

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP	Subject: TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE	
From: HEAD OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION		
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Partnership on the progress to date in implementing a traffic regulation order in Bellshill Town Centre.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following implementation of the alterations to the traffic flow in Bellshill Town Centre as part of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan Option 8 a number of on street parking bays were created. These bays require enforceable restrictions to stop inconsiderate parking.
- 2.2 The Council is currently carrying out the statutory process which will allow these restrictions to be put in place.

3. Procedure

- 3.1 To allow any restrictions to be implemented the Local Authority must follow the procedures set down in The Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.
- 3.2 An initial consultation was undertaken with several bodies to obtain an indication of how the proposals would impact on the community. The bodies included in this consultation were; The Freight Transport Association, The Road Haulage Association, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, The Scottish Ambulance Service, Strathclyde Police, Glasgow Cycle Touring District Association, The Royal Automobile Club, The Scottish Taxi Federation, Community Council, North Lanarkshire Disability Forum and local Councillors. The list of consultees has evolved over time and represents those organisations that represent a wide range of interests and are willing to reply to the consultations. This particular consultation was also issued to all residents and shop keepers within the effected area.
- 3.3 Responses to the initial consultation were received and considered with a reply being issued to all parties submitting comments. The purpose of this initial consultation enables the Council to ensure that it has taken into account the needs of all user groups prior to the formal consultation commencing.
- 3.4 As no further comments have been returned the Council is now proceeding with the preparation of the formal order which will be advertised in the local paper and all of the initial consultees will receive a formal notice of the proposals.
- 3.5 After the proposals have been advertised any interested party may write to the council with an objection to the proposals. If these objections cannot be resolved through further explanation or alterations to the proposals, the full background with objections will be reported to the Planning & Transportation Committee for a decision. In some instances a hearing under the charge of an independent reporter appointed by the Scottish Executive may be require.

- 3.6 Notice of a hearing is published in the local paper and letters are issued to all of the parties that have maintained their objections. All parties then have an opportunity to put their case to the independent reporter.
- 3.7 The report from the hearing is considered by the Planning & Transportation Committee and a decision on whether to proceed with the order is made. If the Committee decides to proceed with the order the Chief Constable and all of the objectors who maintained their objections are informed of the making of the order and a notice is published in the local paper. The order becomes effective only when the requisite signing/lining has been put in place.
- 3.8 The order must be complete within a 2 year period from the date of first publication to implementation otherwise it cannot be made and would require going through the full process again.

4. Timescales

- 4.1 The table below indicates the approximate timescales for each of the process above.

Stage	Time	Notes
Preparation of Proposals <u>Complete</u>	1 - 6 months	Dependant on the size of the proposals and information required such as surveys, counts, accident statistics, plans etc
Initial consultation - <u>Complete</u>	28 days	Response period
Consideration of comments amendments to proposals - <u>Complete</u>	1 – 6 months	Dependant on the response
Preparation of order/plans	1 – 2 months	Area team + Legal
Publication of order	21 days	Objection period
Consideration of objections	1 – 6 months	Dependant on objections
Committee report	7 -12 weeks	Dependant on committee cycle
Appointment of Reporter	3 months	
Notification of hearing to objector	14 days	
Notice of hearing	21 days	Newspaper publication dates may increase this time
Hearing	2 -3 day	
Preparation of report by the Reporter	6 months	Typically
Committee report	7 -12 weeks	Dependant on committee cycle
Advertise making of the order	14 days	Newspaper publication dates May increase this time
Installation of signs/lines	28 days	Variable on contractor workload


- 4.2 An order that requires no changes could be in place within 6 months. An order with objections which can be resolved with mitigating measures can take 9/12 months, however for an order that requires going through all of the above stages it could take 18/24 months.

5. Proposals on Hamilton Road.

- 5.1 The section of Hamilton Road between Bellshill Cross and Neilson Street has received most comments / complaints throughout the consultation to date. This is ultimately down to the number of requirements from the shopkeepers, public, etc within this short section of road.
- 5.2 A bus stop is located within this section of road and the proposals show this staying at its current location. There is limited scope for moving this due to on site physical restraints within the vicinity of the existing stop. Moving this well used bus stop any great distance would then increase the walking distance to or from the town centre.
- 5.3 To the south of the bus stop there is a short distance which is currently served by No Waiting at Any Time, No Loading 8.00am to 9.30am and 4.00pm to 6.00pm restrictions. These restrictions will remain in place to allow the lanes at the signalised junction to remain clear at peak times allowing the junction to function properly.
- 5.4 The remaining section of this stretch of road which is on the north side of the bus stop a parking bay has been created. In an attempt to meet the shopkeeper's requests the bay will allow short term parking and loading through the day during the hours of 9.30 am and 4.00pm. Also between the hours of 7.30am to 9.30am and 4.00pm to 6.00pm loading only will be permitted. This is aimed at allowing the public to stop short term to use the shops and also allow the shops designated loading facilities.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Committee is asked to note;
 - a) The ongoing progress for the implementation of the new restrictions within Bellshill Town Centre.
 - b) Further updates on the progress of the traffic regulation order will be included within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan Update.



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