

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee
DATE	10 January 2023
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Notice of Motion by Councillor Greig - Queens Lane South
REPORT NUMBER	RES/23/007
DIRECTOR	Steve Whyte
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	7

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the outcome of the letter drop, undertaken to residents in the local area in relation to the Aberdeen City Council (Queens Lane South, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2021, detailing the results of any representations received and actions to be taken.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 note the result of the consultation; and
- 2.2 agree to retain the current lengths of waiting restrictions on Queen's Lane South.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The Aberdeen City Council (Rubislaw Area, Aberdeen) (Zone X) (On-street parking places and waiting restrictions) Order 2010 introduced timed waiting restrictions at Queens Lane South between St Swithin Street to the west and Forest Avenue to the east, 9.00am and 5.00pm on any day except Saturdays and Sundays to assist access and egress to residential properties.

Following the above order being made, in September 2019, one of the local Councillors requested changes to be made and "at any time" waiting restrictions be introduced at Queens Lane South between St Swithin Street and Forest Avenue.

- 3.2 Following this request, Officers carried out an assessment of the area and recommended that "at any time" waiting restriction be introduced after considering the benefit these restrictions would bring to the area.

- 3.3 After carrying out the initial, statutory and public consultation, the lines were installed on the carriageway by the council's Roads Operations Team in June 2021.
- 3.4 Shortly after the installation of the restrictions, some residents contacted Councillor Greig explaining the inconvenience the new restriction has brought on them and the need for it to be revoked. As a result of their complaint and an informal consultation carried out in the neighbourhood presented to Councillor Greig from a resident, Councillor Greig moved a motion to revoke the Aberdeen City Council (Queens Lane South, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2021.
- 3.5 A report (OPE/22/075) relating to Councillor Greig's motion to revoke Aberdeen City Council (Queens Lane South, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2021 was presented to the Operational Delivery Committee on June 9, 2022. Officers recommended the current lengths of waiting restrictions on Queens Lane South is retained. During the meeting, it was decided that Officers carry out a letter drop to residents in the local area and to report back to the Committee with a report on the results of any representations received and actions to be taken.
- 3.6 Following this request, Officers carried out a letter drop to residents of Queen's Lane South and Gladstone Place. The letter outlined the reason the current restriction was introduced and the complaint that ensued after they were laid. Officers explained the need to get everyone's view, hence the need for the letter drop. Officers then requested their opinion giving them three options (see a copy of the letter sent in Appendix 1). Below are the various options Officers presented to the residents.

Option one:	Do nothing on Queen's Lane South
Option two:	Revert to the previous restriction
Option three:	Alternative suggestion

Letters were posted on November 1 and residents were given 21 days to respond with their preferred option and any comments they may have. Letters were sent to 42 properties but only 13 responses were received. 8 of the responders opted for option one, which is to do nothing on Queen's Lane South while the other 4 responders want us to revert to the previous arrangement on Queen's Lane South and 1 responder preferred option 3.

- 3.7 The current restriction on Queen's Lane South encourages unhindered access to properties, clear visibility for drivers and pedestrians, access to footway etc. Hence, Officers recommend that this restriction is retained for its benefits whilst honouring the result of the consultation carried out in the area

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk		No significant risks identified		
Compliance		No significant risks identified		
Operational		No significant risks identified		
Financial		No significant risks identified		
Reputational	Might be criticised for inconsistency and double spending	To avert this risk, Officers propose the current restriction is retained	L	Yes
Environment / Climate		No significant risks identified		

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2023</u>	
	Impact of Report
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement <u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u>	The proposals in this report have no impact on the Council Delivery Plan
<u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-26</u>	
The proposals in this report have no impact on the Local Outcome Improvement Plan	

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment not required
Other	There are no additional impact assessments needed for this report.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Operational Delivery Committee, 9 June 2022, OPE/22/075
Notice of Motion by Councillor Greig to seek a decision on revoking the Aberdeen City Council (Queens Lane South, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2021
https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s132217/OPE_22_075%20NOM%20Cllr%20Greig.pdf
- 10.2 Minute of Meeting of the Operational Delivery Committee
<https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/g8009/Printed%20minutes%2009th-Jun-2022%2014.00%20Operational%20Delivery%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 APPENDIX 1 – Letter issued to residents
- 11.2 APPENDIX 2 – Summary of residents' response

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11.1 APPENDIX 1 – Letter issued to residents



Your Ref:
Our Ref: QLS/TO
Contact: Tolu Clowolenu
Location: 2nd Floor, West

Owner/Occupier
Queen's Lane South/Gladstone Place
Aberdeen

Dear Sir/Madam,

Prohibition of waiting restriction (at any time) on Queen's Lane South (section between Forest Avenue and St Swithin Street).

You have received this letter as Aberdeen City Council have instructed that a letter drop off be undertaken to residents in the local area in relation to the Aberdeen City Council (Queens Lane South, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2021. The full report and minutes of the request can be found on the Council's website at the following link <https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=134508&ISATT=1#search=%229%20June%202022%22> (ODC 9th June 2022)

The Aberdeen City Council (Queens Lane South, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2021 refers to the double yellow lines on Queen's Lane South, over its length between Forest Avenue and St. Swithin Street. These were installed in June 2021.

Prior to the laying of these yellow lines, certain lengths of at any time waiting restriction applied on Queen's Lane South; both sides from its eastern junction with Forest Avenue, eastwards for a length of 10 metres and both side from its junction with St Swithin Street, westward for a distance of 35 metres. The remainder of its length was protected by single yellow lines with varying restriction time. A restriction time of 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday applied to most of the northern section while a restriction time of 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday applied to the southern section.

The measures were initially proposed as Aberdeen City Council received complaints that drivers, particularly parents of students of Albyn School and St Joseph Primary School indiscriminately park on the lane blocking accesses and

garages. It was reported that residents were not able to turn into their properties when vehicles are parked within the proximity of their access. Queen's Lane South has a width of 4 metres and a very narrow footway which is 1 metre wide. During a site visit, it was observed that drivers who park on this street do so by parking on the pavement to give room to passing vehicles. This manner of parking causes obstruction for pedestrians, forcing them to use the carriageway.

Based on the above, officers undertook the statutory process for consulting on and implementing the traffic regulation order for Queen's Lane South.

After the implementation of these restrictions, complaints were received about the inconvenience the new restriction has brought upon residents.

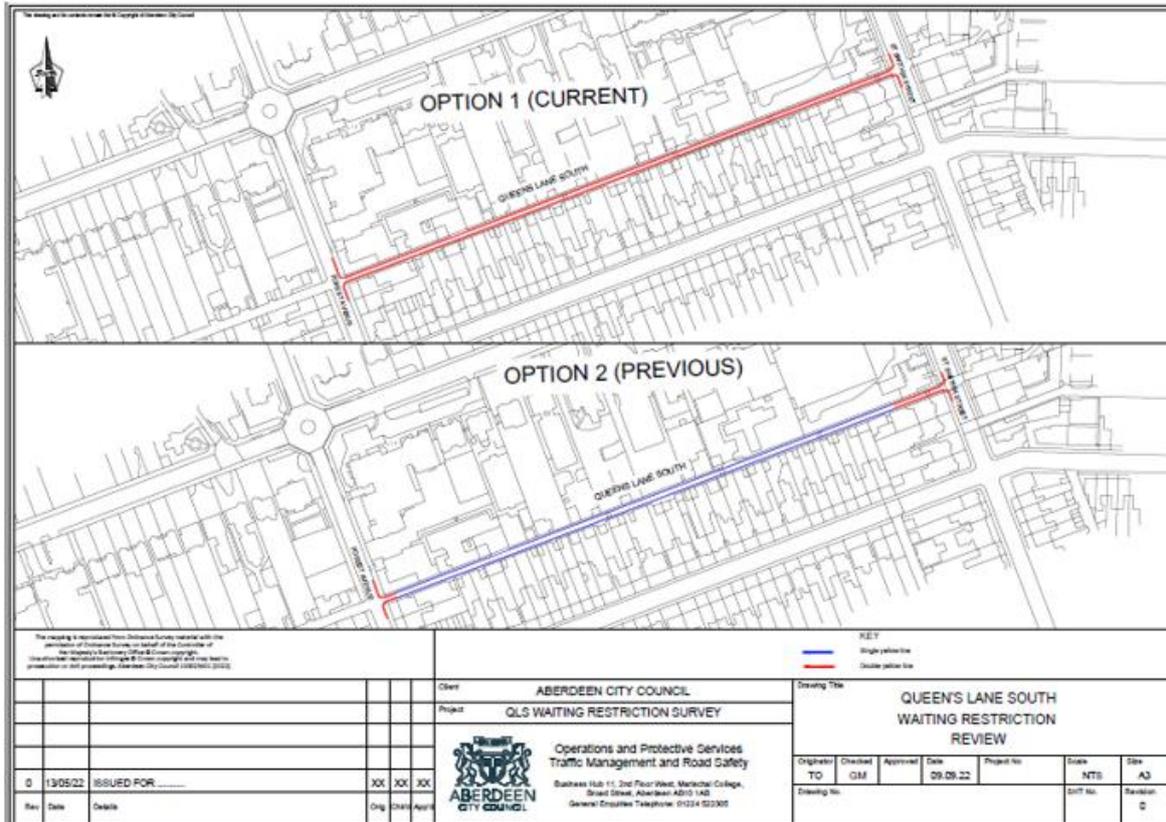
Officers want to determine the overall opinion of residents in the affected section of Queen's Lane South. We are now requesting your view/preference relating to this matter. We have provided three options we believe might represent your view. Kindly find the various options below and send us your response by November 21, 2022 to the email address below indicating your preferred option and any comment.

- Option one:** Do nothing on Queen's Lane South
- Option two:** Revert to the previous restriction
- Option three:** Alternative suggestion. Please provide details of your alternative proposal.

(plan for various options attached)

Yours Sincerely,

Tolu Olowoleru
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11.2 APPENDIX 2 – Summary of residents’ response

During the consultation period, residents were given the opportunity to comment on the situation at Queen’s Lane South. Below is the summary of the comment received from residents.

Residents who want the current arrangement at Queen’s Lane South retained explained that they prefer the current restriction as it has brought about improvement to how they access their property. However, they highlighted the need for city wardens to patrol the area particularly during school rush hours as some drivers still contravene this restriction particularly parents’ picking or dropping off their kids. Some residents described the current restriction as godsent and some strongly oppose its removal.

Residents who preferred the restriction on Queens Lane South is reverted suggested that single yellow line during the week with time restriction provides control during the busier weekdays and if enforced controls parent’s pickup from the local schools. Other residents stated that the double yellow lines haven’t changed things as cars still park in the lane. A resident mentioned their inability to charge their hybrid electric car off Queen’s Lane South where their garage is facing. They also complained about not being able to wash their car on Queen’s Lane South as they fear may get a parking ticket. It was also mentioned that the presence of cars and people in a residential area like Queen’s Lane South provides a watchful environment.

A resident believes option 3 is best for the area, they suggest the northside section from property number 5 Queen's Lane South eastward, remains the same.