
DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Report by Chief Officer, Roads

TWEEDDALE AREA FORUM

23 November 2016

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report proposes to amend The Scottish Borders Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order 2015.**
- 1.2 Since the making of the original order in 2015 a number of additional requests have been received, as well as bays which are no longer required and have been removed. This report details the amendments within the Tweeddale area as part of a region-wide Traffic Regulation Order (omitting those which are no longer required since the beginning of consultation).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Tweeddale Area Forum approves the amendment of disabled parking places in the Tweeddale Area listed in Appendix A (as amended by removals) to 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, 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 28 June 2016 to 26 July 2016. No adverse comments or objections were received.
- 3.6 The proposals were advertised to the public from 15 August 2016 to 16 September 2016. Thirteen objections were received, twelve regarding TW052 South Park West, Peebles detailed in 3.7 and one relating to TW039 High Cottages, Walkerburn detailed in 3.8. Plans of these bays are shown in Appendix B.
- 3.7 Twelve objections were received regarding the parking bay TW052 South Park West, Peebles. These objections were on the grounds that the applicant has a driveway, the parking bay is causing a road safety concern/obstruction and various comments relating to the applicant's Blue Badge eligibility. Officers have investigated and are satisfied that the Blue Badge is valid, although due to the concerns of obstruction and road safety, it is recommended that the bay be removed from the TRO and subsequently removed from site.
- 3.8 One objection was received regarding the parking bay TW039 High Cottages, Walkerburn on the grounds that the applicant has now moved home. Officers have created two parking bays in this location and have arranged for one to be removed as a result of this.

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

These costs would be borne by Network's Aids to Movement budget.

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 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 impacts on the carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.6 **Rural Proofing**

It is anticipated that there are no adverse effect on the rural are from the proposals 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 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

David Girdler
Chief Officer, Roads

Signature

Author(s)

Name	Designation and Contact Number
Gary Haldane	Assistant Engineer - Road Safety & Traffic Management 01835 82 6642

Background Papers: none

Previous Minute Reference: none

Note – You can get this document on tape, in Braille, large print and various computer formats by contacting the address below. Jacqueline Whitelaw can also give information on other language translations as well as providing additional copies.

Contact us at Jacqueline Whitelaw, PLACE, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA, Tel 01835 825431, Fax 01835 825071, Email eitranslationrequest@scotborders.gov.uk

Appendix A

Peebles

TW036	Witchwood Crescent (north west side)	25m south of termination of Witchwood Crescent, south for 6.6m
TW043	Rose Park (south side of car park)	Final space in existing car parking area (most westerly)
TW046	North Street (west side)	18m north of junction with George Place, north for 6.6m
TW047	North Place (east side)	33m south of junction with Kingsland Square, south for 6.6m
TW048	Cross Street (west side)	17m south of junction with Crossland Crescent, south for 6.6m
TW050	Rosetta Road (most northerly parking area outside Violet Bank)	Most southerly bay
TW051	Rosetta Place (west side)	14m north of junction with Kingsland Square, north for 6.6m
TW052	South Park West (west turning head)	most south westerly bay

Innerleithen

TW038	Craig Terrace (north east parking area)	Most easterly bay
TW041	Craig Terrace (north east parking area)	Fourth most easterly bay
TW042	Chapel Street (west side)	11m north of car park entrance, north for 6.6m
TW044	High Street (north side)	92m east of junction with Hall Street, east for 6.6m

Walkerburn

TW035	Tweedholm Avenue East (south side)	69m east of junction with Hall Street, east for 6.6m
TW039	High Cottages (south side)	190m east of its junction with A72, east for 6.6m
TW040	Tweedholm Avenue East (south side)	3m east of junction with Hall Street, east for 6.6m

Appendix B

