

REPORT TO: Cabinet

MEETING DATE: 14 May 2024

BY: Executive Director for Place

SUBJECT: The East Lothian Council (Besieged, Yellowcraig)
(Exemption) Order 2024

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Cabinet is asked to approve the making of an Order under Section 11 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, to facilitate the holding of the Besieged 2024 mediaeval re-enactment, to be held at Yellowcraig, Dirleton, East Lothian.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the making of The East Lothian Council (Besieged, Yellowcraig) (Exemption) Order 2024.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Besieged 2024 mediaeval re-enactment is proposed to be held at Yellowcraig, Dirleton, East Lothian in September 2024.
- 3.2 This two-day event will commemorate the 1298 Siege of Dirleton Castle. Actors will be dressed in period costumes, demonstrating archery, sword fighting, crafts, songs and dance.
- 3.3 The event organiser, Mr Allen Muir, has applied to East Lothian Council for an Order under Section 11 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 to exempt areas of Yellowcraig overflow car park from the access rights which would otherwise be exercisable there.
- 3.4 **The East Lothian Council (Besieged, Yellowcraig) (Exemption) Order 2024:** The purpose of this Order is to enable the Besieged 2024 mediaeval re-enactment event to be held, with the land being exempted temporarily from access rights (1) in the interests of the safety and security of participants and the safety of the public during the event; and (2) to permit an entrance fee to be levied on spectators during the event.

- 3.5 It is proposed that this Order will take effect at 00.01 hours on Wednesday 4th September 2024 and will expire at 23.59 hours on Monday 9th September 2024.
- 3.6 Consultation on this proposed Order has taken place with East Lothian Local Access Forum. In addition, Gullane Area Community Council, NatureScot, Dirleton Village Association and Yellowcraig Caravan Park have also been advised. No concerns have been raised by these organisations regarding the exemption Order.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This Order is consistent with the provisions of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, and with policy and good practice set out in the Scottish Government Guidance for Local Authorities and National Park Authorities on Part 1 Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

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 - None
- 6.2 Personnel - None
- 6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

Appendix 1: Proposed Order to exempt land from access rights for the Besieged mediaeval re-enactment 2024: “The East Lothian Council (Besieged, Yellowcraig) (Exemption) Order 2024”.

Appendix 2: Map showing the area of land “The East Lothian Council (Besieged, Yellowcraig) (Exemption) Order 2024” will cover.

Appendix 3: Map showing a wider view of the location for the area of land “The East Lothian Council (Besieged, Yellowcraig) (Exemption) Order 2024” will cover.

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Appendix 1: Proposed Order to exempt land from access rights for the 2024 Mediaeval Re-enactment event.

EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

**THE EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL (BESIEGED, YELLOWCRAIG) (EXEMPTION)
ORDER 2024**

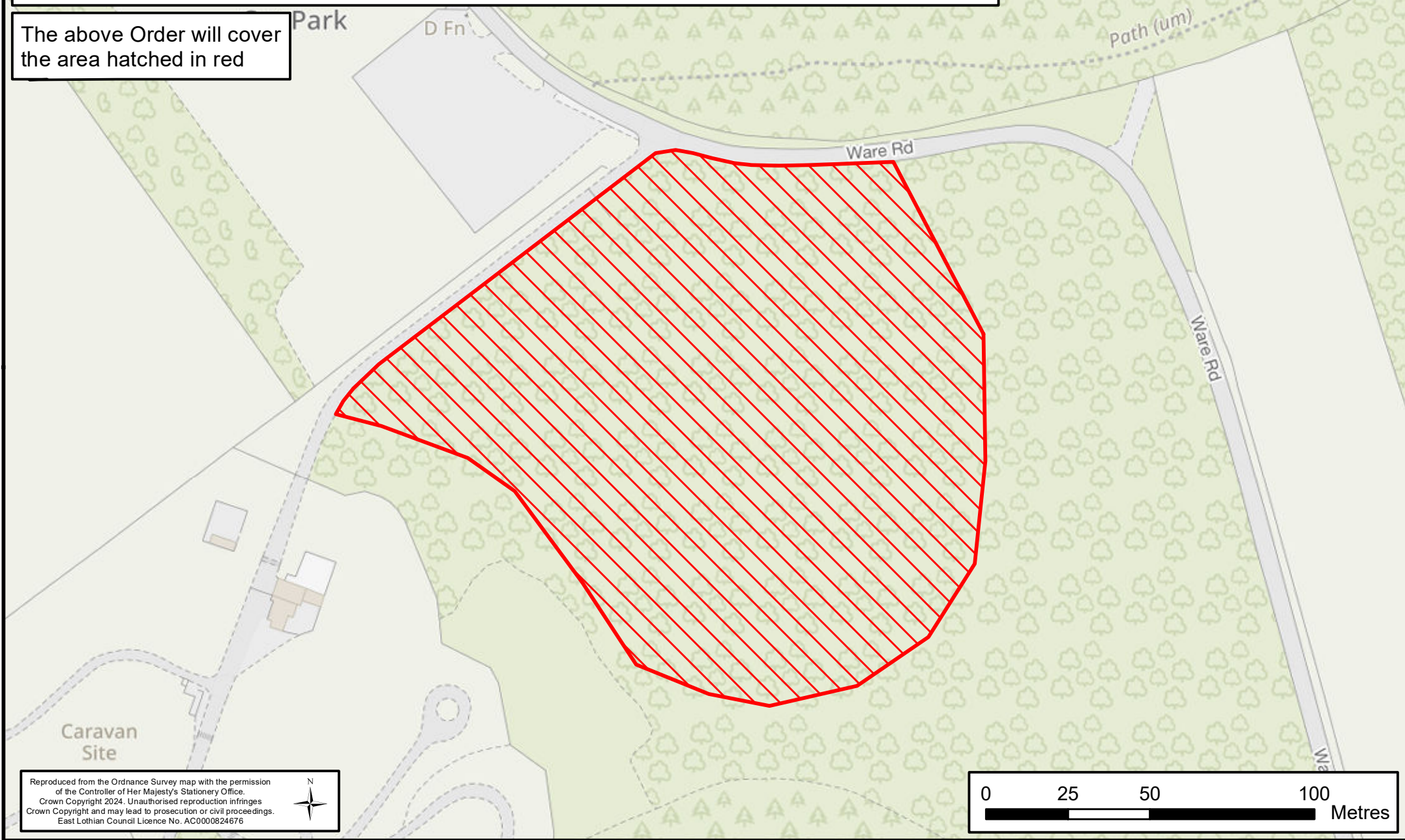
EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 11(1) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 ("the Act") and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, HEREBY MAKE the following Order:-

1. The Order may be cited as "The East Lothian Council (Besieged, Yellowcraig) (Exemption) Order 2024" and shall come into effect at 00.01 hours on 4 September 2024 and will expire at 23.59 hours on 9 September 2024, unless revoked earlier.
2. The effect of the Order is to exempt the area of land at Yellowcraig, Dirleton, which area is shown hatched red on the plan thereof annexed and executed as relative hereto, from the access rights which would otherwise be exercisable in respect of that land by virtue of Part 1 of the Act.
3. The purposes for which the Order are made are:
 - (a) to permit an entrance fee to be levied on spectators for admission to the Besieged 2024 mediaeval re-enactment event; and
 - (b) to secure the safety and security of participants and the safety of the public during the event.

The foregoing Order typewritten on this page is, together with the plan annexed hereto, sealed with the Common Seal of East Lothian Council and subscribed for and on their behalf by _____, an authorised signatory and as such a "Proper Officer" for the purposes of Section 194 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, at HADDINGTON on the _____ day of _____ TWO THOUSAND and TWENTY FOUR.

Plan referred to in The East Lothian Council (Besieged, Yellowcraig) (Exemption) Order 2024

The above Order will cover the area hatched in red



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