

REPORT TO: Cabinet

MEETING DATE: 17 January 2023

BY: Executive Director for Place

SUBJECT: Prohibition of Overnight Parking at Coastal Car Parks

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval to start the statutory procedures necessary to introduce and amend Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders to prohibit overnight parking at coastal car parks.
- 1.2 To note if approved that the order is temporary and its benefits and impact will be monitored to ensure the approach is successful. We are also looking at providing some dedicated trial chargeable campervan parking that will provide capacity where required and appropriate.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the initiation of the statutory procedure necessary to introduce and amend Traffic Regulation Orders in accordance with The Local Authorities (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 and such introductions of locations and proposals listed in Appendix A .

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 East Lothian Council as Local Traffic Authority is responsible for the making or amending of Traffic Regulation Orders as necessary; to avert danger to road users; to aid free unrestricted movement on the road; to prevent inappropriate use of the road and/or adjoining property and to improve the amenity of the area.
- 3.2 Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic coastal car parks in East Lothian have seen a considerable increase in the numbers of vehicles parking overnight associated with visitors camping in and near beach areas and in the car parks.
- 3.3 This camping activity has caused damage to the biodiversity of this protected area by the lighting of fires and barbeques as well as generating litter, including human waste.

- 3.4 There has also been an increase in the numbers of camper vans and motorhomes parking overnight at coastal car parks rather than at formal camping locations. The council operated car parks do not have the facilities to support camper vans or motorhomes and damage has been caused by the unlawful emptying of chemical toilets. In addition, when parked in close proximity some do pose a fire risk to themselves and others due to the gas that they carry on board.
- 3.5 The introduction of this prohibition will deter the harmful activity and will be supported by targeted enforcement under delegated powers.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – All costs involved in connection with consultation, advertising, design and implementation associated with the making of these Orders can be accommodated within the Roads revenue budget.
- 6.2 Personnel - None
- 6.3 Other – None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

Appendix A – list of car parks

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Appendix A		
The Prohibition of Overnight Parking at Various Coastal Car Parks, Traffic Regulation Orders		
No.	Location	Description
1	Longniddry Bents No. 1	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
2	Longniddry Bents No. 2	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
3	Longniddry Bents No. 3	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
4	Gullane Bents	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
5	Yellowcraig	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
6	Tynninghame	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
7	Linkfield	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
8	Shore Road, Belhaven Bay	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily except for pre-booked, designated spaces
9	Shore Road hammerhead	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
10	Whitesands	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily except for pre-booked, designated spaces
11	Barns Ness	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
12	Aberlady Bay	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
13	Backsands / Fisherrow	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
14	Mountjoy	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
15	Levenhall	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
16	Morrison's Haven	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
17	Prestonpans	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
18	Pondhall	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
19	Skateraw	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily
20	Thornton Loch	Prohibit overnight parking from 2200 – 0600 daily

