
OFF STREET PARKING PLACES, MELROSE - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Report by Service Director Commercial Services

EILDON AREA FORUM

20 August 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report proposes to amend the Traffic Regulation Order for Melrose Off Street Parking.**
- 1.2 The current Melrose Off Street Parking Order restricts parking in The Abbey Car Park only between the months of April and November. Concerns have been raised from local businesses through the Community Council and local members about long stay parking outwith this period.
- 1.3 The proposed amendment is to extend the existing restrictions to operate year round.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Eildon Area Forum approves the proposed amendments to The Scottish Borders Council (Off Street Parking Places (Melrose)) Order 2000 as detailed in appendices A and B.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Comments have been received from the Community Council through Members that outwith the charging period the Abbey Car Park is used for long stay parking.
- 3.2 The proposal is to extend the existing charging day from 1 April or Easter (whichever is earlier) until 30 November to all year round with exemptions at Christmas and New Year. A plan of the car park is shown in Appendix A along with a draft schedule in Appendix B.
- 3.3 During consultation with Historic Scotland, joint owners of the car park, it has been agreed that the current profit-sharing is to be extended to cover the whole year period.
- 3.4 Under the Council's Scheme of Administration, Area Forums approve the making of temporary, permanent or experimental orders for the regulation of traffic.
- 3.5 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 21/01/2015 to 19/02/2015. No comments or objections were received at this stage.
- 3.6 The proposals were advertised to the public from 19/05/2015 to 18/06/2015. No comments or objections were received at this stage.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The financial implications associated with the recommendations relate to the advertising costs associated with a Traffic Regulation Order and amendments to signage within the car park. Approximate costs are as follows:-

Advertising TRO	£1,500
Signage	£500

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 with parking 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 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**

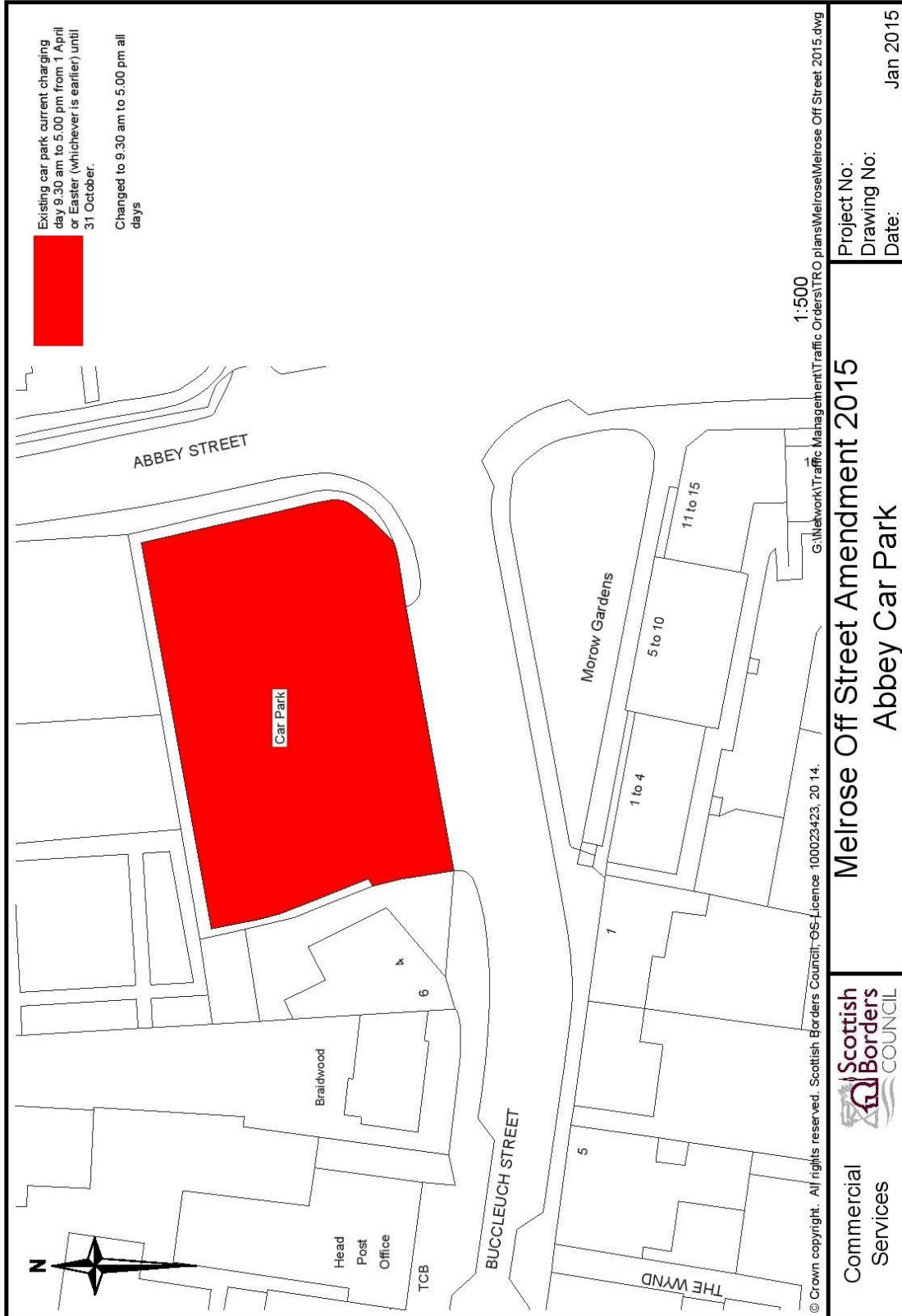
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 Abbey Car Park

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

THE SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
(OFF STREET PARKING PLACES)
(MELROSE) ORDER 2000
2015 AMENDMENT

In article 21.(1) in relation to "Charging Day" **delete** "from 1 April or Easter (whichever is earlier) until 30 November in every year"

Add holiday exemptions,

- (a) the two days (not counting Saturdays or Sundays) next following 24th December
- (b) the two days (not counting Saturdays or Sundays) next following 31st December
- (c) Any Saturday that falls on 25th or 26th December
- (d) Any Sunday that falls on 25th, 26th or 27th December
- (e) Any Saturday that falls on 1st or 2nd January
- (f) Any Sunday that falls on 1st, 2nd or 3rd January