

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – SINCLAIR STREET/WEST MONTROSE STREET,
HELENSBURGH**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 On 21st December 2017, the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered a report on the Traffic Management and Parking Review Update - Helensburgh Town Centre Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).
- 1.2 The report summarised the parking review process to date and the issues that were raised during the process.
- 1.3 Following the statutory and public consultations, a total of fifteen objections were received, eight of which were maintained. There were no objections submitted in relation to the proposed waiting restriction at the Sinclair Street/West Montrose Street junction.
- 1.4 The Committee considered a number of options and agreed that the proposal for a no waiting at any time restriction at the Sinclair Street/West Montrose Street junction is approved and implemented.
- 1.5 In January 2018, the consultation for a TRO was progressed and included the following proposals:-

The introduction of a no waiting at any time restriction at the following locations:-

- Sinclair Street at the junction with West Montrose Street
- Sinclair Street at the junction with Victoria Road
- Sinclair Street at the junction with East Munro Drive and MacLachlan Road.

- 1.6 Following the public advertisement of the proposal, a total of five objections were received. Officers have met with and sent correspondence to the objectors in an attempt to alleviate their concerns. Two objections were subsequently withdrawn; three were maintained.
- 1.7 This report details the TRO objections and proposed recommendation for members.
- 1.8 It is recommended that the Area Committee agree that the TRO is progressed to the final stage of the statutory process and that the order is made with the following modifications:-

- Reduction in the length of proposed waiting restriction on the north side of Maclachlan Road to allow additional parking at this location.

Note:

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Drawing T438 provides plan of proposal for West Montrose Street/Sinclair Street junction

Drawing T439 provides plan of proposal for Victoria Road/Sinclair Street junction

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 This report provides a summary of the progress of the draft TRO to implement no waiting at any time restrictions at various junctions on Sinclair Street, Helensburgh. The report also provides information on the maintained objections received following the public advertisement of the proposal.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee agree that the TRO is progressed to the final stage of the statutory process and that the order is made with the following modifications:-

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4.0 DETAIL

4.1 On 21st December 2017, the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered a report on the Traffic Management and Parking Review Update - Helensburgh Town Centre Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The Committee considered a number of options and agreed that the no waiting at any time restriction at the Sinclair Street/West Montrose Street junction is approved.

4.2 In January 2018, the consultation for a TRO was progressed and included the following proposals:-

The introduction of a no waiting at any time restriction at the following locations.

- Sinclair Street at the junction with West Montrose Street
- Sinclair Street at the junction with Victoria Road
- Sinclair Street at the junction with East Munro Drive and Maclachlan Road.

4.3 The background for these proposals is as follows:-

- **Sinclair Street at the Junction with West Montrose Street**

This location has been the subject of complaints with regards car parking and difficulties while trying to cross the roads at this junction. These complaints have been generated from the local residents, visitors and staff using the adjacent Victoria Hall, including the police and various local members over a number of years. The recent installation of traffic signals to support the new car park at Hermitage Park have shown that inconsiderate parking continues across the junction which restricts the operational traffic flows. These new lights included a pedestrian phase which supports and improves all round pedestrian safety at this busy junction. The irresponsible car parking also has an adverse impact on pedestrians.

- **Sinclair Street at the Junction with Victoria Road**

This location has been the subject of complaints re parking from the local residents many via the local members over a number of years. Although public parking was introduced within the new development at Victoria Crescent this has not completely satisfied the demand in this location.

- **Sinclair Street at the Junction with East Munro Drive and MacLachlan Road**

This location has been the subject of complaints re parking from the local residents many via the local members over a number of years. The primary reason for the increase in complaints has been the result of the existing corner shop being brought back into use and the increased use of Upper Helensburgh Station.

4.4 Following the public advertisement of the proposal, a total of five objections were received. Objectors were contacted in an attempt to alleviate their concerns and two objections were subsequently withdrawn; three were maintained. Two of the objections related to the proposal for Maclachlan Road/Sinclair Street junction and one related to the proposal for Victoria Road/Sinclair Street junction. There were not any objections received in relation to the proposed restrictions on the West Montrose Street/Sinclair Street junction. A summary of the objections are provided in the tables below:-

Junction of Sinclair Street/Maclachlan Road/East Munro Drive
<i>The yellow lines will be seriously detrimental to the small business relying on passing trade</i>
<i>Do not understand the need for the double yellow lines – why after 10 years of trade has this become an issue</i>
<i>Lines will not allow enough space for customers</i>
<i>This order will put the nippy sweetie out of business</i>

<i>There have been zero complaints to the police</i>
<i>People who use the Helensburgh Upper Railway Station park on Sinclair Street at the railway station, not on Maclachlan Road</i>
<i>There have been no accidents and there is no road safety issue</i>

Junction of Sinclair Street/Victoria Road
<i>The proposal will aggravate, not ease the Prince Albert Terrace residents parking problems</i>
<i>There have never been any parking problems at this specific location on Victoria Road “if it aint broke, don’t fix it”</i>
<i>The Councils decision to allow the change of use of a property has aggravated the parking situation – this worsened the parking situation</i>
<i>The Victoria Road residents parking situation will become worse</i>
<i>Wait and see if a parking problem arises from the new Hermitage Park and if so consider what can be done</i>

- 4.5 A petition was also received by Roads and Amenity Services in relation to the proposed restrictions on Maclachlan Road adjacent to the Nippy Sweetie. There were a total of 555 signatures on it.
- 4.6 In order to mitigate against the loss of parking on Maclachlan Road and to minimise the possible impact on the shop the ‘Nippy Sweetie’, it was proposed to reduce the overall extent of the waiting restriction on the north side of the road. This proposed amendment to the initial proposal was issued to the related objections; however, neither accepted this alternative option and their objections have been maintained. No amendment to the proposal for the Victoria Road/Sinclair Street junction has been proposed.
- 4.7 It is recommended that the Area Committee agree that the TRO is progressed to the final stage of the statutory process and that the order is made with the following modifications:-
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5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 This report provides detail of the objections to the draft order named the “Argyll and Bute Council (Sinclair Street, West Montrose Street, Victoria Road, East Munro

Drive/Maclachlan Road, Helensburgh) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 201_” and the recommended amendment that would allow the TRO to be made without further delay.

- 5.2 It is expected that the TRO will introduce improvement to the road safety of all road users.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	Parking Policy 2014
6.2	Financial	The implementation of the TRO will incur costs in relation to the installation of road markings. This is considered deliverable within existing budgets.
6.3	Legal	That the TRO be modified and implemented.
6.4	HR	None
6.5	Equalities/Fairer Scotland Duty	None
6.6	Risk	Safer roads for all users
6.7	Customer Services	None

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