

The Highland Council
Skye, Ross and Cromarty Area Committee
28 October 2013

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| Agenda Item | 11 |
| Report No | SRC 07/13 |

Proposed changes to Waiting Restrictions Fortrose

Report by Director of Transport, Environmental and Community Services

Summary

This report invites Members to approve the proposed changes to waiting restrictions on the High Street, Fortrose and the re-instatement of waiting restrictions on St. Andrews Walk, Fortrose. There are 2 unresolved objections to this proposal.

1. Background

- 1.1 A package of measures has been prepared in consultation with the Community Council which are designed to reduce traffic speeds in Fortrose, and reduce the impact of increased traffic movements generated by the new development on Ness Road.
- 1.2 Part of this proposal is to make changes to the existing waiting restrictions on the High Street, Fortrose and introduce areas of on-street parking. The existing waiting restrictions on St. Andrews Walk, Fortrose will also be re-instated.
- 1.3 A draft Road Traffic Order entitled "The Highland Council (Various Streets, Fortrose) (Waiting Restrictions and On Street Parking Places) Order 2013" has been prepared. A copy of this is contained in **Appendix 1A**.
- 1.4 Drawings no. RC/FTC/13/001 and RC/FTC/13/002 will accompany the Order and illustrate the lengths of road to be included in the waiting restrictions. A copy of these is contained in **Appendix 1B**.
- 1.5 A copy of the existing order, entitled The Highland Council (Fortrose and Rosemarkie) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 1996, is contained in **Appendix 2**. All provisions that relate to the High Street, Fortrose will be revoked as part of the proposed Order.

2. Statement of Reasons

- 2.1 In order to formalise and accommodate parking on the High Street, to improve access to local shops during the day. The existing waiting restrictions on St. Andrews Walk will also be re-instated to allow for enforcement.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 Plans illustrating the proposed waiting restrictions were sent to Ward Members for comment.
- 3.2 The Emergency Services, Community Council, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association, bus companies, and businesses located on the High Street were consulted. During this initial consultation there were two representations requesting that the maximum waiting time in areas of on-street parking be reduced. In line with these comments the maximum waiting time was reduced from 2 hours to 20 minutes. All consultees were informed of this change. There were no objections to the scheme from these bodies.
- 3.3 The proposal was then advertised in the local press and letters were sent to all households located on the lengths of the High Street included in the proposed Order.

4. Objection to the draft Road Traffic Order

- 4.1 Two objections to the draft RTO have been received.
- 4.2 Under the Council's Scheme of Delegation, the power to make this permanent Road Traffic Order is delegated to the Skye, Ross and Cromarty Area Committee where there are unresolved objections.
- 4.3 The Committee has two options:
1. Approve the proposed change to waiting restrictions on the High Street, Fortrose as advertised and instruct its implementation.
 2. Accept the objections are valid and instruct the Draft order be withdrawn and redrafted

5. Objections – In Summary

- 5.1 The reasons given by objector one:
- As an owner of a business located on the High Street, he has not been adequately included in the consultation process.
 - The restrictions that are proposed will impede deliveries being made to his shop.
 - The restrictions that are proposed will mean that parking on the High Street will be reduced and potential customers will have to walk further to access the shop. This puts his business at a disadvantage when compared to similar businesses located in neighbouring villages.
- 5.2 The reason given by objector two:
- The current waiting restrictions in place on the High Street work well and do not need to be changed.
- 5.3 All correspondence in relation to this is contained in **Appendix 3**.

6. Response – In Summary

6.1 Response to objector one:-

- The formal consultation process that had been undertaken to date was explained.
- It was confirmed that the consultation process has been the same for all the businesses located on the High Street.
- It was confirmed that no physical restrictions are being proposed for the High Street and that vehicles making deliveries are exempt from the “No waiting at any time” and the “No waiting 8am-6pm” restrictions. The proposal should therefore not cause problems for deliveries to be made.
- By introducing areas of on-street parking, we are increasing the provision of parking available during the day and this will improve access to local businesses. The lengths of road covered by “No waiting 8am-6pm” can be used for parking throughout the evening.

6.2 Response to objector two:

- The existing waiting restrictions do not allow for parking on the High Street during the day and by introducing small areas of on-street parking we are improving access to the shops and businesses.
- The introduction of “No waiting at any time” near junctions and along the southeast side of the High Street is intended to improve road safety.

6.3 The two objectors are upholding their objections against the changes to waiting restrictions and have been informed that the proposal, including all correspondence, will be included in this report to the Skye, Ross and Cromarty Area Committee. All correspondence in relation to these objections is contained in **Appendix 3**.

7. Implications

7.1 There are no resource implications to the Council, as these proposals are being funded by developer contributions.

7.2 Formal parking and waiting restrictions require to be supported by a Road Traffic Order.

7.3 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7.4 There are no climate change implications arising from this report.

7.5 There are no risk implications arising from this report.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 Members are invited to approve the proposed changes to waiting restrictions in accordance with the draft road traffic order entitled "The Highland Council (Various Streets, Fortrose) (Waiting Restrictions and On Street Parking Places) Order 2013".

Designation: Director of Transport, Environmental and Community Services

Date: 15 October 2013

Author: Sarah Bryden/Hugh Logan

Background Papers:

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, FORTROSE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2013

The Highland Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended and in exercise of all other powers enabling them in that behalf and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act, hereby make the following Order:-

General

1. This Order may be cited as "The Highland Council (Various Streets, Fortrose) (Waiting Restrictions and On Street Parking Places) Order 2013" and shall come into effect on.....
2. (i) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament;

(ii) In Parts I and II of this Order the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them:
 - (a) "Council" means The Highland Council;
 - (b) "parking place" means an area on a road designated as a parking place by this part of this Order;
 - (c) "parking bay" means a space in a parking place which is provided for the leaving of a vehicle;
 - (d) "disabled person's vehicle" means a vehicle suitable for the carriage of a disabled person and lawfully displaying a disabled person's badge;
 - (e) "disabled person's badge" has the same meaning as in the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000;
3. All provisions contained in any order, enactment or others insofar as the same repeat or are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order and the true intent and meaning hereof shall cease to have effect and are hereby revoked.

In particular, the provisions of The Highland Council (Fortrose and Rosemarkie) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 1996 are revoked in so far as they relate to lengths of road specified in the Schedules hereto.

PART I
WAITING RESTRICTIONS

4. Subject to the exemptions set out in Article 5 of this Order, no person, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait:

- (a) at any time in any of the lengths of roads specified in Schedule 1 to this Order:
- (b) at any time between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm on any day on any of the lengths of road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

5. (a) Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall apply to a disabled person's vehicle provided that the vehicle is not causing an obstruction.

(b) Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall apply to any person who drives or causes or permits a vehicle to be driven or to wait on the lengths of the road specified in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 to this Order and only for as long as is necessary, provided that the vehicle is being used:-

(i) to enable a person or persons to be conveyed to or from any premises situated on or adjacent to the lengths of road referred to in those Schedules,

(ii) to enable goods or merchandise to be conveyed to or from any premises situated on or adjacent to the lengths of road referred to in those Schedules,

(iii) in connection with any building operation or demolition in or adjacent to the lengths of road referred to in those Schedules, the removal of any obstruction to traffic in said lengths of road, the maintenance or reconstruction of said lengths of road, or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or adjacent to those said lengths of road of any sewer, or of any main, pipe, or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus but only in circumstances where the vehicle cannot be conveniently so used for that purpose by using another road,

(iv) for the purpose of the fire brigade, police or ambulance services,

(v) in pursuance of the powers of a statutory undertaker or statutory powers or duties of a local authority.

PART II ON STREET PARKING

6. The lengths of road specified in Schedule 3 are designated parking places.

7. Between the hours of 8am and 6pm on any day, no person except on the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, shall cause or permit any vehicle except a disabled person's vehicle to wait for a period exceeding 20 minutes on any of the lengths of road specified in Schedule Three to this Order and no person who has removed a vehicle except a disabled person's vehicle from any of the lengths of road specified in Schedule Three of this Order shall return that vehicle to the same length of road from which that vehicle has been removed until a period of at least one hour has elapsed from the time of removal.

8. Marking on the Carriageway of the Parking Place and Parking Bays

The limits of each parking place and the limits of any parking bay in a parking place shall be indicated on the carriageway in such a manner as the Council may determine by lines, studs or other indications.

9. Manner of Standing in Parking Places

Every vehicle left in a parking place shall so stand-

(a) (i) if the parking place is not in a one-way street that the left or nearside of the vehicle is adjacent to the left-hand edge of the carriageway;

(ii) if the parking place is in a one-way street, that the left or near side of the vehicle is adjacent to the left-hand edge of the carriageway or that the right or off-side of the vehicle is adjacent to the right-hand edge of the carriageway; and

(iii) that the distance between the edge of the carriageway and the nearest wheel of the vehicle is not more than twelve inches; and

(b) that every part of the vehicle is within the limits of a parking bay.

10. Alteration of Position of Vehicles in parking Places

Where any vehicle is standing in the parking place in contravention of the provisions of the last preceding Article, a traffic warden may alter or cause to be altered the position of the vehicle in order that its position shall comply with these provisions.

11. Removal of Vehicle from Parking Places

Where a police constable in uniform or a traffic warden or any person duly authorised by the Council is of the opinion that any of the provisions of this Order have been contravened or not complied with, in respect of a vehicle or goods left in a parking place, he may remove the vehicle or goods or cause it, or them, to be removed from the parking place and where it, or they, are so removed, shall make such arrangements as may be reasonable necessary for the safe custody of the vehicle or goods. The owner of a vehicle or goods so removed may recover the vehicle or goods on application to the local authority and on payment of any expenses incurred by the Council in removing and storing the vehicle or goods.

12. Movement of Vehicles in a Parking Place in Emergencies

A police constable in uniform or a traffic warden or any person authorised by the Council may move or cause to be moved, in case of emergency, to any place he thinks fit, vehicles left in a parking place.

13. Power to Suspend the Parking Place

- (a) Any person duly authorised by the Council may suspend the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever he considers such suspension reasonably necessary-
- (i) for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety;
 - (ii) for the purpose of any building operation demolition or excavation adjacent to the parking place or the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the parking place or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or adjacent to the parking place of any sewer or of any main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus;
 - (iii) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place on any occasion of the removal of furniture from one office or dwelling house to another or the removal of furniture from such premises to a depository or to such premises from a depository;
 - (iv) on any occasion on which it is likely by reason of some special attraction that any street will be thronged or obstructed; or
 - (v) for the convenience of occupiers of premises adjacent to the parking place at times of weddings or funerals, or other special occasions.
- (b) On any suspension of the use of a parking bay in the parking place in accordance with the provisions of the last paragraph any person duly authorised by the Council may use suitable means to indicate that the use of the parking place is suspended.
- (c) A police constable in uniform may suspend for not longer than twenty-four hours the use of a parking place or any part thereof whenever he considers such suspension reasonably necessary for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic or promoting its safety.

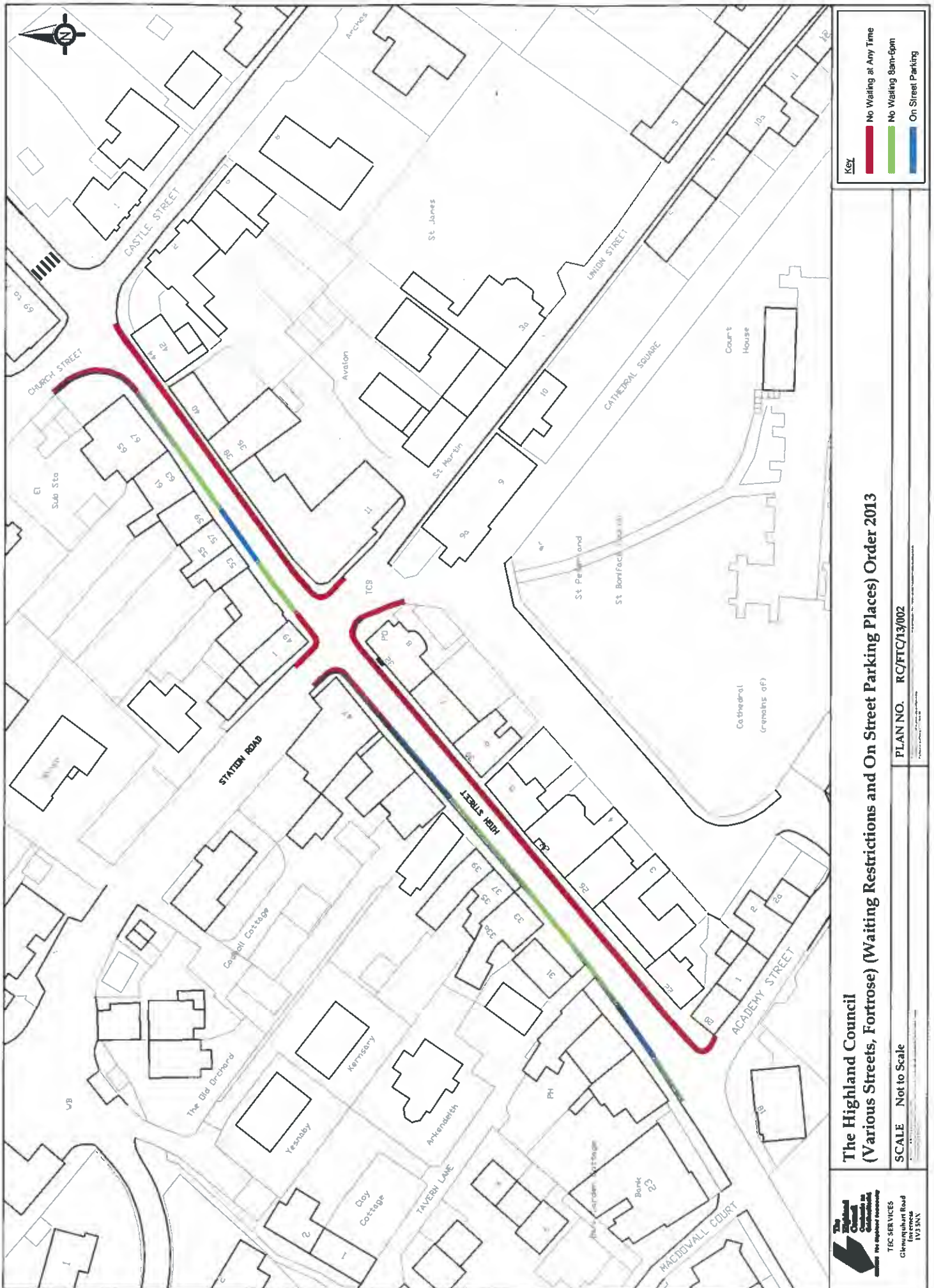
14. Use of Vehicle in Parking Place

- (a) No person shall, without the prior written permission of the Council, use a vehicle while it is in a parking place, in connection with the sale or distribution of any article to any person in or near the parking place or in connection with the sale or offering for hire of his skill or service or in connection with the sale or hire of the vehicle itself or in connection with the dissemination of information or for party political purposes, or for sleeping in between the hours of 8pm and 8am.
- (b) No person shall have an unlicensed vehicle in a parking place.
- (c) No person shall, while a vehicle is in a parking place, permit the carrying out of any work of maintenance or repair thereto except such repair as may be necessary to enable the vehicle to be moved from the parking place.
- (d) No person shall leave a broken down vehicle in a parking place.

Sealed with the Common Seal of The Highland Council and signed for them and on their behalf at ***** on *****

by

..... Proper Officer



Key

- No Waiting at Any Time
- No Waiting 8am-6pm
- On Street Parking

The Highland Council
(Various Streets, Fortrose) (Waiting Restrictions and On Street Parking Places) Order 2013

PLAN NO. RC/FTC/13/002

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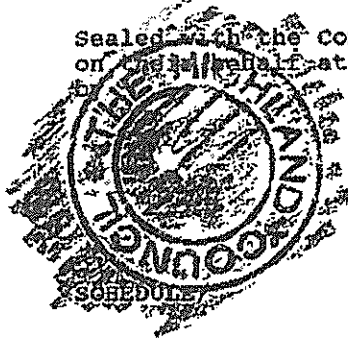
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THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL (FORTROSE AND ROSEMARKIE)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 1996

The Highland Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act, hereby make the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as "The Highland Council (Fortrose and Rosemarkie) (Waiting Restriction) Order, 1996" and shall come into operation on 30 May 1996.
2. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
3. Save as provided in Articles 4 and 5 of this Order, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform cause or permit any vehicle to wait between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm on any day of the week in any of the lengths of road specified in the schedule to this Order.
4. Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall prevent any person from causing or permitting a vehicle to wait in any of the lengths of road referred to therein for so long as may be necessary:-
 - a) to enable a person to board or alight from the vehicle, or
 - b) to enable goods to be loaded on to or unloaded from the vehicle, or
 - c) to enable the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in connection with any building operation or demolition, the removal of any obstruction to traffic, the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of any of the lengths of road so specified or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near to any of the said lengths of road of any sewer or main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telecommunications line or apparatus as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984 or for Fire Brigade, Police or Ambulance purposes or in the service of a local authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties.
5. Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall apply to any disabled persons vehicle which is not causing an obstruction and which displays in the relevant position a Disabled Persons Badge issued by a local authority in exercise of the powers contained in the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 and the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations 1982.
6. The Burgh of Fortrose (Various Street) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 1970 is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Common Seal of The Highland Council and signed for them and on their behalf at Inverness on 23 APR 1996



..... Proper Officer

SCHEDULE

NO WAITING 8AM - 6PM ON ANY DAY

FORTROSE

HIGH STREET (NORTHWEST SIDE)

From a point in line with the northeastern edge of Academy Street northeastwards to its junction with Church Street.

HIGH STREET (SOUTHEAST SIDE)

From its junction with Academy Street northeastwards to its junction with Castle Street.

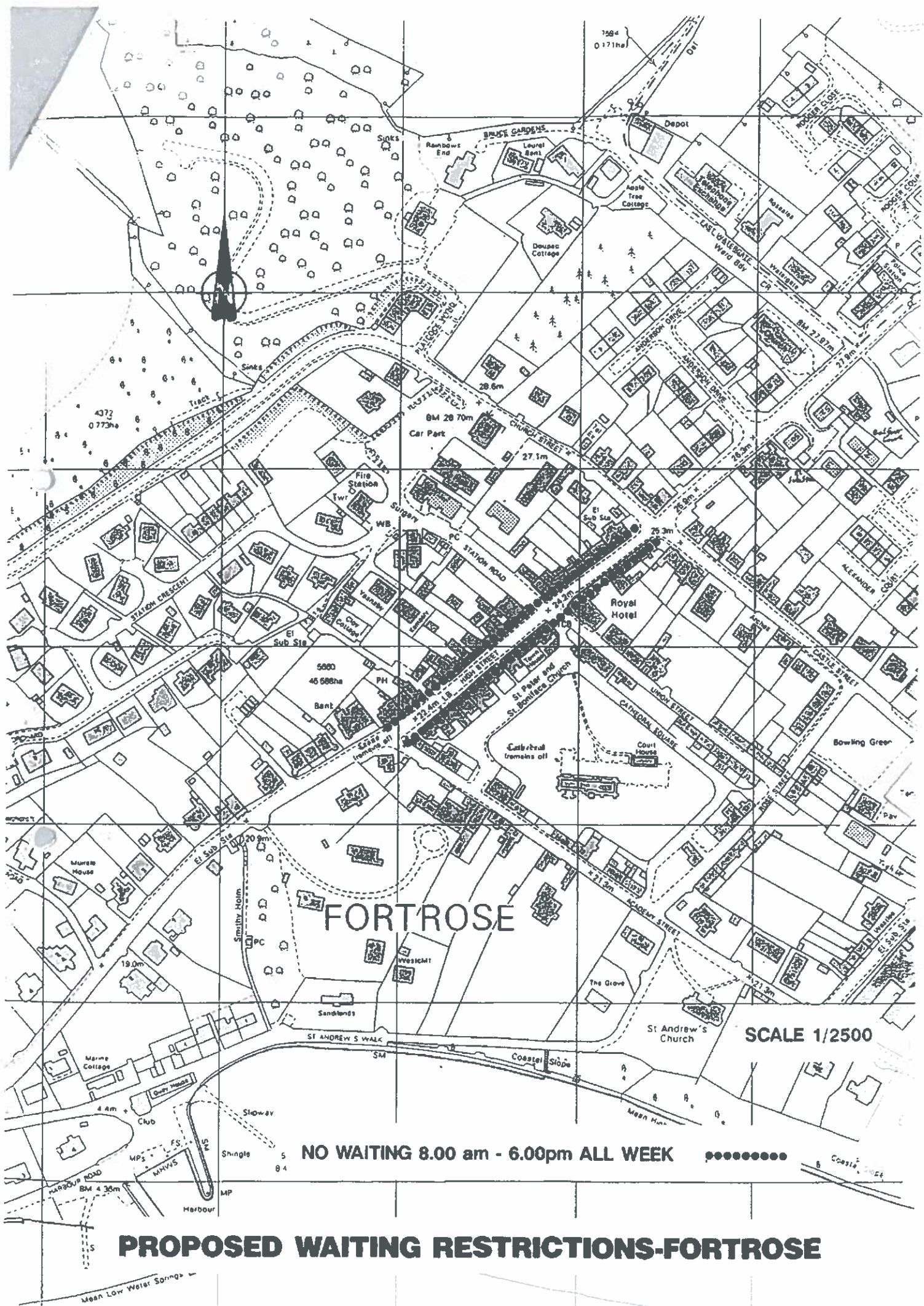
ROSEMARKIE

HIGH STREET (EAST SIDE)

From its junction with Hawkhill Road northwards to its junction with Mill Road.

HIGH STREET (WEST SIDE)

From a point in line with the northern edge of Hawkhill Road northwards to a point in line with the southern edge of Mill Road.



FORTROSE

SCALE 1/2500

NO WAITING 8.00 am - 6.00pm ALL WEEK ●●●●●●●●

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS-FORTROSE

REF RTO/FOLIOSE/2018

Dear Sir,

With respect to "no waiting at any time" :
 the current situation works really well and
 needs no changes.

With respect to "no waiting sometimes" :
 the current situation works really well and
 needs no changes.

ditto waiting limited.

Possibly you could put up a road sign halfway down
 St. Andrews Walk.

There are however two things you could usefully do :

Fill the holes along the length of Ness Road.

Put some road signs up at the new and dangerous
 Z Bend, 200 yards south east of the Academy down
 Academy Street / Green Gates.

Yours faithfully

Please ask for: Sarah Bryden
Direct Dial No: 01463 252938
Your ref:
Our Ref: RTO/Fortrose/2013
Date: 12th September 2013

**Proposed Road Traffic Order:
The Highland Council (Various Streets, Fortrose) (Waiting Restrictions and On-Street
Parking Places) Order 2013**

Thank you for your letter dated the 2nd September relating to the above proposed Traffic Order.

At the moment, the existing Traffic Order in place for the High Street does not permit vehicles to wait on the road between the hours of 8am and 6pm, on any day of the week. This is indicated through signage and a single yellow line marked on the road. There is no provision for parking on the High Street during the day. Our proposals are seeking to improve access to shops located on the High Street by including small areas of on-street parking.

The introduction of "No waiting at any time" near junctions and along the southeast side of the High Street is intended to improve road safety by providing better visibility for traffic leaving the side roads.

I understand that the existing waiting restrictions in place on the High Street may not be observed but it is proposed that patrols by traffic wardens will be increased in Fortrose and the waiting restrictions outlined in the Order would be enforced.

The inclusion of the waiting restrictions for St. Andrews Walk in a Traffic Order is to allow enforcement of the existing restrictions. The existing signage and road markings are sufficient and no additional signage will be required.

We are currently considering possible ways to improve safety at the sharp bend on Wester Greengates and your comments regarding the condition of Ness Road have been forwarded to the TEC Services Area Office.

I hope this email clarifies our intention with regard this proposal and that you will be able to reconsider your stance on this matter. If you are unable to withdraw your objection a report including your letter of objection, along with our response, will be submitted for the consideration of members at the next available Skye, Ross and Cromarty Area Committee.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Bryden

Technician- Road Safety

Transport, Environment and Community Services

Please ask for: Sarah Bryden
Direct Dial No: 01463 252938
Your ref:
Our Ref: RTO/Fortrose/2013
Date: 1st October 2013

**Proposed Road Traffic Order:
The Highland Council (Various Streets, Fortrose) (Waiting Restrictions and On-Street
Parking Places) Order 2013**

I refer to your letter dated the 2nd September relating to the above proposed Traffic Order.

It is hoped that our letter of response, dated the 12th September, addressed your comments and clarified the details of the scheme.

I would be grateful if you could confirm if you received this letter (please find a copy enclosed) and if your views on this matter have changed.

We would like to receive a response from you in order to clarify your stance. If we are unable to resolve your concerns, the proposed scheme along with all correspondence will be submitted to for the consideration of members at the next available Ross, Cromarty and Skye Area Committee.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Bryden

Technician- Road Safety
Transport, Environment and Community Services

Sarah Bryden

From: Hugh Logan
Sent: 27 September 2013 19:15
To:
Subject: RE: Proposed Road Traffic Order

Dear

Proposed Road Traffic Order:

The Highland Council (Various Streets, Fortrose) (Waiting Restrictions and On Street Parking Places) Order 2013

The consultation process has been the same for all the businesses located on the High Street. An initial consultation letter was sent on the 30th July 2013 and a second letter was sent on the 23rd August 2013 which outlined the proposed change to the waiting times in the parking bays. I have attached copies of these letters for your reference. All of these letters were sent to the business premises, addressed to the manager, and this is consistent with how we approach this stage of the consultation process. I do appreciate that as you live away from the Highlands this correspondence may have taken longer to reach you and I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused. I can assure you that neither myself or any member of my team have had any meetings with any business in Fortrose since the public meetings and our subsequent discussion which you have referred to.

With regard to the changes we are making, I can confirm that no physical restrictions are being proposed for the High Street, Fortrose. This Order will make changes to waiting restrictions on the High Street to allow for on-street parking. The only works associated with this change will be to put in place the appropriate signage and road markings.

A road narrowing, at the corner of High Street and Church Street, was one of the options presented as a traffic calming feature during the very early stages of discussion with the community but it has been decided that this will not be included in the final scheme. There are no proposed changes to road widths within the area covered by the parking order.

The change to waiting restrictions will not introduce loading restrictions and vehicles making deliveries will be exempt from "No waiting at any time" and "No waiting 8am-6pm". This standard exemption is the same as the existing Order and should not cause difficulties for vehicles making deliveries.

By introducing areas of on-street parking on the north west side of the High Street we are increasing the parking provision available during the day and this will improve access to local businesses. These areas of parking and the lengths of road covered by "No waiting 8am-6pm" can be used for parking throughout the evening as it is at present.

I hope this response addresses your concerns. However, I am happy to discuss this with you if there are still issues you think have not been addressed. Following these re-assurances, I hope you are able to withdraw your objection. However, as I previously mentioned, if you feel unable to withdraw your objection, the proposal along with all correspondence will be submitted for the consideration of members at the next available Ross, Cromarty & Skye Area Committee.

Yours Sincerely

Hugh F. Logan

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From:

Sent: 23 September 2013 10:27

To: Hugh Logan

Subject: Re: Proposed Road Traffic Order

Hugh,

Thank you for your reply. If consultees were informed, and I specifically asked to be consulted, why was I not kept abreast of this. I am also aware that meetings have taken place with neighbouring businesses. Why not me? Even though live abroad, I am the beneficial owner of my business and would have been prepared to travel to meet you if that were necessary. (Although with the use of Skype and similar products meeting with me should have been easy.

Notwithstanding this, my initial contention stands. The physical restrictions you are proposing will impede the 10 or so deliveries made to my business per week. These are made using large delivery lorries and each one currently restricts the road for approximately 20 mins. Munro's have fewer deliveries and these tend to be at hours when there is sparse road use. More concrete and narrower lanes will exacerbate this unless you have made specific provision for these delivery. Please tell me where these delivery lorries are proposed to park. Additionally, you will be aware of the predilection of the human race to avoid walking. Necessitating my customers to walk to my business, when my competition in Avoch are not being similarly disadvantaged is needlessly endangering one of the few longstanding successful businesses on this High Street.

Please send me detailed responses to my points made.

On 16 September 2013 17:10, Hugh Logan <Hugh.Logan@highland.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear

Proposed Road Traffic Order:

The Highland Council (Various Streets, Fortrose) (Waiting Restrictions and On Street Parking Places) Order 2013

Thank you for your email relating to the above proposed Order.

I have tried to contact you using the mobile number supplied but have been unable to get you. (You will probably find that there are a number of missed calls with undisclosed numbers).

The reason there has been no contact with you is that, for various reasons, the scheme has not really progressed much from when we last spoke. However, recently we re-started the formal consultation process and issued notices, which went out on the 30th July 2013, to the various statutory consultees and businesses located on the High Street informing them of the proposals and allowing them 14 days for representations to be made.

In response to the comments we received during this period, the maximum waiting time for on-street parking was reduced and the draft Order amended. The consultees and businesses were advised of this change and that a public notice advertising the proposed Order would be published in the Ross-Shire Journal on the 30th August 2013, with a 21 day objection period. If we are unable to resolve any objections we receive during this period, a report will be prepared and submitted to the Ross, Cromarty & Skye Area Committee.

I hope this clarifies the timescales and the statutory consultation process we are undertaking.

I would also like to take this opportunity to explain key aspects of the scheme which may help with your concerns.

At the moment, the existing Traffic Order in place for the High Street does not permit vehicles to wait on the road between the hours of 8am and 6pm, on any day of the week. Our proposals are seeking to improve access to shops located on the High Street by permitting small areas of on-street parking which will be designated for this use all day. Between the hours of 8am and 6pm waiting in these areas will be restricted to 20 minutes with no return within 1 hour.

The introduction of "No waiting at any time" near junctions and along the south east side of the High Street is intended to improve road safety by providing better visibility for traffic leaving the side roads.

A standard exemption to the “No waiting 8am-6pm” and the “No waiting at any time” will allow for a vehicle to be stationary for the purpose of loading or unloading of goods and this is reflected in Article 5 (b) of the proposed Order. This scheme should therefore not cause difficulties for deliveries to be made to the shops located on the High Street as it is the same as the existing Order.

I know there is little enforcement of the existing waiting restrictions in place on the High Street. However it is proposed that patrols by traffic wardens will be increased in Fortrose and the surrounding villages to ensure that the waiting restrictions outlined in this Order are enforced.

I hope this email clarifies our intention with regard to this proposal and that you will be able to reconsider your stance on this matter. However if you have any further queries on the proposals I will be happy to discuss them with you.

If for any reason you are unable to withdraw your objection a report including your email of objection, along with our response, will be submitted for the consideration of members at the next available Ross, Cromarty & Skye Area Committee.

Yours Sincerely,

Hugh F. Logan

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From:

Sent: 04 September 2013 14:29

To: Sarah Bryden; Steve Barron
Subject: Proposed Road Traffic Order

Sarah,

May I lodge my strongest objections to this Road Traffic Order> I am the owner of _____ which I lease off.

My principal objection is one of process. I attach a the text of an email to Hugh Logan from 18 months ago. As part of our discussions he undertook to keep me informed, involved in consultations ets. I am now aware that meetings have taken place with other commercial operators in the High St without my involvement. Is that democracy?

The business I own employs 16 people in this small village and your proposals threaten it.

May I request that this process be halted until I am given the right to have my views considered. I can still be contacted on _____, a number I gave Hugh Logan, but he has never used.

Hugh,

Many thanks for sight of your proposals for Fortrose High Street. It is not immediately clear from them in which direction you intend the traffic to run past my shop, nor where the traffic in the other direction will go, but let me make the following comments regarding the road directly adjacent to my shop:

The proposals seem like a sledge hammer to crack a nut. Adequate enforcement of the current arrangements would result in a free flow of traffic and save you the thousands of pounds that this scheme will require. Indeed the optimum arrangement would be for the no parking in High Street to be governed in terms of hours, allowing parking in the evenings and maybe on Sundays.

You should appreciate that, at this time, it is dangerous to fiddle with the dynamics that keep rural retail businesses viable. All businesses such as mine are in a precarious position caused by the twin pincers of competition from supermarkets, such as the co-op and the dreadful effects of this recession. It would not take much negative change to tip the scales and end up with an un-viable businesses, and this reduced customer parking may indeed be that tipping point. A high value must be placed oin the 10- 12 jobs that exist in the 3 businesses _____'s and _____'s as local employment on the Black Isle is a deeply scarce commodity. Should your scheme be culpable in hampering these businesses you must be prepared for legal challenge for consequential loss.

Can you advise me what traffic impact assessments have been carried out to allow you frame these plans. I am engaged with i-Transport a Guildford based specialist traffic consultancy on another project and would like to run past them any information that you can share on traffic flows. In particular I would be interested to hear what plans you have to accommodate the six 7.5 ton wagons per week that currently deliver to either ; or ' . From what I can see, your barriers will prevent them delivering and again will contribute to reduced or non viability of these businesses.

Can you enlighten me on how you will limit and police the use of the newly created parking bays to prevent them being used as long term parking for adjacent houses and others. Allowing this to happen would have a devastating effect on at least and I both of which would be completely isolated from their customers.

Despite not currently living in the area I would request that you keep me up to date with the progress of your ideas.

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