

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

**(OFF-STREET COASTAL PARKING PLACES) (ONE WAY) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2017
Variation Order No. 5**

TO 119/25

Statement of Reasons – Shore Road

It is proposed to introduce a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order TO – 117/25 as a follow on to the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order TO – 071/23 that was introduced to combat the very high levels of irresponsible camping that our coastal sites have been suffering from over the past few years. The coastal sites managed by the Countryside Ranger Service are not formal camp sites.

The Experimental Order banned Overnight Parking between the hours of 10pm to 6am however after feedback from the public it is proposed that the Overnight Parking ban shall be between the hours of 11pm and 4am which shall allow late evening walks and early risers such as dog walkers to visit during daylight hours.

There has also been an increase in the numbers of camper vans and motorhomes parking overnight at coastal car parks rather than at formal camping locations. The council operated car parks do not have the facilities to support camper vans and damage has been caused by the unlawful emptying of toilets. In addition, when parked in close proximity some do pose a fire risk to themselves and others due to the gas that they carry on board. To combat this Experimental Traffic Regulation Order TO – 071/23 also included 3 dedicated, first come first serve, safe spaced bays, for self-contained motorhome at Shore Road. Given the success of these bays catering for self-contained motorhomes it is proposed that these be made permanent, and although small, helping to provide some provision for the large number of motorhomes visiting the county.

Annual passes do not qualify for exemption and the introduction of this prohibition will deter the harmful activity and will be supported by targeted enforcement under delegated powers.