercise has been carried out on this proposal and it is 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 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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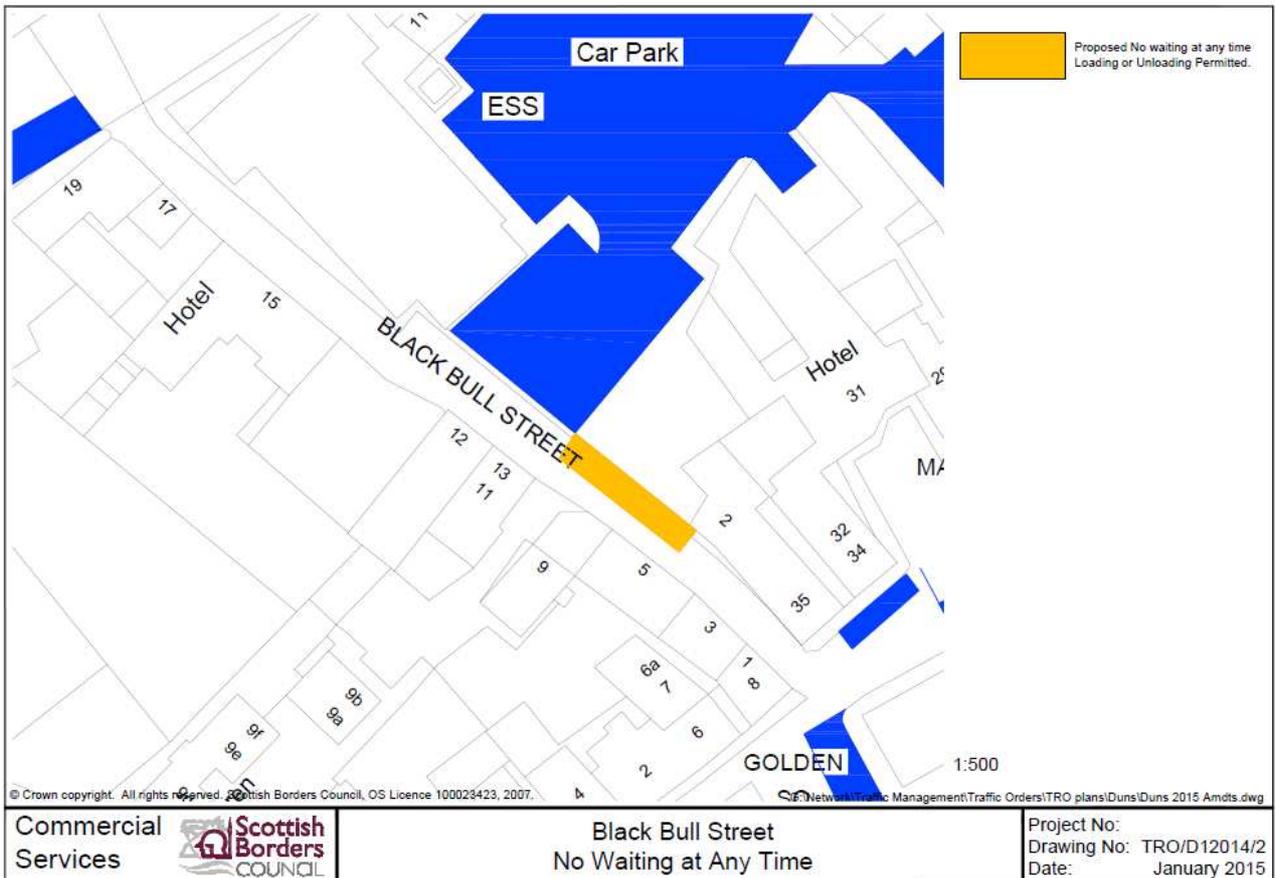
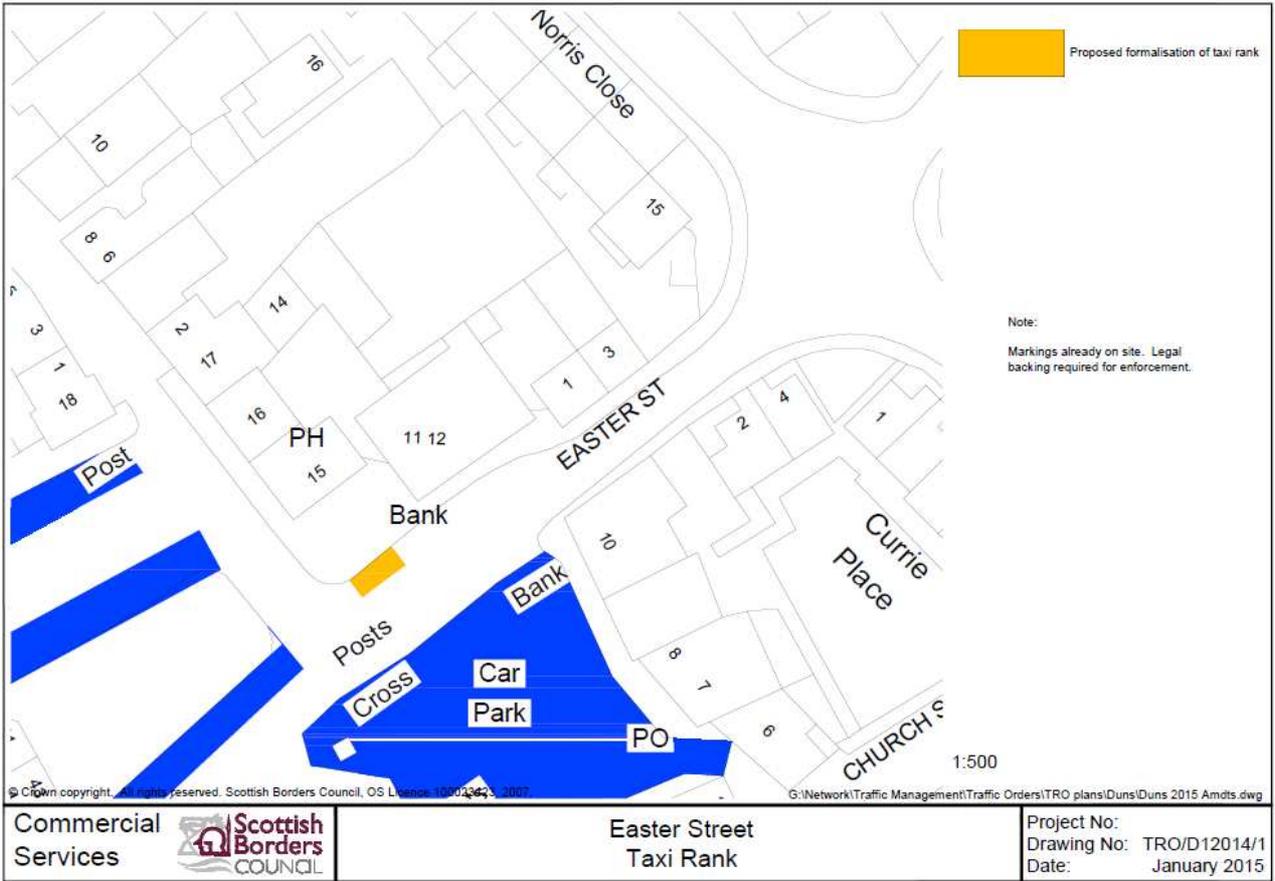
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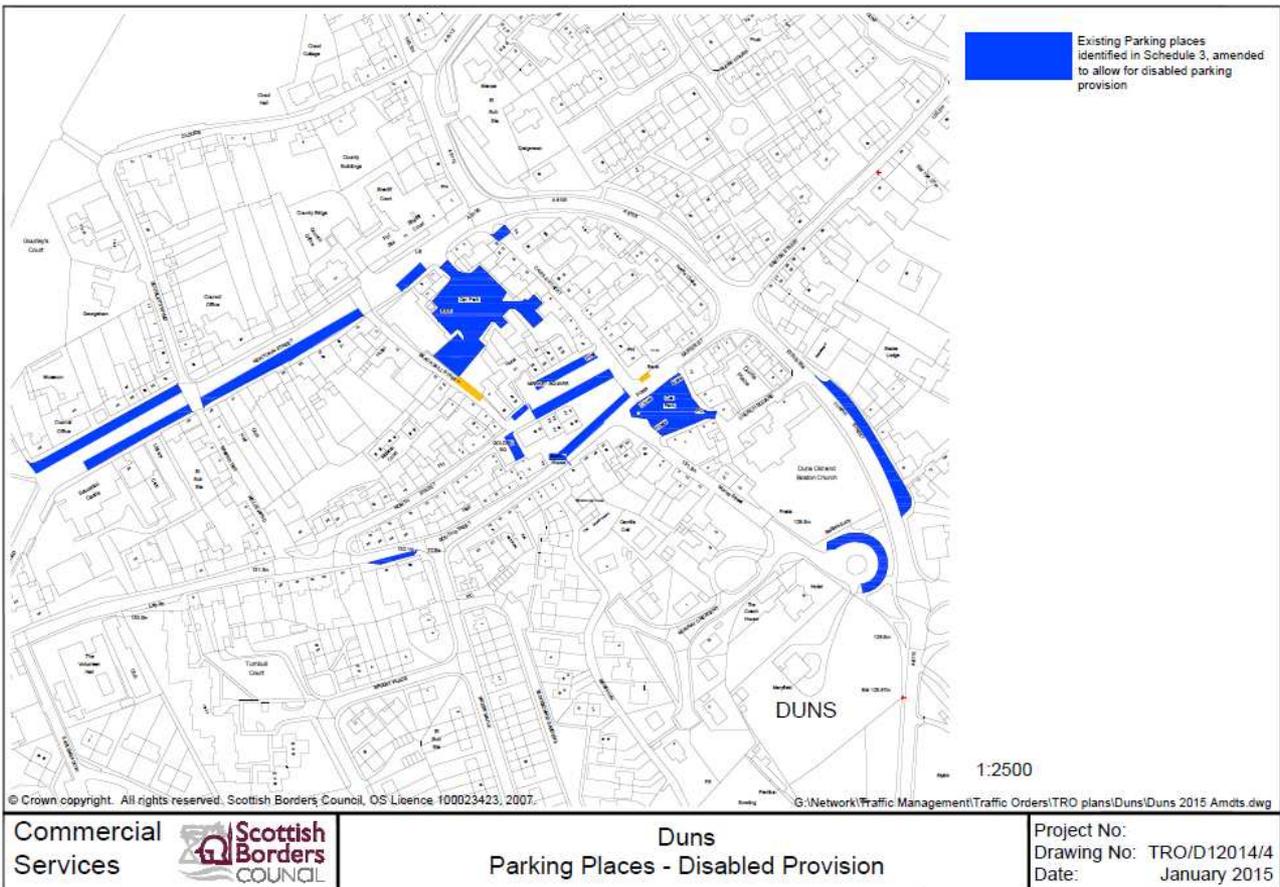
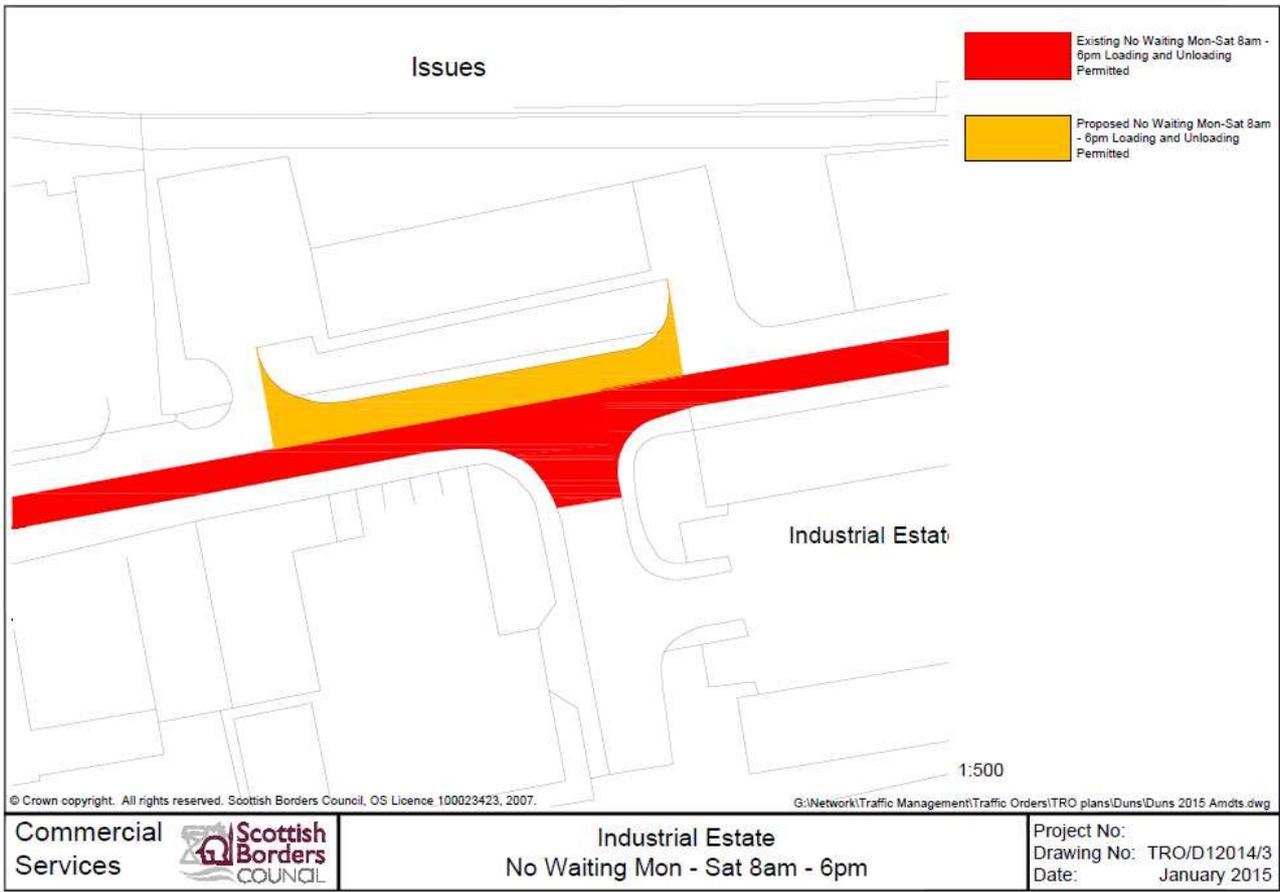
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Appendix A





THE SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
(THE BORDERS REGIONAL COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, DUNS)
(REGULATION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 1996)
(AMENDMENT No 5) ORDER 2015

The 1996 Order as amended shall be further amended as follows:

1. Add article 8a in after PART 3

- 8 (a). No person shall park in a space marked by words or any generally understood symbol as being reserved for disabled persons but is not a vehicle which is (a) an invalid carriage as defined in Section 136 of the Traffic Act. (b) a vehicle issued to a disabled person by the Department of Social Security in lieu of an invalid carriage or (c) a vehicle on which is displayed a disabled person's badge issued for that vehicle under Section 21 (2) or 21(3) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970,

SCHEDULE 1

1. In Schedule I amend as follows:

In the item relating to **DD28-6 Duns Industrial Estate** North side, delete "260m" and substitute therefor 307m

SCHEDULE 2

1. Add new item to Schedule II:

Black Bull Street

North-east side

From a point 20 metres north-west of its junction with Market Square, for a distance of 17.5 metres.

SCHEDULE 3

Add new Schedule

Taxi Rank.

Easter Street

North-west side

From a point 3 metres north-east of the extended kerb line with Market Square north-east for a distance of 6 metres.

Appendix C

Gary

Thanks for the update. I have had a brief conversation with John Dellow and am disappointed that the bus services are being asked to vacate the stops in the town centre for a stop at the Police Station. I am hoping that this will not discourage passengers who will see this as an inconvenience.

regards

Gary

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Assistant Operations Manager

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Thank you for the comments below. I will keep this to be included in the report to the Area Forum.

Yesterday a site meeting was carried out between John Dellow, Local Members and myself to discuss the issues faced. It was agreed to continue with the current proposal and consider other options for the bus stop.

I'm sure these will be communicated through John Dellow in due course.

Regards,

Gary Haldane

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From: Scrymgeour, Karen
Sent: 24 February 2015 10:28
To: Haldane, Gary
Subject: FW: Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders - Duns TS572/4T/KS

Hi Gary

I have received the email below regarding the proposed traffic order at Easter Road. Do you have any comments?

Kind regards
Karen

Karen Scrymgeour, Solicitor, Commercial Services
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From: GaryMcBride [<mailto:gary@perrymansbuses.com>]
Sent: 23 February 2015 11:51
To: Scrymgeour, Karen
Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders - Duns TS572/4T/KS

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. My main concern is with the order making the taxi rank permanent at Easter Road. There is a bus stop at the same location served by ourselves and Travelsure at various times throughout the day.

These bus services provide connecting services when there can be two buses at the Easter Road stop, We already get complaints that the second bus overhangs the adjacent road junction causing sight line issues for local drivers. The taxi rank will add to the congestion at times throughout the day, particularly if the buses need to wait for their departure time. I have already made John Dellow, SBC Passenger Transport Manager, aware.

regards

Gary McBride

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06/05/2015

Dear Sir,

The proposed traffic regulation TS752/4T/KS, was discussed at Duns Community Council meeting on Tuesday 5th May 2015.

At the same meeting a delegation of residents from Black Bull Street attended. They were complaining about the amount of 2 way traffic using a narrow street plus lack of residents parking. 1 lady said that when she was escorting her children to and from school she frequently had to push them against a wall covering them with her body in order to protect them from traffic hurtling down the street. They request that Black Bull Street be made one way with residents parking provided. Duns CC and the Community Police agree that this is a serious on-going problem and therefore wish that the proposed traffic order for Black Bull Street be held in abeyance until further notice and a more permanent solution be found.

Duns CC have no objections to the other traffic orders.

Anne Cummins



Secretary

ANDREW MITCHELL (CHAIRMAN & TREASURER)

KETH HALL (VICE CHAIR)

ANNE CUMMINS (SECRETARY)

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE WORKS

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM

4 JUNE 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Area Forum.**
- 1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Berwickshire Members and Community Councils:- Install play equipment at play park Ayton, Purchase stone and build rockery East End Chirside, Repair wire fence common good park Chirside, Purchase plants for village enhancement group Ayton, Delineate parking spaces in town centre Duns, Purchase and plant hedge and trees at play park Hutton, Purchase and install net at Home park Coldstream, Purchase small goals, shrubs and benches for public park Duns, Purchase plants for enhancement group Westruther, Removal of trees at Parish Churchyard Duns, Purchase plants for enhancement group at Eyemouth, Repair steps and footway at village hall Allanton, Install drainage at core path Hume, Repair entrance stones at Burnmouth, Install rural bench Bluestane Ford Chirside, Purchase and install play equipment at play park Hutton, Install drainage at two locations at Lamberton, Mordington and Foulden, Install 2 benches at Old Greenlaw, Purchase and install Gallipoli floral bedding Coldstream, Manufacture and erect two picnic tables and no dumping sign Reston, Purchase trailer for transporting barriers in Berwickshire, Manufacture and erect two picnic benches play park Haymons Cove Eyemouth, Purchase and install five barrels and planters/soil for Swinton, manufacture and erect perimeter fence at cemetery Hutton, Repaint tennis courts at Foulden, Supply soil box and water butt cemetery Eyemouth, Purchase 100 litter pickers for communities in Berwickshire, Install new fence at cemetery Greenlaw, Repair gates at Home Park War Memorial Coldstream. Repair the Home Park gates next to the War Memorial Coldstream. Purchase plants for two flower beds in Duns.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Berwickshire Area Forum:**
- (a) **Approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-**
- i) **Ayton Play Park -To install addition play equipment at Ayton play park. £5000**
 - ii) **Chirside East End – Purchase stone and build a rockery at the rear of the site. £950**

- iii) **Chirnside Common Good Park- Repaired wire fence between the park and the field. £200**
- iv) **Ayton – Purchase plants for Ayton Village enhancement group. £300**
- v) **Duns - Delineate parking spaces in Duns Town Square with new Marshall blocks. £2630**
- vi) **Hutton – Purchase and install a perimeter hedge along the field edge at Hutton Play park and re-plant 5 trees. £1410**
- vii) **Coldstream - Install a net to prevent footballs going into the pensioners gardens behind the goal in Home Park, Coldstream. £196**
- viii) **Duns Public Park -Purchase small goals for Duns Public Park, further tree and shrub planting in Duns Public Park and purchase 2 new benches and 4 new picnic benches. £3250**
- ix) **Westruther – Purchase plants and planters for Westruther Village enhancement group. £750**
- x) **Duns - Removal of trees at Duns parish Church. £1140**
- xi) **Eyemouth - Purchase plants for Eyemouth Town enhancement group. £750**
- xii) **Allanton - Repair the steps and footway at Allanton Village Hall. £3100**
- xiii) **Hume - Install further drainage at Hume Core path. £500**
- xiv) **Burnmouth - Repair entrance stones at both approaches to Burnmouth Village. £3950**
- xv) **Chirnside – Manufacture and erect bench over looking Bluestane Ford from the A6105. £56**
- xvi) **Hutton – To purchase and install new play equipment at Hutton play park as requested by the community council. £5000**
- xvii) **Mordington, Lammberton and Foulden – Carry out drainage works Mordington Clappers at 2 locations. £8000**
- xviii) **Greenlaw – Manufacture and install 2 new benches on the Old Greenlaw Road. £112**
- xix) **Coldstream – To purchase and install a floral decoration to commemorate Gallipoli campaign in WW1. £1155**
- xx) **Reston – Manufacture and erect 2 picnic tables for Reston football park and manufacture and erect a no dumping sign at the bottle banks. £250**

- xxi) **Duns- Purchase a trailer to transport barriers for events in Berwickshire. £2311**
- xxii) **Eyemouth – Manufacture and erect 2 picnic benches for the Haymons Cove play park. £208**
- xxiii) **Swinton – Purchase 5 barrels and 4 square tubs 2 tonne topsoil at the village entrances. £500**
- xxiv) **Hutton – Manufacture and erect a perimeter fence at Hutton Cemetery. £1486**
- xxv) **Foulden – Repaint 2 tennis courts at Foulden Village. £600**
- xxvi) **Eyemouth – Supply soil box and new water butt for Eyemouth Cemetery. £100**
- xxvii) **Berwickshire – Purchase 100 litter pickers for communities that carry out litter picks. £1200**
- xxviii) **Greenlaw – Install a new fence at Greenlaw cemetery. £469**
- xxix) **Coldstream – Repair gates at Home Park War Memorial Coldstream. £1500**
- xxx) **Duns – Purchase plants for 2 flower beds in Duns Park and Primary school. £650**

- (b) **Proposes to full Council a change to the Scheme of Delegation to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to approve Neighbourhood Quality of Life Schemes which occur between Area Forum meetings, subject to consultation with and approval by all six members of the Area Forum.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential Small Schemes and Quality of Life schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the new Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.
- 3.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Berwickshire Area:-
- i) **Ayton Play park** -To install addition play equipment at Ayton play park. New play equipment was installed 2013/14 financial year from revenue funding and small schemes budget. The piece of equipment that was replaced was not as big as the piece that came out and so it was hoped that we could add an additional piece early in this financial year to utilise the play space. This was requested by the Community Council.
 - ii) **Chirnside East End** - A wall and bench were erected at Jubilee Orchard at the East End of Chirnside. The wall was drystone in material and the Community Council would like further stone material to build a rockery at the rear of the site. This was requested by the Community Council.
 - iii) **Chirnside** - Fence requires to be repaired in the Common Good Park, Chirnside. Footway works were carried out here last year and this would further enhance the area. This was requested by the Community Council.
 - iv) **Ayton** – Purchase plants for Ayton Village. This was requested by the Village Enhancement Group.
 - v) **Duns** - Parking spaces need delineated with new Marshall blocks so that spaces can be seen easier and prevent poor parking in Duns Town Square. There have been ongoing problems here and the Police are carrying out inspections to prevent illegal parking. This was requested by the Community Council and Mid Berwickshire Councillors.
 - vi) **Hutton** - To install a perimeter hedge along the field edge at Hutton Play park and re-plant five trees. This was requested by the Community Council.
 - vii) **Coldstream** - To install a net to prevent footballs going into the pensioners gardens behind the goal in Home Park, Coldstream. The posts are already installed but the net requires to be replaced and re-tensioned. This was requested by John Lamont MSP.
 - viii) **Duns Public Park** - Purchase small goals for Duns Public Park, further tree and shrub planting in Duns Public Park and purchase two new benches and two new picnic benches. This was requested by the Community Council.
 - ix) **Westruther** - Plants and planters for Westruther Village. This was requested by the village enhancement group.

- x) **Duns** - Removal of trees at Duns parish Church. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xi) **Eyemouth** - Purchase plants for Eyemouth Town. This was requested by the Town Enhancement Group.
- xii) **Allanton** - Repair the steps and footway at Allanton Village Hall. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xiii) **Hume** – Contribute to further drainage at Hume Core path. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xiv) **Burnmouth** - Repair entrance stones at Burnmouth. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xv) **Chirnside** – Manufacture and erect bench overlooking Bluestane Ford from the A6105. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xvi) **Hutton** – To purchase and install new play equipment at Hutton play park. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xvii) **Mordington, Lamberton and Foulden** - Mordington Clappers road requires drainage at two locations. At a meeting it was discussed that the only available funds was the small scheme or quality of life budget to allow work to go ahead here. A local land owner is prepared to carry out drainage works in the vicinity to allow the water to drain away from the road. This was requested by the Community Council and Councillor Michael Cook.
- xviii) **Greenlaw** – Manufacture and install two new benches on the Old Greenlaw Road. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xix) **Coldstream** – To purchase and install a floral decoration to commemorate Gallipoli Campaign in WW1. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xx) **Reston** – Manufacture and erect two picnic tables for Reston football park and manufacture and erect a 'No Dumping' sign at the bottle banks. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xxi) **Duns**- 80 Pedestrian Barriers have been donated to a group in Duns for use throughout Berwickshire. These are planned to be used for festivals across Berwickshire with no charge apart from a donation for travel expenses. The group require a trailer to transport them at a cost of £2811 of which they already have a donation of £500. Therefore they are looking to apply to the small schemes budget for the remaining fund required. This was requested by The Berwickshire Barrier Crew.
- xxii) **Eyemouth** – Manufacture and erect two picnic benches for the Haymons Cove play park. Requested by the Town Council.
- xxiii) **Swinton** – Purchase and erect four tubs and barrels at the village entrances. Requested by the Community Council.
- xxiv) **Hutton** – Manufacture and erect a perimeter fence at Hutton Cemetery. This was requested by the Community Council.

- xxv) **Foulden** – Re-paint two tennis courts at Foulden Village. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xxvi) **Eyemouth** – Supply soil box and new water butt for Eyemouth cemetery. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xxvii) **Berwickshire** – Purchase 100 litter pickers for use by Berwickshire communities for litter pick events. This was requested by Council Officers to assist with community litter picks.
- xxviii) **Greenlaw** – Install new fence at cemetery Greenlaw. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xxix) **Coldstream** – Repair park gates at Home Park at the war Memorial Coldstream as a joint scheme with Property Maintenance. This was requested by Councillor Moffat.
- xxx) **Duns** – Purchase plants for two flower beds in Duns, one in the park which will be maintained by the Heart of Duns and the SWRI and the other at Duns Primary school which will be maintained by a local volunteer who is assisting the pupils at the school. This has been requested by SWRI and the Heart of Duns committee.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) A budget of £48,200 is available for Small Schemes in the Berwickshire Area in 2015/16.
- (b) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Berwickshire Area in 2015/16.
- (c) If the schemes in 2.1 (a) are all approved, the remaining Small Scheme budget for 2015/16 will be £477.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If the budget is not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

4.3 Equalities

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in para 2.1.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.6 Rural Proofing

There is no change to policy or strategy within this report.

4.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There is a proposed change to the Scheme of Delegation to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to approve Neighbourhood Quality of Life Schemes which occur between Area Forum meetings, subject to consultation with and approval by all six members of the Berwickshire Area Forum through email.

5 **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy & Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer Human Resources and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

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