



ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL

PETITION – PARKING PROBLEMS ON ELIBURN SOUTH ROAD AND JACKSON PLACE IN LIVINGSTON

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the panel of the receipt of a petition from the residents in the Eliburn South Road area of Livingston. This petition was remitted to the Environment PDSP from the Council Executive at its meeting on the 25th November 2019.

B. RECOMMENDATION

The Panel should note and consider the following two recommendations which officers intend to submit to the Council Executive for approval.

- 1- It is recommended that the Council Executive approves that the section of Eliburn South Road from Peel Roundabout to Jackson Place has 'No waiting at any time' restrictions installed to prevent parking; and
- 2- A future report will be presented to the Council Executive, as part of a current ongoing programme, to commence the statutory process to install these road restrictions.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focusing on our customers' needs; and• Being honest, open and accountable;
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Policy: The council's procedures on dealing with petitions require that petitions are considered by the Council Executive. Legal: None
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	None
VI Resources - (Financial,	Financial: Future promotion of the Traffic

Staffing and Property)	Regulation Order will be funded from the Roads and Transportation revenue budget.
	Staffing: None.
	Property: None.
VII Consideration at PDSP	N/A
VIII Other consultations	None

D. TERMS OF REPORT

Background

- D1** A petition dated 13th November 2019 which had been signed by 172 people has been received by the council from the residents affected by parking problems on Eliburn South Road and Jackson Place in Livingston.

Prior to the receipt of this petition, the council had received a number of complaints from the residents and businesses in the Eliburn South Road and Jackson Place area stating that they were experiencing parking problems from on Eliburn South Road from Peel Roundabout into and including Jackson Place. These issues have been getting randomly monitored.

There are particular problems with buses accessing the Adult Training Resource Centre and businesses in Jackson Place due to the parking on and around the road and access junctions.

D2 Assessment of the problem

Officers and Police Scotland have been monitoring the Eliburn South Road and Jackson Place area for a period of time and the Police have been ensuring that there has been no dangerous or obstructive parking taking place.

It has been noted that motorists are parking during office hours on weekdays and occasionally at weekends on the south side of Eliburn South Road. This reduces the available road width to one lane and there have been reports of head on vehicle conflicts, however no recorded accidents have taken place in the last five year period up to June 2019.

Instances were reported, and have been witnessed, of illegal no waiting cones being placed on the public road to prevent parking at the junction of Eliburn South Road and Jackson Place to aid with the turning of larger vehicles requiring access. As these cones were illegally placed on the road they have been removed.

The vehicles that park on the south side of Eliburn South Road are not committing any road traffic offences. Due to the horizontal geometry of Eliburn South Road, this parking does reduce forward visibility for oncoming vehicles and does cause a situation where vehicles have to give way to pass each other safely.

D3 SUMMARY

Officers and Police Scotland have investigated the problems highlighted by residents and businesses in this area and have witnessed issues during their previous site visits. Officers have agreed to improve traffic flow and forward visibility on Eliburn South Road and Jackson Place by the introduction of 'No waiting at any time' restrictions which are shown in Appendix 1 of this report.

Officers, with Police Scotland, are currently assessing other similar problems with parking in West Lothian. Once all these sites have been assessed a report will be prepared for Council Executive to seek approval to commence the statutory process to implement these waiting restrictions. The proposed waiting restrictions shown in Appendix 1 would form part of this future report which is anticipated to be submitted to the Council Executive in late Spring 2020.

E. CONCLUSION

The issues raised in the petition received from the residents in Eliburn South Road/Jackson Place area of Livingston has been considered by officers. Based on their assessment it is recommended that the Panel recommends that the section of Eliburn South Road from Peel Roundabout to Jackson Place has 'No waiting at any time' restrictions installed to prevent parking, to Council Executive. A future report will be presented to the Council Executive, as part of a current ongoing programme, to commence the statutory process to install these road restrictions.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Appendices/Attachments:

Appendix 1 – Drawing showing the proposed waiting restrictions for Eliburn South Road and Jackson Place.

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APPENDIX 1 – Drawing showing the proposed waiting restrictions for Elburn South Road and Jackson Place

