

West Edinburgh Link: Gogarloch and South Gyle Proposed Parking Restrictions

Project Name:	West Edinburgh Link
Event Name:	Corstorphine Community Council Meeting – Gogarloch and South Gyle Proposed Parking Restrictions
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Venue:	18 Kirk Loan, Edinburgh, EH12 7HD
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Event Q&A

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1	When were the previous project proposals presented and engagement events?	<p>Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the project proposals were communicated in a variety of formats, which are summarised below</p> <p>Stage 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drop-in events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Gyle Shopping Centre (21 March 2019 & 27 April 2019). o Gogarloch and Gyle Parks (23 March 2019). o South Gyle Crescent (25 April 2019). - Corstorphine Community Council Meeting (20 March 2019) - Social media posts were created using the Councils account. - Online survey over an 8-week period from 15/03/2019 to 10/05/2019. - Leaflets; Around 15,000 leaflets were distributed to nearby residents and during the drop-in events. - Consultation Summary report available on WEL website.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email notifications were issued to all stakeholders and those who have registered an interest in the project. 9 emails were received, including responses from organisations. <p>Stage 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drop-in events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Gogarloch and Gyle Parks (09 September 2019). - Leaflets; Around 15,500 leaflets were distributed to nearby residents and during the drop-in events. - Social media posts were created using the Councils account. - Online survey over a 4-week period from 02/09/2019 to 30/09/2019. The Gogarloch and Gyle Parks survey involved questions 17a to 17e focusing on possible parking restrictions. - Email notifications were issued to all stakeholders and those who have registered an interest in the project.
2	<p>How will proposed parking restriction be enforced? It seems unlikely that traffic wardens will commit to coming out to the area for a small time period (11am-1pm).</p>	<p>Enforcement would be undertaken by the Council's traffic enforcement officers, who would operate within the proposed zone during the times of operation. The officers will check the vehicles contain a valid permit, which is displayed in the windscreen.</p> <p>The Council can confirm that any proposed parking restrictions can and will be enforced.</p>
3	<p>What are the timescales for the preferred TRO process? Concerns over this period may be too short for any public comments on final proposals.</p> <p>Can the Council consider alternative phasing for the TRO of Gogarloch/South Gyle parking proposals vs the overall WEL project?</p>	<p>It is intentioned that the TRO process for the wider WEL project will begin in March 2020. This will commence with statutory consultations followed by public consultations in April 2020. The duration of the public consultation will be in line with government legislation, which is 21 days.</p> <p>Phasing for the TROs of Gogarloch/South Gyle parking proposals is currently under discussion with the project team.</p>
4	<p>Option 1: Residents Priority Parking Area</p> <p>Several comments/queries relating to pricing of Residential Parking Permits for Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could parking permits be issued for free? - Could visitor parking permits be issued for free? - Can prices be made cheaper? - Why are the second vehicles more expensive? - What is the process/system for applying for a permit? 	<p>Costs of a residential parking permit are related to the ongoing enforcement of the parking restrictions and maintenance of the associated signs and road markings. These costs are required, and the system operates at cost neutral to the Council.</p> <p>Permits can be applied for online and information can be found on The Council's website here: https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parking-permits.</p>

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		<p>The Council introduced a surcharge on second permits as a means of encouraging vehicle owners to consider their need to own/run more than one vehicle. Under the current arrangements second permits cost an additional 25% over and above the cost of a first permit.</p>
5	<p>Option 2: Parking Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How would Option 2 (Parking Restrictions encompassing single and double yellow lines) work for residents and visitors during times of operation? - How would they cater for residents working irregular working hours or not working? - Would they then have to move their car during operation? - What happens if a resident goes on a holiday without the vehicle during the proposed hours of operation? 	<p>All on-street parking in the area will be restricted between the designated hours – this includes all residents and vehicles. There would be no exceptions for individual residents needs.</p> <p>Loading (including tradesmen) may still take place on single yellow lines for up to 30 minutes. Exemptions can be made for longer time periods with special permits.</p>
6	<p>Existing Residents Parking Bays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do the parking restrictions work in relation to existing private parking spaces? - Are there any measures which can be taken to stop cars parking in privately owned spaces? - Can the Council pay for measures to protect/control access to private parking bays? - Are the current residential bays within the estates legally classified as residents or visitors bays, and who owns and is responsible for these? 	<p>We are currently investigating the ownership and operation of the existing residents bays in the Gogarloch and South Gyle estates.</p>
7	<p>Can the proposed times of operation be changed and made more robust?</p>	<p>Yes, the proposal of 11am-1pm draft for consultation based on example times elsewhere in the city. This can be altered to better suit the needs of local residents for both options.</p>
8	<p>What are businesses doing to address displaced commuter parking?</p>	<p>The Council are currently engaging with numerous businesses in the Gyle and Edinburgh Park area regarding alternative working arrangements (such as flexible working) and promote sustainable travel options (including active travel). The Scottish Government is also looking at a work place parking levy, which is currently under consideration by the Scottish Government.</p>
9	<p>With the removal of 174 parking spaces on South Gyle Crescent, where are they now going to park?</p>	<p>It is envisaged that the delivery of a segregated cycleway and improvement to locals paths will encourage more people to take up active travel options as the</p>

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	<p>How will the current parking restriction proposals stop parking displacement to other areas? There are general concerns over displacement into the West Broom estate.</p>	<p>primary mode of transport for commuting and leisure journeys. This could aid in reducing the amount of parking currently experienced on South Gyle Crescent.</p> <p>Displaced parking will usually migrate to the next, nearest or most convenient area of unrestricted parking. This may well be Broomhall but could also depend on the individual circumstances of those who currently park on South Gyle Crescent, for example where are they coming from, where do they go afterwards and why do they park on South Gyle Crescent. Those circumstances will determine where/if displacement occurs, or whether people find another way of travelling.</p> <p>The immediate surrounding residential areas, such as Broomhouse, Saughton and Corstorphine are already identified for potential phased introduction and monitoring of parking controls under the Council's Citywide Parking Review.</p>
10	<p>Can additional disabled parking bays be included and what are the requirements to qualify for one?</p>	<p>Yes, additional disabled bays can be included within both options.</p> <p>Please highlight any requests or suggestions for additional bays within the area for the project team to consider.</p>
11	<p>How do vehicles that are not registered to a resident qualify for a resident parking permit (e.g. a company car) in Option 1?</p>	<p>There are provisions within the Traffic Order governing permit schemes that allow for the company providing the vehicle to provide proof to the Council that the qualifying resident is the main or sole user of the vehicle, thereby allowing a company vehicle, or leased vehicle etc, to be issued with a permit, providing that the vehicle meets the requirements of the Traffic Order.</p>
12	<p>Are there any proposals for increasing the parking capacity at Inglis ton and Hermiston park and rides to help address parking displacement? Or a new park and ride facility in the Gyle/Edinburgh Park area?</p>	<p>A study is required to investigate options for funding the expansion, expansion choices and associated costs for increasing the parking capacity at Ingliston and Hermiston park and rides. The Council favours this idea; however no funding/resource has currently been allocated at this time.</p>
13	<p>What happens if there are more than 2 vehicles at a single property in relation to Option 1 (Residents Priority Parking Area and permit)?</p>	<p>Only two vehicles in any household are eligible to be issued with a resident permit. Additional vehicles in a household will not be issued with resident permits and could not be left in a permit parking place during the hours of control.</p>

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	<p>Current CEC permit guidelines only allows for a maximum of 2 permits per household? In addition, if some of these vehicles are related to a business (i.e. trade work), how will this work?</p>	<p>The resident permit allocation would not apply to other permit types, which would make it possible for a household to have two resident permits and for a trades, retailer or business permit holder (who may also be a resident permit holder) to have a different permit type for another (or possible the same) vehicle. Whether that vehicle would be eligible to be left in a parking place within the zone or area in which the permit holder resides would depend on the type of permit and the zone or area, if applicable, for which the permit had been issued.</p> <p>In addition, please note that the Council will not issue a resident permit to any vehicle over 2.5m in height, which may have a bearing on the questions about trades and business vehicles.</p>
14	<p>How would Trade Permits work in if they require to park in the area all day? Current CEC permit guidelines have a maximum stay of 3 hours.</p>	<p>Exemptions can be made for longer time periods with special permits.</p>
15	<p>If changes are made, would CEC refresh all the road markings within the streets?</p>	<p>The project team will consider this as part of the project proposals.</p>