

# Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 26 August 2014

## Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions West Bow – Traffic Regulation Order TRO/13/29

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### Executive summary

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A Traffic Regulation Order was advertised in December 2013 to implement waiting restrictions at various locations at the Old Town, for the purpose of introducing communal waste containers. This report advises the Committee of the representations, regarding a site in West Bow, made to the Council during the statutory consultation period and makes recommendations to address objections received.

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Single Outcome Agreement	<a href="#">SO4</a>

## Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions West Bow – Traffic Regulation Order

### Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee sets aside the objection and makes the Traffic Regulation Order TRO/13/29 as advertised with respect to waiting restrictions in the West Bow.

### Background

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- 2.1 In December 2013, a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was advertised to implement waiting restrictions at various locations in the Old Town, for the purpose of introducing communal waste containers. These containers are for the use of residents as part of the modernising waste project, which aims to containerise all waste, to avoid the problems associated with refuse sacks.
- 2.2 The bins are being introduced in line with the Council's guidelines on the siting of communal waste containers. Two 3,200 litre bins are required at this location, to serve residential properties on West Bow and the Grassmarket.
- 2.3 The proposed change to the parking at this location involves the introduction of yellow lines (no waiting 24 hrs) for a length of 5m adjacent to No 101 West Bow, and the extension of the permit bay, (to make up for the loss of permit parking) by 5m northwards outside Nos 93/95 West Bow.
- 2.4 Two objections were received regarding the proposals for West Bow. One was later withdrawn.

### Main report

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- 3.1 It is considered that the introduction of the parking restrictions and the extension of the permit bay at West Bow, are necessary to improve the street environment, by allowing the placing of communal waste containers on West Bow. This will mean residents no longer having to present plastic refuse sacks on the street on specific days and eliminate the associated problems of sacks being ripped open by animals and birds, which results in food waste and litter being strewn across the street.

- 3.2 To allow the bins to be sited in the Old Town roll out, the two bins in West Bow were located on the yellow line adjacent to Nos 93/95. This was done on a temporary basis until the TRO could be processed to allow the bins to be sited at their permanent location.
- 3.3 The permanent site selected for the two 3,200 bins outside 101 West Bow was considered to be the best location, taking into account the following:
- Walking distance for the residents served by the bins.
  - The preference for bins to be located within parking bays, to reduce visual impact.
  - The constricted width at the south end of the street due to the stone fountain.
  - The one way restriction on West Bow (the vehicle can only collect bins from the nearside).
- 3.4 The assessment of the bin sites took account of planning and transport issues and included a Road User Safety Audit, to ensure there were no safety concerns.
- 3.5 Following the advertisement of the TRO, two objections were received from local businesses. One of these has been withdrawn and is not considered here. The details of the remaining objection is outlined as follows:
- Objection to the sighting of refuse bins in West Bow:*
- Historic nature of the street, streetscape considerations, bins located in front of shop, loss of trade, loss of daylight, overflowing rubbish, loss of yellow line for loading.*
- 3.6 The streetscape considerations were considered in line with the Council's planning guidelines on Waste Containers. The retail nature of West Bow and Victoria Street means that the siting of the bins will be in front of business premises. The proposed site of the two bins is at a location where the buildings are set slightly further back than the rest of the street, thereby minimising daylighting issues. It should be noted that the bins are not to be located directly in front of the objector's premises. Although there will be a reduction of 5m in the length of yellow line, there is a considerable length of yellow line available for loading elsewhere in both West Bow and Victoria Street. This loss is not considered significant. To make up for the loss of residents parking, the permit bay is being extended by 5m northwards.

## Measures of success

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- 4.1 It is considered that the introduction of the bins will result in a reduction of the number of refuse sacks being ripped open by animals and the resulting litter being strewn across the street; by containerising refuse sacks for collection.

## **Financial impact**

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- 5.1 It is anticipated the total cost associated with the Traffic Regulation Order and installing double yellow lines at the location described, will be approximately £500.

## **Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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- 6.1 The Traffic Regulation Order will allow household waste to continue to be collected from bins, in compliance with the policy previously agreed by Transport and Environment Committee. Failure to agree the new site will delay the relocation of the bin from its temporary location and could potentially require a return to a sack based collection system, if an alternative location cannot be agreed.

## **Equalities impact**

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- 7.1 Consideration has been given to the relevance of the Equalities Act 2010 and there is no infringement of rights or impact on duties under this Act.

## **Sustainability impact**

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- 8.1 The recommendations within this report do not have any adverse impact on carbon impacts, adaptation to climate change or sustainable development.

## **Consultation and engagement**

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- 9.1 This Order was advertised for public consultation from 6 December 2013 to 10 January 2014 in line with TRO procedures. Two formal objections from local businesses were received as part of the public consultation, one of which was subsequently withdrawn.
- 9.2 As part of the proposed introduction of on-street bins to the World Heritage Centre, extensive consultation with all interested parties, including local members, took place between October 2010 and January 2011 and the results were presented to the TIE Committee on 29 November 2011. The recommendation of the report was that the black bag method of waste collection be phased out and be replaced with either on-street bins or gull proof sacks.
- 9.3 Ward Councillors have been consulted regarding the content of this report. Councillor Rankin supported the proposal. No other comments were received.

## Background reading/external references

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Appendix 1 – Location Plan (attached).

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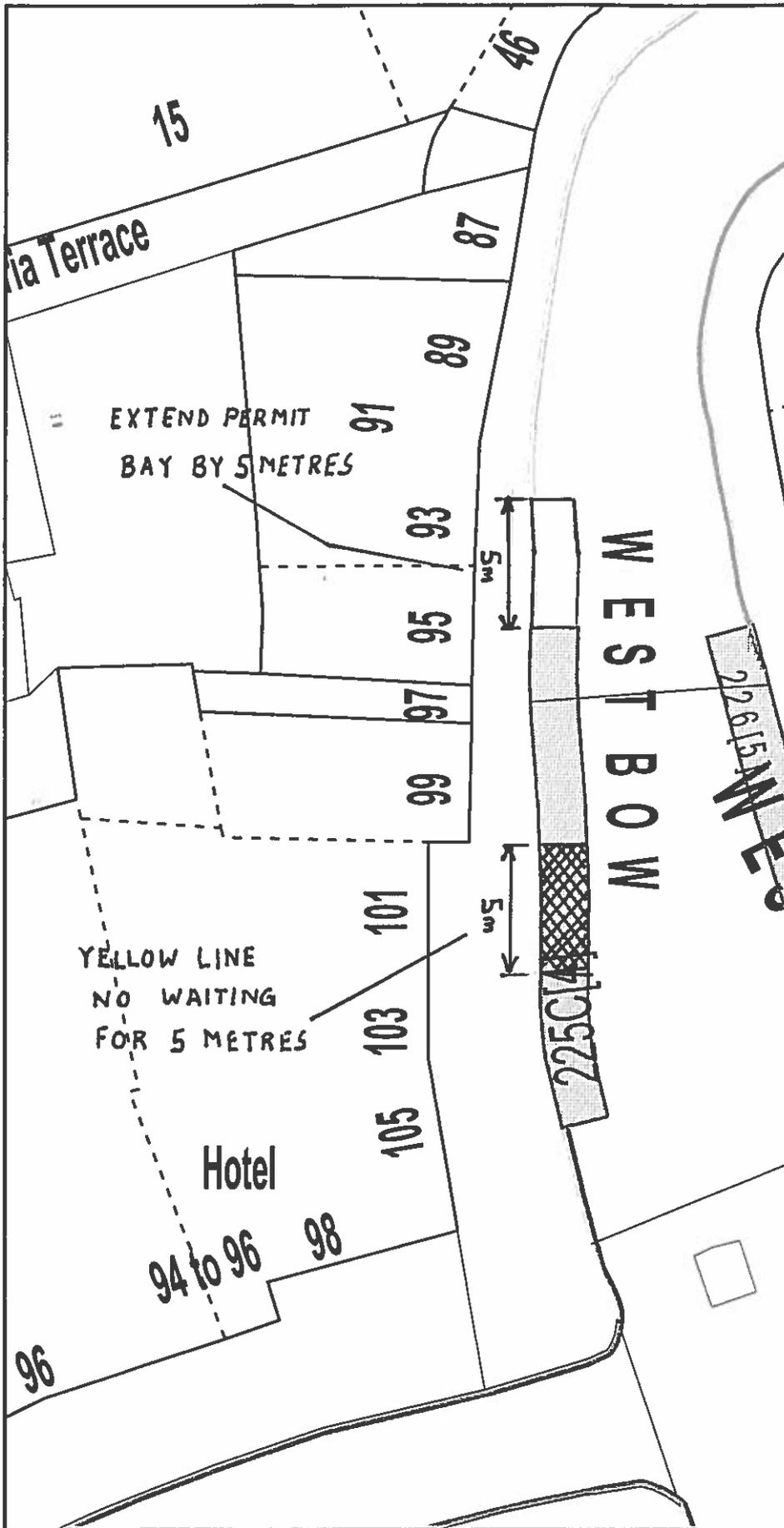
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### Coalition pledges

**Council outcomes** CO21: Safe – Resident, visitors and businesses feel the Edinburgh is a safe City.

**Single Outcome Agreement** SO4: Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.

**Appendices** Appendix 1 – Plan of double yellow line markings



NOTES

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