

Transport and Environment Committee

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Objections to Proposed Car Club Parking Places – Station Road, Corstorphine and Manor Place

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Wards	6 – Corstorphine/Murrayfield 11 – City Centre

Executive Summary

As part of the on-going roll out of the Car Club Parking Scheme a number of new parking places were recently proposed to take account of an increase in the number of persons using the scheme. These included the introduction of two Car Club parking places on the west side of Station Road, Corstorphine and one on the west side of Manor Place.

Objections were received when the proposals were advertised to the public. This report considers the representations made by the objectors and makes recommendations on the future of the proposals.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - 1.1.1 sets aside the objections received to the proposals on Station Road, Corstorphine and Manor Place; and
 - 1.1.2 makes the Traffic Regulation Orders as advertised.

2. Background

- 2.1 Each year a number of new Car Club parking places are proposed in various areas of the city. These require a Variation Order to the Traffic Regulation Order, governing the Car Club, to introduce the new parking places on-street.
- 2.2 The former industrial site on the east side of Station Road, Corstorphine is presently being redeveloped for housing. A Section 75 payment has been agreed with the developer to provide a Car Club parking place, for two vehicles, near to the development. After a survey of the area, a location on the west side of Station Road was proposed. (See attached plan, Appendix 1.)
- 2.3 The operators of the Car Club scheme informed the Council that they have a large number of members in the north-west area of the city centre and requested the provision of an additional parking place. On surveying the area a location on Manor Place, near to its junction with Chester Street, was chosen. (See attached plan, Appendix 2.)

3. Main report

- 3.1 The proposals to make the necessary amendments, to introduce the proposed parking places, were advertised from 23 January until 13 February 2015 for the proposed bay on Station Road and from 10 July until 31 July 2015 for the proposed parking place on Manor Place. One letter of objection was received with regard to the proposal for Station Road and one with regard to the proposal for Manor Place.

- 3.2 The objector to the Station Road proposal was concerned with the loss of parking space. Parking is not restricted on Station Road other than at the Greenway parking and loading bays near to its junction with St John's Road and small lengths of double yellow line restrictions at its junctions with Corstorphine House Avenue and the Paddockholm. The removal of an eleven metre section of kerbside parking space, on the west side of Station Road, is necessary for the introduction of the Car Club parking place. There are numerous other locations within Station Road where people can park.
- 3.3 The introduction of the Car Club parking place on Manor Place requires the removal of one public parking place and the relocation of a motor cycle parking place. The Car Club relies on the parking places to advertise the scheme and it is considered that the proposed location near to the junction of Manor Place and Melville Street is a prominent position.
- 3.4 The objection to this proposal was from an adjacent resident who considers that the Car Club parking place should be located closer to Chester Street and the public parking places on the west side of Manor Place should be given over to residents parking.
- 3.5 It was not the intention of this proposal to disadvantage any of the residents but to assist those who require access to a vehicle for only short periods.
- 3.6 The Council is presently considering, within its Parking Action Plan, the introduction of more "shared use" parking places. These allow both residents displaying the relevant permit or non-residents purchasing parking time to park in these places. The roll out of these will result in numerous public parking places being available for residents to park. The public parking places on Manor Place are to be considered for "shared use" parking and this will assist residents in the area.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The introduction of the Car Club parking places will provide those persons, currently with no access to private transport, the ability to make certain journeys.
- 4.2 The additional Car Club parking places will result in more persons using the scheme and a reduction in the number of persons living in the city owning a car.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 The costs of introducing the yellow line markings can be contained within existing Parking revenue budgets.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 It is considered that there are no known risk, policy, compliance or governance impacts arising from this report.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 Consideration has been given to the relevance of the Equalities Act 2010 and further consultation is not required, outwith that proposed, as there will be no impact on those covered by the Protected Characteristics.
- 7.2 The proposals aim to enhance safety for road users and as such the contents of this report enhance the right to physical security, by improving the right to a safe environment, with minimal negative impact on the standard of living due to the loss of parking amenity.
- 7.3 The proposals will also give persons currently with no access to a vehicle the ability to use a car for certain journeys, should they wish to joint the Car Club.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 The recommendations within this report do not have any adverse impact on adaptation to climate change or sustainable development. There may be a reduction on the carbon impact as the introduction of the Car Club parking places may encourage residents to not purchase a car, or second car, using the Car Club vehicles instead.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 These proposals have been advertised in the press, on-street and on the Council website.
- 9.2 Letters were sent to statutory bodies representing persons likely to be affected by the proposals. The local ward Councillors, Community Council and emergency services have also been consulted. No comments were received.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 None.

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11. Links

Coalition Pledges	P50 - Meet greenhouse gas targets, including the national target of 42% by 2020
Council Priorities	CP8 - A vibrant, sustainable local economy
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4 - Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric
Appendices	Appendix 1- Plan of the proposed Car Club parking place, Station Road, Corstorphine. Appendix 2 - Plan of the proposed Car Club parking place, Manor Place.