

Transport and Environment Committee

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Objections to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/13/26 Proposed waiting restrictions – Balgreen Road at the junctions of Glendevon Avenue and Saughtonhall Avenue West

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Executive/routine	
Wards	Ward 6 – Corstorphine and Murrayfield

Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to acknowledge and set aside two objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for double yellow line waiting restrictions in Balgreen Road, as shown in Appendix One.

Links

Coalition pledges	
Council outcomes	CO19 , CO21 , CO22
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Transport and Environment Committee:

- 1.1 Acknowledges that the objections against the TRO have been considered and sets aside the two objections.
- 1.2 Approves the amendments as detailed to acknowledge the concerns raised, whilst maintaining road safety.

Background

- 2.1 Representation was made in early 2013 by local residents regarding poor visibility when exiting Glendevon Avenue onto Balgreen Road.
- 2.2 Through site visits it was noted that road safety could be greatly improved with the introduction of double yellow lines at the junction of Glendevon Avenue and Balgreen Road and Saughtonhall Avenue West.
- 2.3 A permanent order TRO/13/26 was advertised for public consultation from 1 to 22 November 2013. Two objections were received during the consultation phase. One letter of support was also received.

Main report

- 3.1 Representation was made in April 2013 by local residents regarding poor visibility when exiting Glendevon Avenue onto Balgreen Road.
- 3.2 During site visits by West Roads Officers, it was noted that vehicles parking on Balgreen Road within 10 metres of the junction with Glendevon Avenue were blocking visibility for vehicles exiting Glendevon Avenue.
- 3.3 During site visits it also was observed that vehicles parked on Balgreen Road near to the junction of Saughtonhall Avenue West were causing an obstruction to the central traffic refuge island. This was hindering sightlines for pedestrians and vehicles at this location.
- 3.4 Observations on site noted that road safety could be greatly improved through the introduction of double yellow lines on Balgreen Road at the junctions with Glendevon Avenue and Saughtonhall Avenue West. The implementation of a

TRO would result in prohibiting vehicles from parking on the junction so as to obstruct sightlines. A proposal to introduce double yellow lines at the junctions of Balgreen Road at Glendevon Avenue and Saughtonhall Avenue was progressed through the statutory procedure, as shown in Appendix 1.

- 3.5 These proposals are being progressed in the interest of road safety. It is highly unlikely that vehicle speeds will increase significantly at this junction. Visibility at the junction will also be improved for drivers and pedestrians.
- 3.6 The Parking Operations Manager has confirmed that Parking Attendants currently patrol in this area.
- 3.7 The anticipated cost of making the order and installing the double yellow lines is reasonable to ensure emergency and general access is maintained.
- 3.8 Following the public advertisement of TRO/13/26 from 1 to 22 November 2013, two objections were received from local residents in relation to the proposed waiting restrictions. One letter of support was also received.
- 3.9 The objections raised concerns that the implementation of the proposed parking restrictions would reduce on-street parking in a location where parking is at a premium.
- 3.10 The displacement of parked cars is unlikely to disrupt local parking arrangements. It was considered that any inconvenience to residents would be offset by improvements to access and road safety at this very tight location. However, it is to be noted that following contact with the objectors, the Roads Officer reviewed the location and a section of the proposed restrictions has been reduced, as shown in Appendix 2. This partially reflects the objections received, however the objections have not been withdrawn.
- 3.11 Full consideration has been given to the points raised in the objections received, and on balance, the formal introduction of permanent waiting restrictions at this location is deemed appropriate to maintain road safety for all road users on Balgreen Road in and around the junctions with Glendevon Avenue and Saughtonhall Avenue West. Committee is asked to set aside the objections.

Measures of success

- 4.1 It is considered that the parking restrictions will improve road safety for all road users and improve traffic flow.
- 4.2 The statutory markings will be monitored by the Council's parking enforcement contractor and the West Neighbourhood Roads Team will carry out local monitoring to ensure the parking restrictions will be implemented as proposed.

Financial impact

- 5.1 Financial implications include the cost of making the order, installing double yellow lines and signage at the location described. This cost can be met from

within the West Neighbourhood Roads revenue budget and is anticipated to be approximately £2,500.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The West Neighbourhood Roads Officer identified potential vehicle conflicts in Balgreen Road, if parking is permitted. South-bound traffic was obstructed by parked vehicles near the central traffic refuge island on Balgreen Road, at the junction with Saughtonhall Avenue West causing large vehicles to navigate around the island into oncoming north-bound traffic.
- 6.2 In addition, improved vehicle and pedestrian sightlines will be achieved by not permitting parking over the extent of the proposed parking restrictions at the junctions of Balgreen road with Glendevon Avenue and at Saughtonhall Avenue West.
- 6.3 The recommendations in the report do not affect an existing policy of the Council.
- 6.4 Health and safety concerns have been highlighted in 6.1 with regard to maintaining road safety for all road users at this location. There is no governance, compliance or regulatory implications that elected members need to take into account when reaching their decision.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 An Equalities and Rights Impact Assessment has been carried out indicating that the proposed TRO protects the right to live in a safe environment and supports the implementation of proposed waiting restrictions.

Sustainability impact

- 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

- 9.1 Local consultation has been carried out with Ward 6 elected members to advise of the amendments to the proposed parking restrictions. The amendments in relation to the proposals at this location are supported by the local elected members.
- 9.2 Statutory consultation, in line with Traffic Regulation Order procedures, has been carried out.

Background reading / external references

[Balgreen Road\TRO 13-26 Delegated Powers Report.doc](#)

[Glendevon Avenue\Glendevon Rd Delegated Powers report.doc](#)

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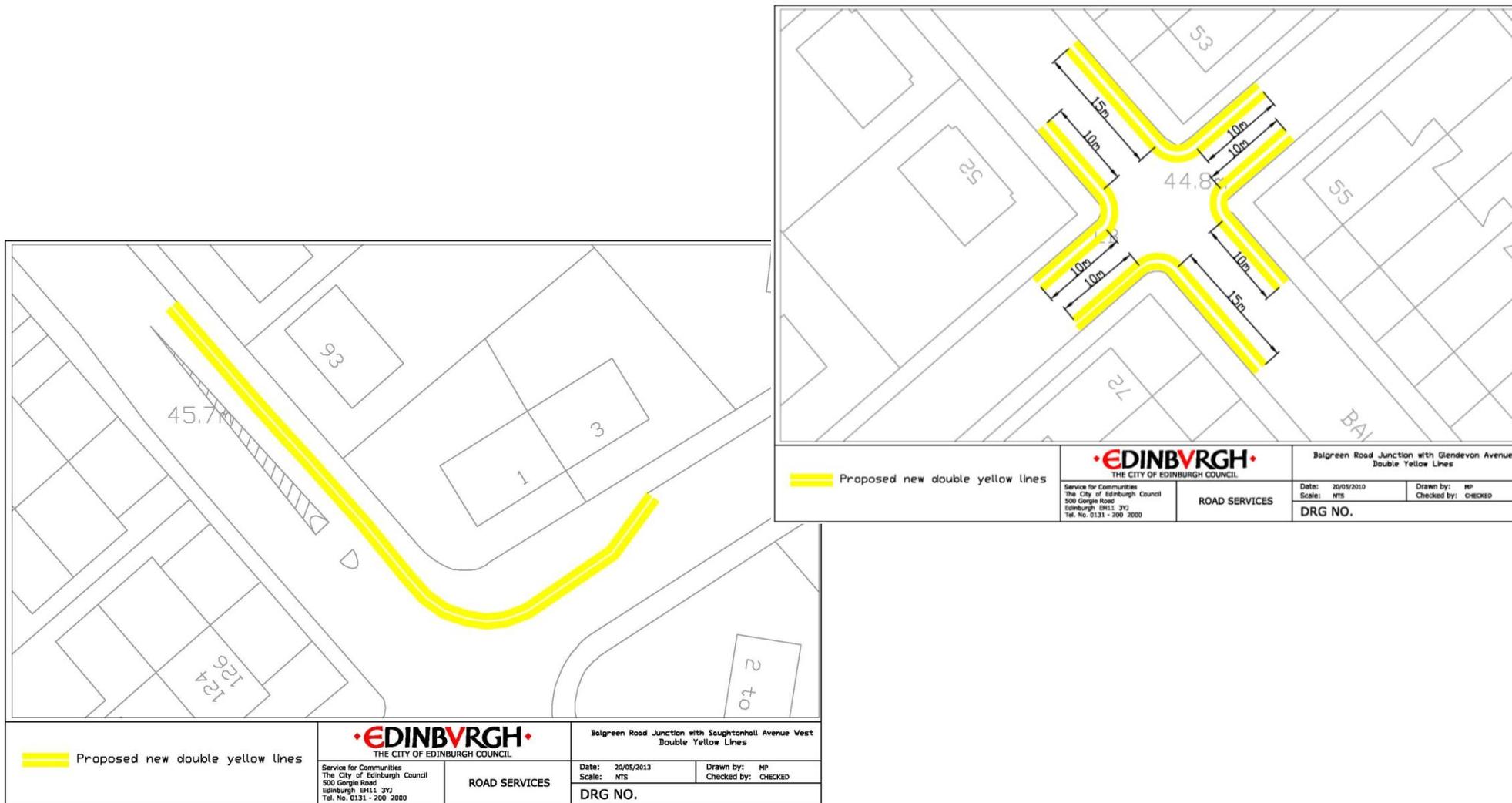
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Links

Coalition pledges

Council outcomes	CO19 - Attractive Places and Well Maintained – Edinburgh remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards CO21 - Safe – Residents, visitors and businesses feel that Edinburgh is a safe city CO22 - Moving efficiently – Edinburgh has a transport system that improves connectivity and is green, healthy and accessible
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4 - Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric
Appendices	Appendix 1 - Plan included in report summary Appendix 2 - Plan to show amendments

Appendix One: Double yellow line waiting restrictions in Balgreen Road



Appendix Two: Double yellow line waiting restrictions in Balgreen Road - Amendments

