

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, LUSS) (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 201_



STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

Following a parking review and public consultation exercise, Argyll and Bute Council proposes to introduce new parking restrictions in Luss. In line with the requirements of Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1984, the Council intend to preserve and improve the amenities of the area and improve road safety by providing new traffic management measures.

Due to the volume of traffic visiting Luss all year round, effective traffic management arrangements are required to be implemented to support local residents, the local economy by ensuring parking turnover, safeguarding access for blue badge holders, for deliveries and to maintain access for emergency services vehicles as well as ensuring road safety by managing inconsiderate and irresponsible parking.

The proposal comprises of a restricted parking zone within the core village that will prohibit waiting of all vehicles unless parked within a marked or signed bay or when displaying a permit. Permits will only be available to residents and business owners. The proposed changes are expected to benefit local residents and improve the opportunity to park near their property. Parking permits protect residents from some of the pressures of irresponsible and inconsiderate parking. Permit parking for businesses together with short stay parking bays supports the operation of businesses and helps the local economic activity.

The parking bays are time restricted to benefit the local economy by providing a turnover of parking. Visitors wishing to stay for longer periods will be able to park in the Council's off street car park situated nearby.

Restricted parking zones require a limited number of signs which tell motorists if they can or can-not park and during which times and are considered less intrusive than conventional yellow lines. Restricted parking zones are preferable in environmentally-sensitive areas and Luss falls into this category.

If implemented the impact of the changes would be monitored to ensure they are delivering the expected benefits.

Jim Smith
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