

Council response – Service Director, Assets and Infrastructure

Petition – Cove Car Park

Statement –

We as residents of Cove, Cockburnspath, Scottish Borders hereby petition Scottish Borders Council to –

1. Designate ten parking spaces for residents use only
2. Introduce a 15mph speed limit into the village
3. Limit vehicle size into the village
4. Erect a 'No Through Road' sign

Residents Parking Area

- The Council is in the process of introducing an area-wide Traffic Regulation Order for off-street car parks in the Scottish Borders. At Cove the intention is to restrict vehicles to under 3.5 Tonnes and for the maximum stay to be 48 hours.
- This reduced period is in response to complaints about non-residents, particularly those in motor homes, parking there to the exclusion of residents. The new TRO time limit will provide the Council with power to address future problems and complaints of long-term use for camping and the like.



- The Council have no current plans to introduce residential parking schemes in the Scottish Borders. Such schemes are resource intensive and to be successful require regular enforcement that it is very unlikely could be provided.
- Designating ten spaces for residents is likely to exacerbate the pressure on the remaining spaces and increase the likelihood of vehicles being left outwith marked bays thereby restricting access and turning.

Reduced Speed Limit

- A reduced speed limit is something that can be looked at as part of the next Scottish Borders wide speed limit review. These reviews are carried out in conjunction with Police Scotland against nationally set criteria every third year or so depending on the volume of applications. Unfortunately due to the lengthy legal process it is not practical to look at individual applications in isolation.
- Officers are unaware of any previous application for a reduced speed limit at this location.
- Current Council policy, with the exception of some historical established zones, is to restrict enforceable 20 mph limits to outside schools and on the key approaches to schools.
- There is no provision within roads legislation for a 15 mph speed limit on a public road

Limit the size of vehicles

- There is no proposal, or rationale at this time, for the Council to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to limit the size or weight of vehicles on this route.
- There is no structural reason to limit the size of vehicles
- A sign advising that the route is unsuitable for HGVs and Buses is currently on order



No Through Road Sign

- The sign at the top of the road into Cove has previously been amended to read Cove (only).



- In addition to this a no through road sign with "unsuitable for HGVs and Buses" is currently on order (see earlier images)