

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 21 March 2017

Parking on Polwarth Terrace, Edinburgh

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Executive Summary

At its meeting of [25 August 2015](#), Committee considered a report on parking on Polwarth Terrace.

In response to a Motion from Councillor McInnes, officers investigated the potential to add parking provision on Polwarth Terrace. The resulting report recommended that Committee recognise the importance of keeping this street, part of the city's arterial road network, free of parked vehicles.

Committee asked that the report be continued, in order to allow local ward members, officers and constituents to meet and discuss the issues raised and identify a way forward.

This report explains the results of that further discussion and details the resulting actions.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - 1.1.1 notes the content of this report and its appendices; and
 - 1.1.2 approves the commencement of the legal process required to introduce, on an experimental basis, the parking places detailed within this report.

2. Background

- 2.1 In August 2015 Committee considered a report that looked at the potential for introducing parking places on Polwarth Terrace.
- 2.2 Residents of Polwarth Terrace had contacted Councillor McInnes, asking that the Council recognise their need for parking places near to their homes. In response, Councillor McInnes submitted a Motion, requesting that the Council investigate whether there was potential to allow parking to be provided on Polwarth Terrace.
- 2.3 The report recognised the importance of Polwarth Terrace as one of Edinburgh's arterial routes and as a bus route. Based on the available road width and the potential for traffic to be impeded by parked or manoeuvring vehicles, the report recommended that no parking places should be introduced.
- 2.4 Committee agreed that the decision be deferred until officers, local members and their constituents had an opportunity to further discuss the issues and identify a way forward.

3. Main report

- 3.1 In August 2015, Committee considered a report on the potential to introduce parking places on Polwarth Terrace between its junctions with Harrison Road and Gray's Loan.
- 3.2 That report looked in detail at the nature of Polwarth Terrace and considered the potential impact upon this arterial route if parking places were to be introduced. The report also considered the demand level for parking places on this street in terms of the number of permits issued to residents and the general availability of space in neighbouring streets.

- 3.3 At that time there were two permit holders in the area in question, with approximately 240 unused permit spaces in streets directly adjacent to Polwarth Terrace. At the time of writing this report, there are still only two permit holders.
- 3.4 Having considered the information presented, Committee determined that the report should be continued to allow further discussion to take place in order to find a solution.
- 3.5 With those discussions having now taken place, it was agreed that the Council would implement, on an experimental basis, a small number of shared-use parking places on Polwarth Terrace. Recognising the importance of this street as both a bus route and an artery to and from the city centre, it is proposed that these parking places should operate outwith the peak hours, i.e. between 9.15am and 4.30pm.
- 3.6 Under an experimental order the measures are trialled over a period of 18 months. If the measures are considered to have been a success, then a further traffic order must be promoted in order to make the measures permanent. Should it be considered that the measures have not been a success, then the experimental order will lapse and any physical measures would need to be removed.
- 3.7 In this case, the experimental order will place three shared-use parking places along the south-east kerbline of Polwarth Terrace. During the experimental period these parking places will be available for use by permit holders and by pay-and-display customers during the permitted hours. These parking places will create parking opportunities, improving accessibility for residents and their visitors.
- 3.8 The effectiveness of these parking places will be monitored during the experimental period in order to determine what effect their presence has on traffic movement. The results of the monitoring will be reported to a future meeting of this Committee in order to determine an appropriate course of action.
- 3.9 A plan showing the proposed layout of parking in Polwarth Terrace can be found in Appendix 1 to this report.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The processing of an experimental order will allow the Council to gauge the effectiveness of the parking places in improving accessibility for residents against the potential impacts on the movement on traffic.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 The costs involved in progressing the required traffic order and in providing the required signs and road markings, will be met from within the existing Parking budget.

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 Council's Public Sector Duty in respect of the Equalities Act 2010. A full assessment of the proposals contained within the draft PAP has been prepared. With the next stage in the process of adopting the PAP being detailed consultation, it is proposed that the current ERIA be considered as a live document that will be updated and amended as the process progresses.
- 7.2 Further consideration will also be given to the potential impacts of the pricing strategy as that strategy is developed.

8. 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.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 The recommendations within this report have arisen from discussions held between Council officers, elected members and residents of Polwarth Terrace.
- 9.2 Further consultation will be carried out as part of the process to promote an experimental traffic regulation order. That process allows for two separate stages of consultation, where representations can be made by any person interested in or affected by the proposal.

10. Background reading/external references

None.

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11. Links

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Council Priorities

CP9 - An attractive city

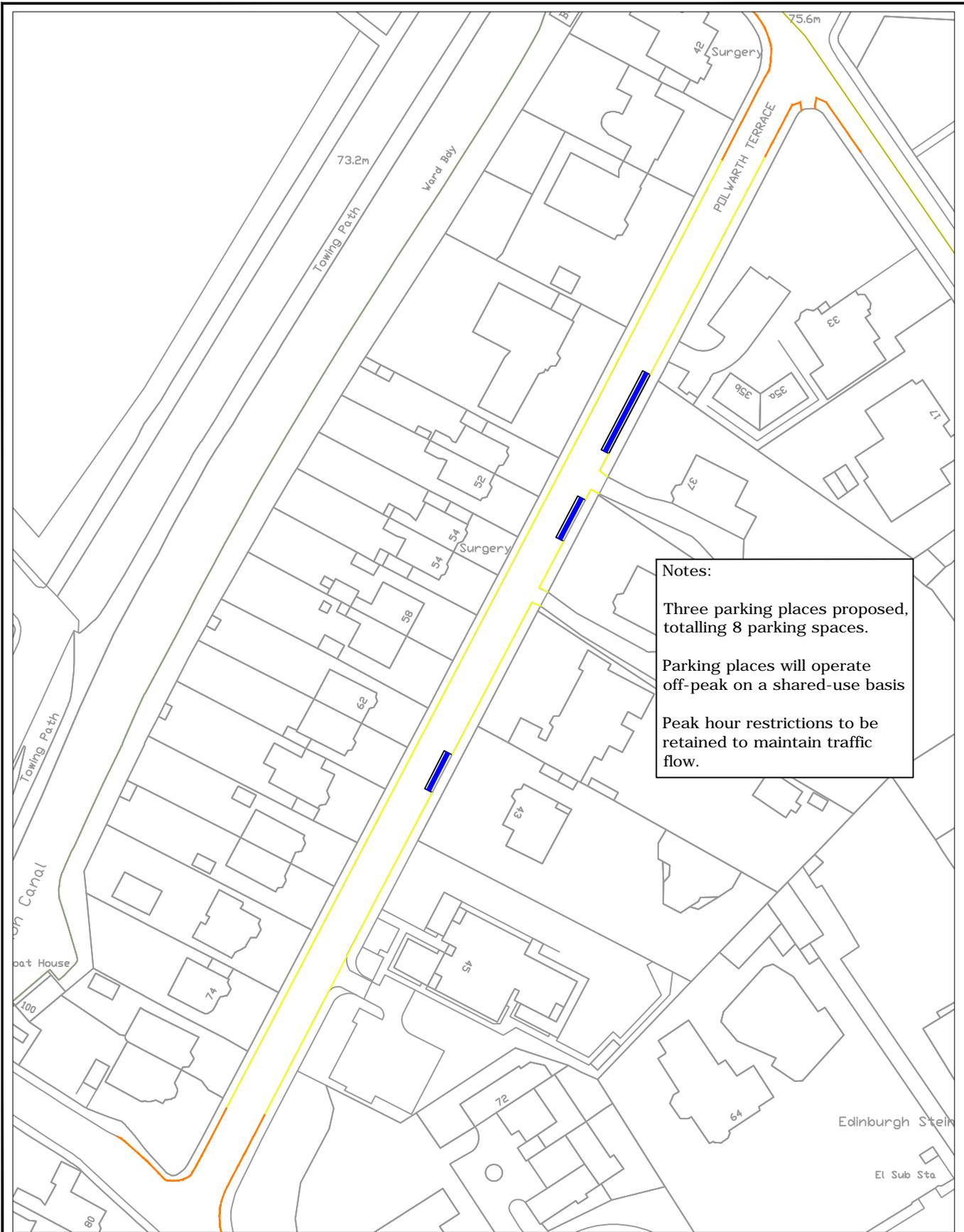
CP11 - An accessible connected city

Single Outcome Agreement

SO4 - Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric

Appendices

1 - Proposed Parking Layout



Notes:

Three parking places proposed, totalling 8 parking spaces.

Parking places will operate off-peak on a shared-use basis

Peak hour restrictions to be retained to maintain traffic flow.

- Key:
- Proposed off-peak Shared-Use parking places
 - Double Yellow Lines
 - Single Yellow Lines

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