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TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST, 2016

A MEETING of the TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM will be held in WEST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL on WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST, 2016 at 6.30 PM

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

24 August 2016

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence.	
2.	Order of Business.	
3.	Declarations of Interest.	
4.	Minute. (Pages 1 - 6) Minute of Meeting of Tweeddale Area Forum of 25 May 2016 for noting. (Copy attached).	2 mins
5.	Minute (Pages 7 - 10) Minute of Meeting of Tweeddale Area Forum A72 Action Sub-Committee of 16 May 2016 for noting. (Copy attached.)	2 mins
6.	Peebles - Old Town A72 - Proposed Traffic Island (Pages 11 - 16) Consider briefing note by Philippa Gilhooly, Engineer. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
7.	Presentation - Raising Concerns about Alcohol in your Community Presentation by Ian Tunnah and Michael Wynne, Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officers.	30 mins
8.	Open Questions. Opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues not included on the agenda.	
9.	Community Council Spotlight. Opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues not included on the agenda.	
10.	Police Scotland. Update by Inspector M. Bennett.	10 mins

11.	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Update report by Keith Langley.	10 mins
12.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated.	
13.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent.	
14.	Date of Next Meeting (Tweeddale 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 Committee:- Councillors W. Archibald (Chairman), S. Bell, C. Bhatia, K. Cockburn, G. Garvie, G. Logan.

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM

MINUTE of the MEETING of the
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM held in
the Memorial Hall, Innerleithen on 25
May 2016 at 6.40 p.m.

Present:- Councillors W. Archibald (Chairman), C. Bhatia, K. Cockburn, G. Garvie,
G. Logan.
Community Councillors L. Hayward, C. Lewin, G. Parker.

Apologies:- Councillor S Bell. Community Councillors R. Howard, R. Tatler, G. Tulloch.
Mr K. Langley, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Inspector M. Bennett,
Police Scotland.

In Attendance:- Neighbourhood Area Manager (Tweeddale) (Mr J Hedley), Design Team
Leader (Engineering) (Mr D. Johnston), SB Local Area Manager (C.
Blackie), Sergeant D. Marker (Police Scotland), Democratic Services
Officer (K. Mason).

Members of the Public:- 3.

1. MINUTE

1.1 There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 2 March 2016.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

1.2 With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute, The Chairman asked the Democratic
Services Officer to liaise with Mr Bill Elliot, Regional Community Team Manager,
Scottish Water regarding possible visits by the Chairmen of Community Councils in
the Tweeddale Area to Talla Reservoir.

**DECISION
AGREED that the Democratic Services Officer would liaise with Mr Bill Elliot,
Scottish Water to ascertain if arrangements could be made for the Chairmen of
Community Councils in the Tweeddale Area to visit Talla Reservoir and report
back to the next meeting.**

2. MINUTE

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of Meeting of the A72 Action Sub-
Committee held on 24 March 2016.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

3. PRESENTATION – TWEED FORUM

3.1 Mr Hugh Chalmers, Collaborative Action Coordinator, Tweed Forum advised that the
aim of the Forum was to promote the wise and sustainable use of the whole Tweed
catchment through holistic and integrated management and planning. The Forum was
currently working with land managers to bring about good ecological status through
habitat restoration; wetland creation; riparian enhancements; morphological
restoration; woodland planting; invasive species control etc. He referred to recent
restoration projects in the Tweed catchment and gave background information in
relation to the Eddleston Water Project and natural flood management techniques. In

regard to the Eddleston Water Project the core aims were to (a) investigate the potential of reducing the risk of flooding to the communities of Eddleston and Peebles by restoring natural features within the catchment; (b) improve the river habitat for wildlife and fisheries; (c) work with landowners and communities in the Eddleston valley to maximise the benefits they would gain from such work while maintaining farm business productivity/profitability. Ancillary aims, objectives and opportunities were highlighted. A summary of the practical outputs and outcomes for the Eddleston Water Project were (a) 66 hectares of riparian woodland created; (b) 16,000 metres of fencing erected; (c) 1.8km of river re-meandered; (d) 56 “flow restrictors” installed; (e) 13 leaky ponds created; (f) over 70,000 trees planted; (g) 23,000 tonnes of carbon sequestered (over 100 year period); and (h) waterbody status under WFD had gone from “Bad” status to “Moderate”.

- 3.2 Discussion followed and a number of questions were answered by Mr Chalmers. A suggestion was made by Councillor Garvie that interpretation boards giving information on the River Tweed be put in place and Mr Chalmers was asked to liaise with Mr Hedley, Neighbourhood Area Manager (Tweeddale). Councillor Garvie agreed that an open invitation be issued to Tweed Forum to attend full Council to give a presentation. The Chairman thanked Mr Chalmers for his presentation.

DECISION NOTED.

4. PRESENTATION - DIRTPOT CORNER

- 4.1 Mr David Johnston, Design Team Leader (Engineering) advised that the A72 was the main east-west link between Tweeddale and the Central Borders and it carried approximately 6,400 vehicles every day. The steep slopes adjacent to Dirtpot Corner had had a history of instability and previous landslips had led to lengthy road closures and significant disruption on this main east-west link. To reduce the likelihood of landslips on the slope above the road the Council had undertaken slope stabilisation works, the most recent of which added further structural netting and was completed in January 2013. The existing road geometry at Dirtpot Corner was sub-standard. The carriageway width and road alignment was such that two larger vehicles could not pass each other if they met in the vicinity of the bend. The narrow carriageway width was exacerbated by the lack of any roadside verges as masonry walls sat immediately adjacent to the carriageway. A number of personal injury accidents had occurred at the corner, with 2 personal injury accidents occurring during 2015. However, the site was not currently classed as an Accident Cluster Site (i.e. 3 or more personal injury accidents over 3 year rolling period). The topography at Dirtpot Corner was particularly challenging and the road was located 7m above the River Tweed and sat below very steeply rising ground which had a gradient in excess of 1 in 1. A riverside masonry wall supported the road above the river and in some places retained up to 1.5m. Sections of the retaining wall were leaning and the wall was in a poor state of repair. The wall was damaged during the recent traffic accidents and the wall did not meet modern standards as a road restraint system. Previous assessment work had discounted the very large and expensive schemes involving bridges over the River Tweed. Officers and Members were keen to develop a more efficient solution with less environmental impact. Ground investigation works were undertaken in October and November 2015 to inform the design and several structural solutions had been reviewed and developed and initial costs obtained. Following a review of options widening on the hill side was discounted in preference to widening on the river side.
- 4.2 Mr Johnston explained the preferred solution involved an “innovative” hybrid structural solution to mitigate the environmental impact and to keep costs to a minimum. The proposed solution involved stone filled baskets connected to drilled anchors into the

rock slope at the lower level. The stone filled baskets would give a sympathetic/rustic finish to the lower sections of the wall and would ensure that in the event of flooding the wall would not be adversely affected. At higher levels it was proposed to utilise a reinforced earth solution. This solution involved a facing system connected to a “geodgrid” – a type of polyester/plastic mesh which extended back into the area to be backfilled and which was connected to the front face of the slope. Where room permitted the design would utilise a green reinforced earth solution above flood levels. It was anticipated that the improvement works would be concluded during November/December 2018. The Chairman thanked Mr Johnston for his presentation.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

5. DOG FOULING AND LITTER

The Chairman welcomed Mr Craig Blackie, SBC's Neighbourhood Area Manager to the meeting to provide an update on how the Council was working to decrease dog fouling in the area. Mr Blackie advised that 3GS was a private company now employed by SBC for a trial period of one year to reduce dog fouling. Two wardens would be in post before the end of June. The wardens would operate on an intelligence-led basis, ie would respond to complaints of dog fouling at specific locations. A full report would be submitted to Council at the end of the trial. Mr Blackie explained how the wardens would operate and the facilities which were available to them. Problem with littering could also be dealt with by the wardens, again on an intelligence-led basis. Mr Blackie explained that a Green Dog Walker campaign was currently running in Newtown St Boswells. The project, which encouraged dog walkers to clean up where dog fouling had been left by others, had been successful so far and further information was available on the Council website. Discussion followed and a number of questions were answered by officers. The wardens' role in the trial year was to revitalise enforcement and identify the culprits. Depending on the outcome of the trial, there were other duties such as checking dogs for chipping which could be added to their remit. Mr Blackie confirmed that there was an on the spot fine of £80 for the dog owner for each offence. The costs for running the warden service would be covered by any fines and SBC and 3GS would receive an equal share of any remaining profit. The Chairman thanked Mr Blackie for attending the meeting.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEME WORKS/QUALITY OF LIFE

There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Neighbourhood Services on proposals to deliver projects throughout the Tweeddale area using Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life budgets for 2016-17. Furthermore, the report sought that delegated authority to decide on Quality of life and Small Scheme proposals be granted to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services, subject to consultation with and majority approval of Tweeddale members. The following Neighbourhood schemes had been requested for the consideration of the Tweeddale members from quality of life budget: - (a) to fund alterations to the play equipment at Alexandra Park, Walkerburn and to install a new item of equipment - £8,035.00; (b) to install fencing around the SUDS (Sustainable Urban Drainage System) adjacent to Muscat Brae, Clovenfords - £880; and (c) to repair the millennium notice board, Clovenfords - £707. Delegated authority to propose projects and gain Members agreement to those projects was sought to ensure continuity and efficiency of delivery for proposals throughout the year. Reports on proposals would continue to be reported to the Tweeddale Area Forum and progress updates would also continue to be given

throughout the year. Councillor Logan thought that some work had already taken place to repair the millennium notice board.

**DECISION
AGREED:-**

- (a) to approve funding for the following quality of life schemes:-
 - (i) alterations to the play equipment at Alexandra Park, Walkerburn and to install a new item of equipment - £8,035.00.
 - (ii) installation of fencing around the SUDS (Sustainable, Urban Drainage System) adjacent to Muscat Brae, Clovenfords - £880.00.
 - (iii) to repair the Millennium Notice Board, Clovenfords - £707.52.
- (b) to delegate authority to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to agree to proposals for Quality of Life or Small Schemes, subject to consultation with and majority approval by the Tweeddale members.

7. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY- PEEBLES SHIRE CHARITABLE TRUST

The Chairman advised that whilst he represented the Council on the Peeblesshire Charitable Trust, at a recent meeting Members of the Trust considered that a Member should be appointed to represent Tweeddale East so that the whole area was represented. Councillor Logan was unanimously appointed to be a Council representative on Peebles Charitable Trust.

DECISION

AGREED that Councillor Logan be appointed as a Council Representative on Peebles Charitable Trust.

8. OPEN QUESTIONS

- (a) Mr Murdoch Macdonald asked if there were plans for controlling on-street parking in Peebles High Street, Northgate and Eastgate and if so when would these be put in place. Councillor Cockburn advised that a report on the progress and findings of the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) Working Group would be considered at the June Council meeting.

DECISION

NOTED.

- (b) Mr Robert Balfour asked what progress Council, Scottish Water and Sepa amount its cost council in grants etc and repairs to roads, Councillor Cockburn advised that in regards to the funding of repairs, caused by the Storm Frank flooding; flood grants and discretionary payments were available via the Council, and were currently being processed for payment to individuals, organisations and businesses that had applied; the Government funded Bellwin scheme works were continuing to repair flood damaged infrastructure across the region; and on the 19 May Council Members unanimously approved the Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan, which should provide Tweeddale, and other Tweed Valley communities, with a structured flood defence and mitigation plan going forward. Mr Balfour also suggested that if from October the levels at Talla Reservoir could be lowered by a metre or two to help create a greater buffer in the event of flash flooding.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

9. COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

Community Councillor Haywood referred to the recent news about bus services provided by First Bus being lost in Town Centres and requested that Councillor Bhatia forward any information relating the Peebles Town Bus Service to The Royal Burgh of Peebles and District Community Council.

DECISION

AGREED that Councillor Bhatia would pass on any information relating to proposed cuts in the Peebles Town Centre bus service to The Royal Burgh of Peebles and District Community Council.

10. POLICE SCOTLAND

In regard to Tweeddale East and Tweeddale West, Sergeant Marker advised that the focus of Police Scotland was to reduce crime and disorder, to increase public reassurance within the community and to keep people safe. Police Scotland would continue to work closely with their partners and find effective long-term solutions to the issues raised. After talking to local residents in Tweeddale, Police Officers noted their greatest concerns were dishonesty, inconsiderate driver behaviour, bogus workers and callers, and drug dealing and misuse. In regard to dishonesty, Police Scotland had recently launched a series of information documents to keep our rural communities safe. The rural communities of Scotland were safe places in which to live and work. However, the nature of the environment and way of life meant there were some crime prevention tips particularly relevant to rural life which were worth bearing in mind. Much of the crime prevention advice outlined in other areas of 'Keep Safe' was equally relevant to urban or rural areas, but there were issues unique to rural communities such as: protecting livestock, securing farm machinery, theft from fuel tanks, securing tools and horse tack. The information could be accessed at the following link and was an excellent guide to farmers and the wider community who lived in rural areas. <http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/rural-crime>. Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and NFU Scotland would be holding a Farm Fire Safety and Crime Prevention Event on 9 June from 1.00 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. at Haswellsykes Farm, Peebles. The event would include demonstrations of security systems, crime prevention equipment and fire safety techniques. Since 2 March 2016, there had been three incidents in the Tweeddale area involving bogus callers. These incidents occurred on 23 March in Clovenfords and Peebles and it was believed they involved the same suspect who was offering power tools for sale. A younger drivers event had taken place on 22 May 2016 at Charterhall, Duns. This was run by the Institute of Advanced Motorists in partnership with Volvo, Suzuki, Fiat, and other manufacturers of cars. The event was designed to take kids over 14, but under 17 who would not normally be able to drive cars and give them the understanding and skills to drive cars. Hopefully by educating them early, a long-term sustainable driver education and casualty reduction programme would be in place in the Borders. A number of Police Officers volunteered their time to assist on the day. From 2 March to 23 May 2016, 45 parking tickets had been issued, of which 3 were cancelled, two drivers were warned. This year Police Scotland's Public Consultation process was widening and becoming more flexible. The consultation process was moving online to a digital format and consultation would be open all year. Everyone's views across Scotland would be taken on board at a national and local

level. The link for the survey was <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LMB9WX>. With effect from 1 July 2016, new legislation would come into effect for air weapons. Any person who possessed, purchased, used or acquired an air weapon would be required to have a certificate to legally hold them. Because this was a new process, the public had been given time to achieve the certification and no one would commit an offence of possessing an air weapon without the relevant authority or certification up until 1 January 2017. All documentation had to be in order by that date. Police Scotland recognised that a number of these types of weapons would be lying about homes and were no longer used or required. As a result an 'amnesty' would be held and air guns could be surrendered at Galashiels Police Station between 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. from Monday 23 May until 12 June 2016. Further information on the legislation could be found on the Police Scotland website www.scotland.police.uk. Some concern was expressed about Community Police Officers being unable to attend Community Council meetings. Inspector Marker referred to the increase in the workload of Police Community Officers and said that efforts were made at all times for Police Officers to attend Community Council meetings and for update reports to be sent to Community Councils. He further advised Community Councillors could liaise at any time with Police Officers if there were any matters of concern.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

11. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

In the absence of Mr Keith Langley copies of a report on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were tabled at the meeting from which it was noted there had been two fatalities in Peebles one related to fitting and the other out of hospital cardiac arrest. The team continued to expand its partnership working with 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 positive outcomes in helping to reduce overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires. A national recruitment campaign was on-going for Retained Duty System firefighters at identified stations within the Scottish Borders and West Linton Station was currently recruiting staff. After forty-four years' service Watch Manager Eric Small retired from the SFRS on 27 April 2016. Area Manager David Farries marked the event with the presentation of a commemorative BA tally and scroll. Members of the Forum wished Mr Small all the best for the future.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM
A72 ACTION SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of the MEETING of the
TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM A72
Action Sub-Committee held in the
Council Chamber, Rosetta Road,
Peebles on 16 May 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillor K. Cockburn (Chairman).
Community Councillors M. Douglas (Innerleithen), I. Lamb (Lamancha,
Newlands and Kirkurd) R. Tatler (Royal Burgh of Peebles and District). J.
Waddell (Manor, Stobo and Lyne), Inspector M. Bennett (Police Scotland).
Apology:- Councillor S. Bell.
In Attendance:- Asset Manager (D. Richardson), Network Manager (B. Young), Democratic
Services Officer (K. Mason).

WELCOME

1. The Chairman welcomed Community Councillor Lamb and Inspector Bennett to their first meeting of the Sub-Committee.

MINUTE

2. The Minute of meeting of the Tweeddale Area Forum A72 Action Sub-Committee held on 24 March 2016 had been circulated.

**DECISION
APPROVED.**

**OFFICER'S REPORTS OF PRIORITISED LIST OF WORKS ON THE A72 / WORKS
PROGRAMME FOR TWEEDDALE AREA 2016/17**

- 3.1 There had been circulated copies of (a) prioritised list of works on the A72; and (b) Works Programme for the Tweeddale Area, detailing (i) programme of capital works – roads; (ii) programme of revenue works – roads; (iii) programme of capital works – bridges; (iv) programme of revenue works – bridges; and (v) programme of capital works – street lighting. The Network Manager referred to the prioritised list of works report and referred to the difficulty of the department in getting these into the capital programme owing to the requirements of the school estate and social work. The Asset Manager explained that the works programme for Tweeddale Area for 2016/17 had been circulated to Members last week and Community Councils had today been issued with the information. The Asset Manager advised that if urgent repairs were needed Officers looked at what was outstanding and reprioritised the areas of work. The Asset Manager undertook to ascertain if the A72 had received any unexpected benefits from the Bellwin Scheme and advise members accordingly. Inspector Bennett advised that the vast majority of problems were related to speeding issues. It was noted that the Council's statistics on accident figures were different from that of Police Scotland because the Council's figures were based a calendar year and Police Scotland's figures were based on a financial year. Inspector Bennett would advise Members of the Sub-Committee if there were any road engineering issues.
- 3.2 An email from Councillor Bell had been tabled at the meeting advising on several issues relating to red bits of road at entrances to various towns and villages needing refreshing; white (extra grip) surfaces were unduly worn at the approach onto the Nest Roundabout from Clovenfords and the section just before the entrance to Holylee

House. The central white line was disappearing near the entrance to Holylee House. Councillor Bell considered that crash barriers were needed at two sections of the A72 between Clovenfords and Walkerburn. Clovenfords Community Council had asked why the footpath on the south side of the A72 running from Clovenfords to the Caddonlee entrance stopped there and did not run on until the Nest roundabout. Clovenfords Community Council also wondered why both Innerleithen and Walkerburn merited “count-down” signs leading up to the 30 mph on both sides of their town/village but this was not seen as necessary for Clovenfords. Two pot holes needed repairs – in front of the bus stop on the south side of the road just before the turnoff to Caddonfoot and just after the small bridge as you travelled towards Walkerburn past the Holylee House entrance. Councillor Bell was in agreement with the general prioritisation as detailed in the Officer’s report. The Chairman advised that Councillor Bell had asked that a report on Caerlee Corner be considered at the next meeting of the Tweeddale Area Forum to be held on 25 May 2016.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS’ VIEWS ON THE A72

4. Community Councillor Lamb advised that substantial areas of the A72 were in a poor state of repair. Much of the road between Peebles and the entrance to Castle Craig hospital was characterised by corroded edges and patched potholes. The overall impression of the road was that the surface was generally poor, rough and uneven. It was not possible to list particular points in the road as there were potholes and damaged edges on most parts of the road. Potholes were often in groups and although they had been patched, were still rough and uneven. In places the patched potholes were right across the road making them difficult to avoid. Between Castle Craig and the junction with the A701, the road had been resurfaced and remedial work had been carried out at the junction to allow school transport to use the road as planned. Work to deal with flooding between Happrew and the five mile bridge was underway as that part of the road had been badly affected and damaged by running water throughout the winter. The Community Council would not be able to assess the effectiveness of this work until later in the year. The junction of the A72 and the A701 remained problematic due to its position on the side of a hill and there were still regular near misses. It would be useful to have a speed limit there and it could be incorporated into a limit which would also cover the village of Blyth Bridge. Further towards Skirling, the road continued to be damaged and patched in many places. The area at the bend near Mountbog was under water for large parts of the winter and subject to temporary traffic lights for a long period. This remained an area of risk from flooding and the road remained damaged and uneven. Through Skirling the road continued to be in a very poor state with parts crumbling at the edges and potholes right across the road. Beyond Skirling the improvement in the overall surface and state of the road was obvious after the boundary with South Lanarkshire. The Network Manager advised that the comments relating to the Blyth Bank Speed Limit review would be added to the list. Community Councillor Douglas submitted that something needed to be done regarding Caerlee Corner, Innerleithen and he referred to the speed of traffic coming into Innerleithen. The Network Manager advised Officers were looking into the issues again in terms of the speed limit. He referred to the footpath into Caerlee and of diversions being made to it and explained that Jean Robertson, the Council’s Funding and Project Officer was exploring EIP scheme funding for this. Councillor Waddell raised concerns relating to drainage issues on the Peebles side of the five mile bridge and to sight lines coming out of Lyne Station because of bushes and small trees not being cut. Members agreed to come back to the next meeting with avenues and guidance to enable recommendations to be made on how to deal with the issues raised. The Asset Manager advised he would liaise with Jason

Hedley and Elaine Nicol about the drainage issue near to Mountbog that had required temporary traffic lights to be used over an extended period. Discussions would take place at the next meeting regarding long term and short term issues which needed to be changed to make things better although noting lack of funding a wish list could still be compiled.

DECISION

AGREED that Members and Officers would come back to the next meeting with avenues and guidelines on how to deal with the issues raised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5. The next meeting would be held on Monday 15 August 2016 at 6.00 p.m. in the Council Offices, Rosetta Road, Peebles.

DECISION

AGREED that the next meeting be held on Monday 15 August 2016 at 6.00 p.m. in the Council Offices, Rosetta Road, Peebles.

The meeting concluded at 7.00 p.m.

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Peebles Old Town A72 Proposed Traffic Island

31 August 2016, Tweeddale Area Forum, West Linton Primary School.
Philippa Gilhooly, Engineer, Scottish Borders Council

Background

On a number of occasions the Council's traffic and road safety section have received requests to look at additional crossing points on the A72, and in particular in the area of Peebles Old Town and Young Street.

Existing Position

There are existing waiting restrictions in the area at present:

Monday to Friday, between 08:30 and 18:00 no waiting outside Two Rovers Vets, Forsyths, British Red Cross and Neidpath Inn.

Monday to Friday between 08:30 and 18:00 no waiting on north side of A72.

Section of double yellow lines west of Neidpath Inn to corner, no waiting and loading at any time.

Although there is a single yellow waiting restriction line, we know from experience that drivers frequently park on the south side of the A72

Assessment

An assessment was carried out by officers to identify the most suitable type of crossing for this location based on pedestrian volumes, desire lines, existing infrastructure, turning requirements and impact on businesses and residents and a pedestrian refuge island was deemed the most appropriate.

To allow large vehicles to safely negotiate a pedestrian refuge there would be a need to convert the existing single yellow lines to double yellow lines. These new no waiting and no loading at any time restrictions on both sides of the A72 would result in the loss of parking, loading and waiting outside the vets, butchers and red cross shop 24/7.

A traffic regulation order would be required to change the waiting restrictions in the area and the public would have the opportunity to object, and valid objections would come back to Area Forum for discussion.

Recommendation

Progress with advertising of Traffic Regulation Order for additional double yellow lines and bring any valid objections to future Area Forum meeting.

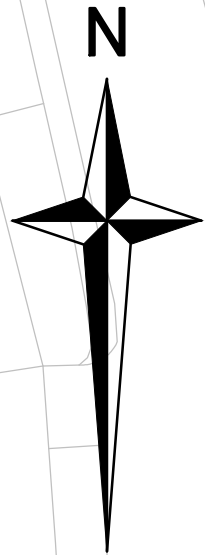
Attachments:

Plan of existing and proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.

Plan of turning requirements for large vehicles.

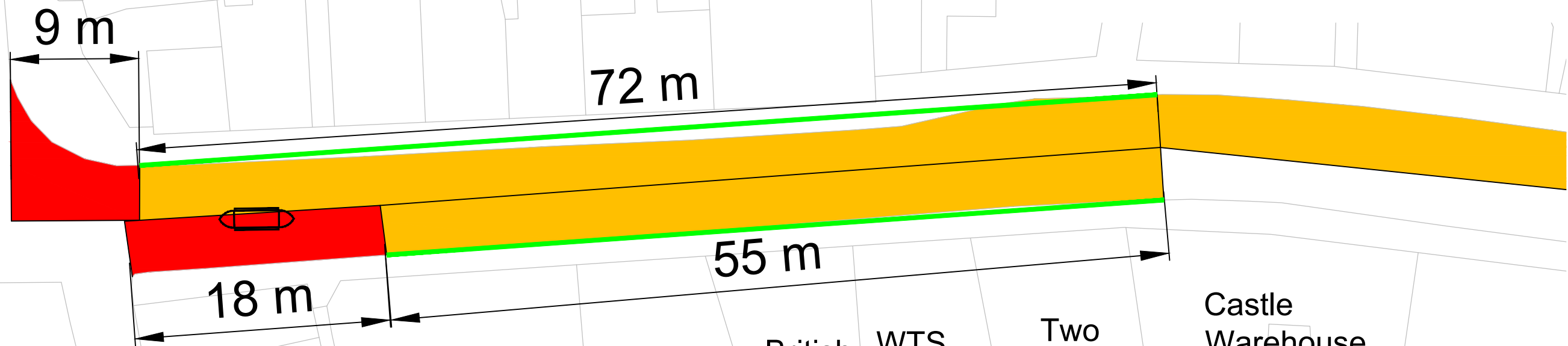
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Key

- Existing no waiting and no loading at any time
- Existing no waiting 8.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday
- Proposed no waiting and no loading at any time



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COMMERCIAL SERVICES NETWORK MANAGEMENT
 A72 Old Town, Peebles, Proposed Pedestrian Refuge

Traffic Regulation Order

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