

THE EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS – NORTH BERWICK) (PROHIBITION & RESTRICTION ON WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING ETC), ORDER No: 4

Statement of Reasons

The Traffic Regulation Order introducing Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) in North Berwick is proposed to improve the management of parking and high demand in comparison with capacity.

Following a review of representations in connection with THE EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS – NORTH BERWICK) (PROHIBITION & RESTRICTION ON WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING ETC), VARIATION ORDER No: 2 this order looks to address as far as is reasonably practicable the following objections.

- The need for resident priority - The introduction of residents permits providing priority for residents.
- The need for resident visitor permits – The proposals include for the provision of resident visitor permits.
- Insufficient waiting time in the West parking zone – The proposals include extended maximum stay for areas within both the east and west zones.
- The displacement of parking - The proposals maintain the current number of parking places and look to encourage appropriate parking in car parks there by reducing potential parking displacement.
- The scheme needs to be self-financing – The proposals are self-financing with revenue going towards supporting additional on street enforcement.
- A reduction in on street parking spaces – The proposals maintain the existing number of on street parking places.
- The need to restrict motor caravan parking – The proposals introduce additional restrictions that apply to motor caravans.

In line with the East Lothian Council, Parking Strategy 2018 – 2024, the introduction of on street car park charging in North Berwick meets the following objectives and policies.

Objective 1 – to provide balanced and appropriate parking facilities that support the economic, environmental and accessibility requirements of towns in East Lothian.

Objective 2 – to maximise the efficient use of parking provision.

Parking Policy 5 – The council will assess the demand on town centre parking supply and appraise, where appropriate the introduction of charging for off street car parks and/or for on-street parking places. The introduction of restrictions and charging has the potential to boost the financial viability and community/business prosperity on an area by increasing turnover. All parking regimes would require annual monitoring.

The introduction of the CPZs will:

- Enable better management of the limited parking space available in the town.
- Provide convenience and improved parking opportunity for residents who are currently affected by high demand for parking spaces by enabling resident permit holders opportunity to park within any street with bays for the specified zone.
- Regulating the length of stay of vehicles parking in the town, providing easier access to, and helping to preserve, businesses, shops and facilities.
- Reduce inappropriate and indiscriminate parking so reducing inconvenience and congestion and improving road safety for all users.

The general effect of the order will be to:

- Introduce residents' permit parking areas on street, with each household able to apply for up to two charged parking permits for specified parking zones.
- Introduce combined parking areas on street which will allow for residents' permit parking and charged parking.
- Limit the maximum stay on street within parking bays
- Introduction of a residents visitor permit to allow visitors to stay in charged bays for longer than the maximum specified period.

Along with the proposed charges the Council will employ additional enforcement officers who will enforce over-stays, non-payment and parking infringements.

Full details of the proposals are set out in the draft Order which, together with the accompanying plans and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order, can be viewed at the following locations from Friday 23rd August 2024:

- Reception, John Muir House, Brewery Park, Haddington
- North Berwick Community Centre – Law Road
- North Berwick Library – School Road
- North Berwick Health Centre – St Baldred's Road
- Gullane Library – East Links Road
- Gullane Health Centre – Hamilton Road

The documents are also available to view online at www.tellmesotland.gov.uk and <https://tinyurl.com/EastLothianParking> and on the council's website at <https://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk/>

Comments in support of the proposals, or objections to the proposals (stating the grounds upon which they are made and the names and full address of the person making the objection), should be sent in writing quoting reference North Berwick On Street Order No.4 by Sunday 29th September 2024 to:

North Berwick Parking Management TRO, Asset and Regulatory Manager, Penston House, Macmerry EH33 1EX

or by email to:

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