



West Lothian
Council

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS ALMONDVALE PARKWAY, LIVINGSTON

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to initiate the statutory procedures to introduce waiting restrictions on Almondvale Parkway, Livingston.

B. RECOMMENDATION

To ensure good access to business properties and to maintain road safety for drivers and pedestrians, it is recommended that a permanent traffic order be promoted to introduce “no waiting at any time” restrictions on Almondvale Parkway, Livingston.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers’ needs and working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Policy: Promotion of road safety in line with the council’s Road safety Plan 2006-2010. Legal: Promotion of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order.
III Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Financial: Promotion of the traffic regulation order and associated works will be funded from the 2010/2011 transportation revenue budget. Staffing: None.

Property: None.

IV Consultation

Lothian & Borders Police and the local ward members have been consulted. The Police have no objections, two members support the proposals, one member has made no comments and a further member is opposed to the proposals.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

1. Members of the public and local businesses have raised concerns about indiscriminate parking within Almondvale Parkway. At some locations on-street parking inhibits access to businesses and to Livingston Leisure Centre / Bubbles Swimming Pool and reduces visibility for drivers.
2. Car parks are currently available for Livingston Leisure Centre / Bubbles Swimming Pool, Retail / Leisure Units, Lennox House, Cairngorm House, Clydesdale Bank and the District Court building. Further car parks are also available nearby within Livingston Centre.
3. "No waiting at any time" restrictions are proposed on Almondvale Parkway. However the north-eastern section of Almondvale Parkway will still be available for parking. A location plan is attached.
4. Lothian and Borders Police have been consulted on the proposal and have no objections.
5. The local ward members have been consulted and comments received are noted below:

Councillor Fitzpatrick is opposed to the proposal as he states "It is only a matter of time before all official car parking spaces are a matter of charging motorists for parking for shopping, going to work etc." and "People doing their weekly shop will tend to take their chance at a free car parking space other than using parking facilities where a charge cannot be avoided."

Councillors Johnston and Muir support the proposal.

Councillor Logue has made no comments on the proposal.

6. If the council executive approves the recommendation, the traffic order will be advertised and objections invited. Any unresolved objections will then be reported back to the council executive for determination before the order can be confirmed.

E. CONCLUSION

The recommended waiting restrictions will improve road safety for both drivers and pedestrians and improve access to business properties within Almondvale Parkway, Livingston.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Appendices / Attachments: Drawing Nos. RSTM/W4/02/02/A

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