

Peebles Old Town A72 Proposed Traffic Island

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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.