

## **Imrie Place, Penicuik - Proposed Double Yellow Line Waiting Restriction**

**Report by Derek Oliver, Chief Officer Place**

### **Report for Decision**

#### **1. Recommendations**

It is recommended that Cabinet;

- 1.1 Note the safety considerations requiring the introduction of measures to improve access and safety concerns at Imrie Place, Penicuik; and
- 1.2 Note that an objection was received regarding the proposed double yellow line waiting restriction and that officers have considered this objection but consider that this scheme should be implemented as advertised, to
- 1.3 Approve the proposal (R5.3.108) and implement a 23 metres long section of Double Yellow Line (all day) waiting restrictions along one side of Imrie Place in Penicuik, as advertised on 14 March,2024.

#### **2 Executive Summary**

- 2.1 Vehicles parked on a section of Imrie Place in Penicuik, on a length of road where visibility in both directions is impeded by the intruding building of the Lidl store, create safety and access hazards.
- 2.2 On 14 March 2024 a proposal was advertised to apply a 23 metres length of Double Yellow Line waiting restriction on one side of Imrie Place (Appendix A).
- 2.3 This proposal attracted a single Objection (Appendix B). Repeated attempts to contact the objector to discuss their concerns have failed.
- 2.4 Officers consider that this proposal should be implemented as advertised.

**Date: 08 August 2024**

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### **3 Background**

- 3.1 Vehicles parked on Imrie Place in Penicuik, on a length of this cul-de-sac where visibility in both directions is impeded by the intruding bulk of the Lidl store, create a safety hazard.
- 3.2 In addition, vehicular access to Penicuik Health Centre is by way of Imrie Place. Complaints have been received from the Health Centre that vehicles needing access for the collection of medical waste and other materials are on occasion impeded.
- 3.3 Complaints have also been received from the waste collection service that their vehicles are sometimes not able reach the end of the cul-de-sac to reach all residents' bins.
- 3.4 Following advertisement of the Council's intention to apply a section of DYL restriction at the critical section, and the receipt of a single Objection, repeated attempts were made to contact the objector. Because they had not provided a postal address or telephone number, this could be attempted only by e-mail. No replies, or confirmation of receipt, have been received.
- 3.5 Photographs showing the length of road concerned are attached in Appendix C.

### **4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)**

#### **Resource**

The cost of this scheme will be met from existing budgets.

#### **Digital**

Not applicable.

#### **Risk**

Not applicable.

### **5 Ensuring Equalities (if required a separate IIA must be completed)**

Not applicable .

### **6 Additional Report Implications**

#### **A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan**

In terms of the key priorities through the Single Midlothian Plan safety, children and sustainability feature highly.

#### **A.2 Key Drivers for Change**

Key drivers addressed in this report:  
None of the above

#### **A.3 Key Delivery Streams**

None of the above

#### **A.4 Delivering Best Value**

The project will deliver Best Value

#### **A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders**

This proposal is in response to requests from local residents for action to be taken and the proposal was subject to a legally required formal consultation process.

#### **A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes**

The proposal will make it easier for residents, visitors, delivery drivers, emergency services and council refuse vehicles amongst others to travel.

#### **A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach**

The proposal will make it easier for emergency service access.

#### **A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development**

The proposal will make it easier for residents to go about their daily business and access their properties with vehicles as necessary.

**Appendix A: R5.3.108: Location Plan**

Attached

## **Appendix B: Objection, Received 16 March 2024**

I would like to register my objections to proposal number R5.3.108 on the following grounds.

Imrie Place is a TOTALLY residential street, not partially as your document implies. As residents we are unfortunate to have the Doctors surgery at the end of the street - putting up with NON mobile staff using the street as a car park Monday-Friday.

Midlothian Council created the current parking nightmare when they provided consent for a 200 seater restaurant that has a 5 car parking area and despite residents objecting on various grounds, one of which was parking, Midlothian Council came back with - THERE IS NO PARKING ISSUES IN IMRIE PLACE OR KIRKHILL ROAD - and provided consent. No surprise there!

Now not only do the actual residents of the street have difficulty parking Mon-Fri 9-6 but we now have to suffer at the weekend as well when patrons of the restaurant arrive Mon-Fri from 6 onwards and take up the entire street at the weekend also.

Whilst I agree the corner narrows the road significantly especially when idiot drivers believe they can wrap their car around the corner, this situation again created by Midlothian Council when Lidl's was allowed to build without having planning consent in place and against initial planning guidance.

As you will see from the attached images double yellow lines around the corner will not prevent patrons of the restaurant, or anyone else for that matter, parking on the restricted area at night and at the weekend when no parking enforcement is around. All that you are doing is taking parking spaces away from residents.

What really needs to happen is to make Imrie Place residents permit parking only.

The image attached was taken on Sunday 10th March 2024.

Would be nice if someone in Midlothian Council actually listened to people rather than doing things to benefit themselves in some shape or form.

All the images contravene parking regulations from parking over double yellow lines along the side/front of the restaurant to infringing on disabled parking bays, over rights of way (the lane running from Imrie Place down the side of Lidl's) and on the pavement) with residents who are blue badge recipients being given abuse when these individuals are asked to move!

Regards

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**Appendix C: Photograph(s) of Imrie Place**



## **Appendix C – Additional Report Implications**

### **A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan**

#### **A.2 Key Drivers for Change**

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- Holistic Working
- Hub and Spoke
- Modern
- Sustainable
- Transformational
- Preventative
- Asset-based
- Continuous Improvement
- One size fits one
- None of the above

#### **A.3 Key Delivery Streams**

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

- One Council Working with you, for you
- Preventative and Sustainable
- Efficient and Modern
- Innovative and Ambitious
- None of the above

#### **A.4 Delivering Best Value**

The report does not directly impact on Delivering Best Value

#### **A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders**

The report does not directly relate to involving communities

#### **A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes**

The report does not directly impact on Midlothian Council's performance and outcomes

#### **A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach**

Not applicable

#### **A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development**

Not applicable

