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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment and Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21 January 2016</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>LP/007/16</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Peter MacDonald</b>	<b>Contact No:</b>	<b>2618</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015 The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999</b>		

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Further to the statutory consultation process undertaken in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 on The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015 (the Proposed TRO), the purpose of this report is to:
- request that the Committee adopt the rules of procedure (Rules of Procedure) for the purposes of the special meeting;
  - advise the Committee in relation to the Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) of the discussions between Council Officers and those who have, as part of the public consultation, objected to the Proposed TRO (the Objectors); and
  - facilitate the effective, fair and proper hearing by the Committee of those Objectors who have not withdrawn their objections (the Remaining Objectors) in order that the Committee can consider those objections (the Remaining Objections) and come to a formal recommendation on the Proposed TRO.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Local Authorities are empowered to make Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended and under the Council's Scheme of Administration the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services is responsible for the making, implementation and review of Traffic Management Orders and Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 2.2 Officers have undertaken a public consultation process in relation to the Proposed TRO, as a result of which 9 objections were received. Of these, 1 objection has been withdrawn following correspondence/meetings with Officers.
- 2.3 It is necessary that those Remaining Objectors be given an opportunity to be heard by the Committee before it reaches a decision on whether or not to recommend the Proposed TRO for formal approval of the Inverclyde Council. The special meeting has been convened to provide such an opportunity.
- 2.4 Because of the requirements of the statutory process and the formal nature of the special meeting, it is vital that the Remaining Objectors have a fair and impartial hearing and the Rules of Procedure provide for this.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 3.1 Approve the Rules of Procedure as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Consider the terms of Appendix 2 in relation to the Remaining Objections.
- 3.3 Allow the Remaining Objectors an opportunity to be heard at the special meeting of the Committee in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.
- 3.4 Consider the Remaining Objections and such oral representations on them made by the Remaining Objectors and Officers at the special meeting, and thereafter **either**:
  - 3.4.1 dismiss all the Remaining Objections, approve the Proposed TRO as detailed in Appendix 3 and refer it to the next meeting of the Inverclyde Council recommending that the Inverclyde Council formally approve the Proposed TRO and remit it to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services and Head of Legal and Property Services to arrange for its implementation in accordance with the statutory procedure;
  - or**
  - 3.4.2 uphold in whole or in part the Remaining Objections and remit to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services and Head of Legal and Property Services to amend the terms of the Proposed TRO to deal with the part or parts of the Remaining Objections so upheld in accordance with the decision of the Committee, and to report to a future meeting of the Committee with the Proposed TRO as further amended for approval

all in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

**Gerard Malone**  
**Head of Legal and Property Services**

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Local Authorities are empowered to make Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. Under the Council's Scheme of Administration the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services is responsible for the making, implementation and review of Traffic Management Orders and Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 4.2 At the 5 March 2015 meeting of this Committee, approval was granted for the introduction of a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme in the Kelly Street and Sir Michael Street/Tobago Street/King Street areas of Greenock.
- 4.3 Officers proceeded with a public consultation process in accordance with the legislation. At its meeting of 29 October 2015 this Committee was updated as to the consultation process, and it authorised Officers to make arrangements for the holding of a public hearing in the form of this special meeting.
- 4.4 Officers have continued to engage with the Remaining Objectors since that date to advise them of the arrangements for and proposed procedure at this special meeting. Officers have provided the Remaining Objectors with a Statement of Case which sets out the position of the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services as regards the Proposed TRO; the Statement of Case is in Appendix 4.
- 4.5 Appendix 2 provides the full text of both the Remaining Objections and the correspondence with Officers.
- 4.6 Before making a proposed TRO, the Council is, in terms of the Act and the Regulations, required to take into consideration any objections timeously received by them and to give any objector an opportunity to be heard by them. This special meeting is therefore necessary to permit the Remaining Objectors to be heard by the Committee in terms of the recommendations above.
- 4.7 As the hearing of objections is a statutory entitlement for objectors, the Committee will be discharging legal responsibilities at this special meeting effectively as if it were a formal Tribunal or Board with the obligations which are already familiar to Elected Members as regards Hearings and continuity of attendance.

## **5.0 PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 The form of the Proposed TRO which Officers are recommending for approval is included at Appendix 3 of this report.
- 5.2 This special meeting will proceed effectively as if a formal Tribunal or Board. In the interests of fairness, openness and transparency it is therefore necessary that the basis on which the hearing element of the meeting will proceed be formalised. Officers have therefore prepared draft Rules of Procedure for this meeting per Appendix 1. These have been circulated to the Remaining Objectors prior to this meeting and are recommended for approval by the Committee.
- 5.3 Because of the formality of the hearing process and the statutory process for making Management Rules, only certain decisions of the Committee on this matter are competent. Further, it is vital that Objectors have a fair and impartial hearing and the Rules of Procedure provide for this. The decisions which the Committee can competently make are: to dismiss all objections; to uphold all objections; or to uphold some objections and dismiss the others. If objections are upheld, it will be necessary for officers to report back to the Committee at a future date with detailed wording. These eventualities are addressed in the possible Committee outcomes specified in Paragraph 3.4.
- 5.4 The Committee is asked to note that, if approved, the Proposed TRO may not be implemented until the making of the Order has been advertised to allow any persons who so wish a period of six weeks to question the validity of the Order in terms of the Road Traffic

Regulation Act 1984.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

### Finance

#### 6.1 Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

### Legal

- 6.2 As a local authority, the Inverclyde Council has power in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 to make Traffic Regulation Orders. In accordance with the statutory procedure, the Proposed TRO has been publicised and objections received. Before making the TRO, the Council must take into consideration any objections timeously received and give any objector who maintains their objection an opportunity to be heard by them.

### Human Resources

- 6.3 There are no human resources implications associated with the making of the Proposed TRO.

### Equalities

- 6.4 There are no equalities implications associated with the making of the Proposed TRO.

### Repopulation

- 6.5 There are no repopulation implications associated with the making of the Proposed TRO.

## 7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services has been consulted on the terms of this report.

## 8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.



## **Appendix 1 – Rules of Procedure**

### **INVERCLYDE COUNCIL**

#### **ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE**

##### **PROCEDURE AT PUBLIC HEARING INTO OBJECTIONS IN RELATION TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

At the hearing, the order of the proceedings will be as follows:

- a) The Chair will conduct the hearing. Immediately after opening it, he will introduce the members of the Committee and the officer(s) present and identify and list those persons who wish to be heard during the hearing. It is therefore vital that any person who wishes to participate attends the opening.
- b) The Chair will outline the procedure, explaining that the hearing will take the form of a discussion which he will lead based on the agenda issued to those objectors who have indicated to the Council that they wish to attend and be heard at the hearing.
- c) The arrangements for the hearing have been designed to create the right atmosphere for discussion, to eliminate or reduce formalities and to give everybody a fair hearing.
- d) As each objection listed on the agenda is reached, the Chair will identify those persons who wish to engage in the discussion of the particular issue(s) raised by the objection. Several objectors with shared concerns may choose a spokesperson and this will be helpful to the process; in the event that a number of objectors decide to act together in this way, the Chair will allow a reasonable extension of the time limits set out below.
- e) The Chair will ask the objector whether or not he/she is content with the synopsis of the objection in a typed-up summary sheet of the objections and responses, which will be made available. If the objector disagrees with the summary he/she will be invited to clarify the grounds of objection. This allows the objector to ensure that the members of the Committee have a good understanding of the objection. It also avoids any need for the objector to repeat his/her arguments during the discussion.
- f) The Council officer(s) will be invited to describe and present the case for the traffic regulation order in respect of which the objection has been made, to set the scene for the discussion, with a time limit of 5 minutes per objection.
- g) Each objector will be invited to speak to his objection and comment on the description/presentation by the Council officer(s), with a time limit of 5 minutes. Repetition of similar points is to be avoided and will be managed by the Chair.

h) The Council officer(s) will be invited to reply to the speech of the objector (introducing no new material), restricted to a time limit of 5 minutes. The Chair will allow the objector the final word (introducing no new material), if he/she wishes it, restricted to a time limit of 5 minutes. The Chair will discourage repetitive or superfluous comments. He will indicate when he considers that sufficient clarification of a topic has been achieved, and the discussion will then move on to the next item on the agenda. At no time will cross examination be permitted.

i) The members of the Committee will then be invited by the Chair to ask questions of both the Council officer(s) and the objector. The role of the members of the Committee is only to hear, consider and make a decision on the evidence given by Council officer(s) and objectors.

j) The members of the Committee will then adjourn to consider their decision. The decision of the Committee will be intimated to the Council officer(s) and the objectors orally. Any votes will be held in public. It is anticipated that the decision of the members of the Committee will be intimated on the day of the public hearing but, if that is not possible for any reason, the public hearing will be re-convened. If the decision of the members of the Committee is to uphold an objection in whole or in part, the matter may be remitted to Council officer(s) to modify the traffic regulation order to deal with the objection in accordance with the decision of the members and report to a future meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee.

## **APPENDIX 2**

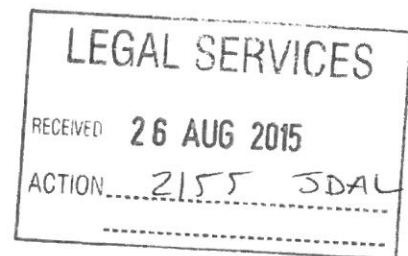


## CLOCH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

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24 August 2015

Mr Gerard Malone  
Head of Legal & Property Services  
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Dear Gerard

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Orders) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting  
Restrictions) (Variation No.6) Order 2015**

Thank you for sending through the various proposed orders. My main concern is drawn to variation No.6 which refers to Terrace Road and Regent Street.

As you are likely aware the offices of Cloch Housing Association are situated on ground on Regent Street, Terrace Road and Bogle Street. The Association provides services to approximately 1900 residents and our building accommodates approx 40 staff. The parking situation has worsened since the restrictions were imposed on Terrace Road, with commuters using many spaces previously taken up by staff and customers. We would support a relaxation of restrictions on Terrace Road, at least until the Council can provide a reasonable alternative.

While I can understand a restriction on Regent Street, outside Wellpark Buildings, due to the presence of a traffic island, I cannot understand why this continues down towards our office and beyond. This also encompasses a disabled parking bay. The corner of Terrace Road and Regent Street can be tight and so the solution proposed may increase visibility but it doesn't have to be so far down Terrace Road. To take away around 40% of parking on Terrace Road outside our offices seems excessive as this serves no purpose.

I would ask that this area is reconsidered and the corner 'no waiting' is reduced to eliminate only one space on Terrace Road and one space on Regent Street

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Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Yours sincerely

~~Paul McVey~~  
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Dear Sirs,

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions)  
(Variation Order No. 6) Order 2015**

I thank you for your letter dated 24 August 2015 regarding the proposed parking restrictions at the junction of Regent Street and Terrace Road. The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services has now considered your objection and comments as follows:-

*Firstly, with regards to Terrace Road I would like advise that the 30 minute waiting restriction which was introduced on this road between Greenock Central Station and Cathcart Street was removed in November 2014. The TRO currently being promoted does not reinstate this restriction, therefore, people can continue to park on this section of Terrace Road without any time restriction.*

*Secondly, with regards to the proposed waiting restrictions at the junction of Regent Street and Terrace Road, these restrictions are proposed for road safety reasons to allow safer and more efficient use of this junction. Currently vehicles park close to the junction reducing visibility for vehicles wishing to turn onto Regent Street from Terrace Road. The restrictions on Regent Street will provide improved visibility for this manoeuvre. The restrictions are extended to beyond the pedestrian refuge island to promote the crossing's safe use.*

*Finally, on Terrace Road the restrictions follow the guidance in the Highway Code to allow space for vehicles to turn left or right out of Terrace Road without obstructions. They also allow vehicles to turn into Terrace Road likewise.*

*For the reasons explained above, we would not intend to amend the proposed restrictions.*

*I trust that the above is of assistance to you and addresses your queries, however, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Provan, Environmental and Commercial Services, (Tel: 01475 714800) should you require any further information.*

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Should you feel that this information does not address your concerns, the Scottish Government has established a procedure under the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 which provides for the possibility of a Hearing before an Independent Reporter from the Scottish Government Inquiry Reporter's Unit.

If you wish to maintain your objection, the Council will require to consider whether or not is necessary to convene a Hearing in terms of the Regulations. **I shall be grateful, therefore, if you would advise me within 10 days of the date of this letter if you wish to withdraw or maintain your objection. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, within 10 days of the date of this letter, I will assume your objection is being maintained.**

If a Hearing is to be arranged, you will be notified of your right to be heard by or represented before the Independent Reporter. If you wish to exercise this right you will be given at least 21 days notice of the date of the Hearing. Please also note that any person having an interest in the subject matter of any Hearing which may be convened has the right to send written representations for the consideration of the Reporter.

I look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours sincerely,

**PP Gerard Malone**  
**Head of Legal and Property Services**

cc Head of Environmental & Commercial Services

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Dear Sirs,

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads)(Outer Greenock)(Waiting Restrictions)(Variation No. 6) 2015  
The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999**

I refer to our previous correspondence in relation to the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

I write to confirm that a Special Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee meeting is to be held in this connection and, as a person who has objected to the proposed Order, in accordance with Section 9(1) of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, I hereby give you notice that, if you so desire, an opportunity will be afforded to you to be heard at the Special Meeting of the Committee in support of your objection. Should you wish to accept this opportunity, you must respond to me **no later than 14 days of the date of this letter** to confirm your desire to attend the Special Meeting of the Committee. Thereafter, I will be in further correspondence with you to confirm the date of the Special Meeting of the Committee.

I look forward to hearing further from you. I would mention that you can withdraw your objection at any time before the Special Meeting of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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## CLOCH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Dear Mr Malone

### PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

I refer to your communication of 30 October 2015 which follows my communication of 24 August 2015.

On 2 October 2015 I received a visit from Elaine Provan and Robert Graham from your department to discuss the matter. I expected to hear back from them as agreed to advise whether my proposed compromise could be accommodated. I have not received or heard anything from your team regarding this matter until your letter.

I can confirm that the only outstanding issue centres around the 2 car-parking spaces on Terrace Road; both your officers and I were of the view that this would still ensure enhanced visibility and resolve the road safety issue. I have no other formal objections to this application.

In terms of attending the Special Meeting of the Committee I would be happy to attend; however, this is dependent upon when it is.

On a related note, I am sure you will be aware of the article on page 8 of the Greenock Telegraph dated 2 November 2015. I will be writing separately to the Chief Executive in this regard but there are a number of queries arising from this article that I must ask of yourself also, as follows:-

1. If "neither association was named in a report to the Environment and Regeneration Committee about objections" how did Councillor Clocherty actually receive this information?
2. In terms of public consultation, democracy and fairness – is the process now flawed and prejudiced given the public comments made by the Vice-Convenor of the Committee? Indeed, is there any point in having the 'Special Meeting' previously referred to?

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3. Is there a detailed process which local authorities must adhere to regarding Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders and do you feel that this has been complied with given the statement by the Vice-Convenor of the Committee?

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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**Director**

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Dear Mr McVey

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation  
Order No. 56) Order 2015**

I thank you for your letter of 5 November 2015.

I note that you met with Elaine Provan and Robert Graham from the Council's Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) on 2 October 2015. Your letter of 24 August 2015 states your objections to the TRO and this was the subject of the Council's response on 2 September 2015. The Council's letter of 2 September 2015 addresses the objections you raised and provides you with the process for either withdrawing your objection or maintaining your objection. I note that on 2 October 2015 the above officers visited you to discuss your objection and, following upon your consideration of the issues involved, you wished to maintain this. As you say in your most recent letter of 5 November 2015, the outstanding issue for you is in relation to car parking spaces on Terrace Road and your own views as to visibility and road safety in relation to that. You have clearly maintained your objection to the TRO and your position has to be treated as a formal objection. If you wish to withdraw your objection, please confirm that position in due course but, as the matter is presently understood, you are maintaining your formal objection to the TRO for the reasons you have stated in writing. The meeting that took place on 2 October 2015 with officers was an opportunity to discuss the issues and from that it has been assessed by those officers that, as appears to be the case, you have maintained your objection. No further correspondence or other actions, other than as above, was envisaged and for that reason you have, then, received my letter of 30 October 2015.

In terms of my letter of 30 October 2015, I note that it is your intention to attend the special meeting, subject to dates and your availability. I thank you for confirming your position. The date of the special meeting will be arranged as soon as possible. You will be given as much advance notice of the date as is possible.

I note that you have written to me with a number of questions and that you have also written separately to the Chief Executive.

Please note that I was present at the Environment and Regeneration Committee meeting on 29 October 2015 and observed events as at first hand.

In reply to your letter to me:-

1. Any objections to any TRO are held on public file to ensure openness and transparency. Any member of the public is able to see any objection as part of the statutory process which the Council administers. Your letter of objection of 24 August 2014 is in the name of Cloch Housing Association Ltd.

The outcome of any TRO consultation is reported publicly to Committee Members and the report is also publicly available. It is the Council's standard practice when reporting to Committee on the outcome of a TRO consultation where objections have been lodged, not to provide details of the nature of objections or the identity of objectors: this is done so that the Committee can separate the outcome of the consultation exercise from any subsequent or future involvement it may require to have in the determination of the matter. For that reason, in the report to the Committee on the outcome of the TRO consultation, there is only broad, indicative information relative to the number and nature of objections so that the merits of any such are not addressed in detail outwith the transparent and statutory process of determination. For this reason, the extent of the information provided to the Environment & Regeneration Committee at its meeting on 29 October 2015 is as follows:-

- "4.11 These TROs were issued for public consultation on 21 August 2015 with responses invited by 18 September 2015. No objections were received in relation to Outer 5. A total of 9 objections were received in relation to Outer 6. One of the objections related to the proposed restriction in the Kelly Street area of the town. Officers met with the objectors and as a result the objection was withdrawn.
- 4.12 A further objection was raised with regard to the proposed no waiting at any time restrictions on Regent Street and Terrace Road. Officers wrote to and met the objector on site to detail the extent of the proposals. As a result they suggested that the restriction on the east side of the road be reduced by approximately 6m i.e. 1 car length and that this would allow them to withdraw their objection. However, having considered this proposal it is not recommended as the proposed restrictions as advertised were developed to improve road safety ..."

As you will note from the above excerpt, the principles outlined, above, separate: (1) the noting and the decision-making on the route for determination of the TRO consultation; and, (2) any details that might affect the transparency of the statutory process. This does not disallow any member of the public or any Elected Member from having the same level of access to the detailed objections which have been lodged. The consequences of this in relation to the points you raise for Councillor Clocherty are answered in my responses to your questions, below.

2. No. In terms of public consultation, democracy and fairness, there is no flaw in the present process. At the outset of Councillor Clocherty's contribution to the debate at Committee, the Council's solicitor advised him that he was at risk of seeming to pre-judge or demonstrate bias in relation to future processes. It is critical that you note that Elected Member immediately accepted that advice and indicated that he had thought through his comments in advance and that he had already decided that he would not take part in any way in relation to the possible special committee which was being considered. Councillor Clocherty had both realised and made the Committee fully aware that his views would disallow him from taking part in any special committee process. Nevertheless, in the course of open debate in respect of matters of public interest, he decided in the interests of democracy and public awareness as perceived by him openly to make his comments about the broad terms of the objections and his opinion known within the debating chamber. He is entirely able so to decide and acted lawfully and transparently at a public meeting with, it must be noted, the clearly and publicly stated consequence of disallowing him from any participation whatsoever in the future determination process. This openness and transparency in debate has not prejudiced any future statutory process. The consequences of the openness and transparency so demonstrated are that Councillor Clocherty will not be involved in the special meeting. No other Elected Member attending the committee meeting on 29 October 2015 made any comment whatsoever on the terms of your or any other objection.

As decided upon by the Committee, the special meeting will be conducted in terms of the statutory processes for TROs and that with equal and due regard to the principles of openness and transparency. Councillor Clocherty will have no part in the determination of the process.

3. The process for the making of TROs is found in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Regulation Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999. This Council complies with and has complied with the Act and the Regulations in its consideration and actions.

Please contact me at any time in relation to the matters raised and I am happy to answer any points you have on the process of TRO determination.

Yours sincerely

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The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order  
2015  
The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999**

I refer to previous correspondence in relation to the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order and in particular to my letter of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 confirming that a Special Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee is to be held in this connection.

In accordance with Section 9(2) of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, I hereby give you notice that the Hearing will commence at **2.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016** in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Clyde Square, Greenock, PA15 1LX.

Further, in accordance with the Code of Practice, Procedure for Hearings, I enclose a copy of the Council's Statement of Case in relation the proposed Order to which the Council intends to refer at the Special Meeting.

I would be grateful if you could confirm to me as soon as possible whether or not you will be attending the above Special Meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Objections to parking proposals at Buccleugh, Tobago, Crown, King, Ann & Sir Michael Street, Greenock** ✓

I refer to the above and wish to object to your proposals as detailed in (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015, Traffic Regulation Area specifically to the above mentioned streets.

I live in Largs and commute to the Association's office at 41 High Street Greenock Monday to Friday. My hours of work are 9.00 am to 5.00pm but due to work commitments and traffic congestion, I tend to arrive at the office at 8.30 am and often leave at 5.30 pm. There is also a requirement to attend occasional evening meetings.

Although I am mainly office based, I do often need to use my car during the day in the course of my work and therefore I need access to my car. It is not practicable to spend time in my working day walking a distance to and from the office to wherever I might have been able to park.

Public transport is not feasible for me, as I also require to use on occasion my car throughout the day, as part of my work. Unless my employer is going to be given parking permits for all staff it is going to be extremely difficult and probably unmanageable to work around your proposals.

My employer has been based here for a very long time, what is disappointing is the fact that the council not that long ago, permitted a change of use at Crown House to be used for vast office space, with a number of staff working within Crown House having cars and the Council permitted this with only 2-3 designated parking spaces, which cannot cope with this size of office accommodation.

I feel I am going to be penalised because of previously poor Council decisions with regards to parking, which has also meant that recently many more cars are parking in these areas that would never normally have parked in these locations, but they now have no alternative. I have worked with Oak Tree Housing Association and previously Cloch Housing Association for a total of 28 years without any parking problems.

Unless you are going to give local employers permits for staff, your proposed parking restrictions are going to have a very detrimental effect on people who require to work in and around these areas.



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I would have thought that Inverclyde Council would be mindful of the declining population and not make matters worse by driving people out of Inverclyde, as they are unable to park freely and with ease.

I regularly use the shops in and around the town centre as I am sure a lot of other workers who live outwith Inverclyde do. If I am forced to use public transport to travel to and from work, this will affect my ability to use the local shops (e.g. items which I would need my car to transport home, weekly food shop etc)

I think the contribution that workers make to the economy of the town centre should be recognised. A car park provided that can be used all day without high charges or time restrictions is needed as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully

Hazel Aitken  
Housing Manager  
**Oak Tree Housing Association Ltd**



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Dear Madam,

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions)  
(Variation Order No. 6) Order 2015**

I thank you for your letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 regarding the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order. The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services has now considered your objection and comments as follows:-

*The Council introduced its Greenock town centre parking strategy in October 2014 in response to requests to do something about the parking congestion which was being experienced in town centre streets. Parking was preventing deliveries, preventing access to shops and businesses, making streets unsafe for pedestrians and damaging the economy of Greenock. Enforcement powers were given to Parking Attendants, short stay parking spaces were provided on streets for shoppers and others and long stay parkers were encouraged to use car parks. Later, affected residents requested help to park close to their homes where the new parking restrictions were preventing this.*

*The proposed parking restrictions in the area around your workplace are designed to share the available on-street parking spaces between residents and other road users, rather than set aside specific spaces for residents' use alone. Resident only spaces are often wasteful because many of them remain empty while residents are away at work, for example. Shared spaces allow other people, like you, to use them during the day for as long or as short a time as necessary for trips associated with work, shopping or leisure. However, to provide a degree of help to residents, we have set aside a period in the morning and afternoon when only Residents' Parking Permit holders can park.*

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*We think this approach is a fair balance between the demand for parking by residents and other road users and hope this explanation will allow you to withdraw your objection.*

*I trust that the above is of assistance to you and addresses your queries, however, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Provan, Environmental and Commercial Services, (Tel: 01475 714800) should you require any further information.*

Should you feel that this information does not address your concerns, the Scottish Government has established a procedure under the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 which provides for the possibility of a Hearing before an Independent Reporter from the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals.

If you wish to maintain your objection, the Council will require to consider whether or not it is necessary to convene a Hearing in terms of the Regulations. **I shall be grateful, therefore, if you would advise me within 10 days of the date of this letter if you wish to withdraw or maintain your objection. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, within 10 days of the date of this letter, I will assume your objection is being maintained.**

If a Hearing is to be arranged, you will be notified of your right to be heard by or represented before the Independent Reporter. If you wish to exercise this right you will be given at least 21 days notice of the date of the Hearing. Please also note that any person having an interest in the subject matter of any Hearing which may be convened has the right to send written representations for the consideration of the Reporter.

I look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours sincerely,

**Gerard Malone**  
**Head of Legal and Property Services**

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I refer to our previous correspondence in relation to the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

I write to confirm that a Special Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee meeting is to be held in this connection and, as a person who has objected to the proposed Order, in accordance with Section 9(1) of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, I hereby give you notice that, if you so desire, an opportunity will be afforded to you to be heard at the Special Meeting of the Committee in support of your objection. Should you wish to accept this opportunity, you must respond to me **no later than 14 days of the date of this letter** to confirm your desire to attend the Special Meeting of the Committee. Thereafter, I will be in further correspondence with you to confirm the date of the Special Meeting of the Committee.

I look forward to hearing further from you. I would mention that you can withdraw your objection at any time before the Special Meeting of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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I refer to previous correspondence in relation to the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order and in particular to my letter of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 confirming that a Special Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee is to be held in this connection.

In accordance with Section 9(2) of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, I hereby give you notice that the Hearing will commence at **2.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016** in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Clyde Square, Greenock, PA15 1LX.

Further, in accordance with the Code of Practice, Procedure for Hearings, I enclose a copy of the Council's Statement of Case in relation the proposed Order to which the Council intends to refer at the Special Meeting.

I would be grateful if you could confirm to me as soon as possible whether or not you will be attending the above Special Meeting.

Yours faithfully,

**Gerard Malone**  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Objections to parking proposals at Buccleugh, Tobago, Crown, King, Ann & Sir Michael Street, Greenock**

I refer to the above and wish to advise you that Oak Tree Housing Association (OTHA) object to your proposals as detailed in (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015, Traffic Regulation Order specifically to the above mentioned streets.

Oak Tree Housing Association has been based at 41 High Street for 16 years and has approximately 40 staff, a number of who require to use their cars for work, as you will appreciate, due to the nature of the business of a Housing Association.

Staff can start work between 8am and 10am, with most staff starting work around 8.30 - 9am and finishing work around 5pm or later. I am sure you will appreciate it would not be convenient or cost effective for our staff to have to move their cars to different parking locations throughout the working day. Public transport is not feasible for all staff, as some staff require to use their cars throughout the day due to the nature of their employment with us and unless OTHA is going to be given parking permits for all staff, it is going to be difficult to work around your proposals.

What certainly has not helped in the areas detailed above with parking is the fact that the council permitted a change of use at Crown House for office space, with many staff working within Crown House having cars and the Council permitted this change of use with only 2-3 designated parking spaces. Also, due to previous Council decisions with regards to parking, this has meant that recently many more cars are parking in the above mentioned areas that would never normally have parked in these locations, but they now have no alternative.

Most of our staff shop in the Oak Mall on a daily basis and if the Association requires to look to relocate out with the town centre, the Association believe that this will have a detrimental effect on income for a number of the Oak Mall shops.

The Association therefore request that you please reconsider your proposals for the aforementioned areas, or give local employers permits for all staff that require to park in these areas, otherwise your proposed parking restrictions are going to have a detrimental effect on our staff and our business continuity.

The Association would be happy to discuss our concerns with you in more detail, please therefore do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Anne Culley  
Depute Chief Executive Officer  
**Oak Tree Housing Association Ltd**



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**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions)  
(Variation Order No. 6) Order 2015**

I thank you for your letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 regarding the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order. The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services has now considered your objection and comments as follows:-

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I look forward to hearing further from you.

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10<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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Dear Mr Malone

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads)(Outer Greenock)(Waiting Restrictions)  
(Variation No. 6) 2015  
The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(Scotland) Regulations 1999**

I refer to the above and to your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the contents of which are noted.

I note that a Special Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee is to be held in due course with regards to this matter and would be much obliged if you could meantime please explain why this is the route the Council have chosen instead of appointing an independent reporter.

As you will appreciate due to the article in the local press (attached) in terms of democracy and fairness the Association take the view that the process is flawed and may therefore prejudice the outcome given the public comments made by the Vice-Convenor of the Committee.

Also, apart from the fact that the Association are very concerned that the Depute Council Leader, Councillor Jim Clocherty, took it upon himself to "name and shame" two Housing Associations which, as you may know, are closely linked, and one of which I represent, I want to ask why Councillor Clocherty chose to do so given that there appears to have been 8 anonymous objections to "Outer 6"?

Please note further that, not only is the Association not withdrawing its objection, the Association will now reflect upon what action it may take next.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Anne Cuiley  
Depute Chief Executive Officer  
**Oak Tree Housing Association Ltd.**



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# HOMES GROUPS ARE 'NAMED AND SHAMED' OVER PERMITS

Councillor slams Oak Tree and Cloch for 'bizarre' objections to residents' parking

TWO Inverclyde housing associations were 'named and shamed' by a senior councillor for objecting to residents getting parking permits.

Deputy council leader, Councillor M Clocherty, said he was "disappointed and frustrated" that Cloch and Oak Tree were holding up plans to make it easier for people to park outside their homes.

He said he has been campaigning for some time, to no avail, to get permits for residents living around the housing association offices in Bogle Street and High Street.

Cllr Clocherty said: "This would only come from about 8.15 to 9.15 in the morning to allow people to take their kids to school and then get their cars parked again.

"At the moment, they can't get their cars back in because of parking by workers from Cloch, Oak Tree and, indeed the council."

He said there was also a road safety issue at the Cloch office because the nearby junction of Race Road and Regent Street is particularly busy during the morning rush hour.

Neither association is named in a report on the environment and regeneration committee about objections to a permit scheme. But the

**Eric Parker** | Editor, Greenock Telegraph, Greenock, PA15 1JG

councillor told the committee he wanted to "name and shame" them.

He was warned by a council lawyer about speaking in public before a hearing took place into the objections, but said he was determined to let people know that the council was not to blame for delays to issuing permits.

And speaking later to the *Tele*, Cllr Clocherty added: "These housing associations are supposed to be looking after the interests of local residents, and not leaving them with nowhere to park.

"I expected the process of issuing permits to be smooth, but four objections have been put in by each association.

"I find the Cloch objections particularly bizarre, because we're also talking about a road safety issue there and trying to stop accidents."

The permits would have been issued about six weeks ago if there had been no objections.

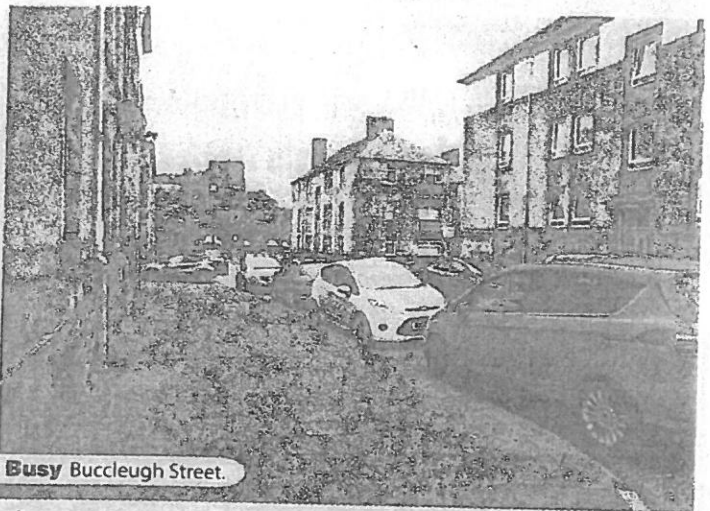
Now a public hearing will be organised by the council during that period to consider the complaints.

If the objections are thrown out, it could then be another two months before permits are issued.

Cloch said they had 'no comment' to make about the objections.

Oak Tree did not return the *Tele's* call asking for a comment.

**Cllr Clocherty** Campaigning for residents' permits.



Busy Buccleugh Street.



Safety Regent Street.



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Dear Ms Culley

**PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS)  
(OUTER GREENOCK) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS) (VARIATION ORDER NO 6) ORDER 2015  
THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES' TRAFFIC ORDERS (PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999**

I thank you for your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

The Council has the discretion to decide which route it wishes to take for the determination of any TRO where objections have been lodged. The Environment and Regeneration Committee at its meeting on 29 October 2015, after considering the report on the TRO position and with the relevant alternatives for determination having been explained, made its informed decision to determine the TRO position by means of special meeting. The special meeting will be regulated by the Council's standard and approved practices for a fair and transparent hearing in this quasi-judicial capacity. The alternative of appointing a reporter was not chosen on this occasion by the Environment and Regeneration Committee and this is entirely within the discretion of the Committee to decide.

I note your comments in respect of an article within the local press. Neither the decision-making on the route for determination of the TRO consultation nor the statutory process for considering the TRO and its objections are flawed. The Vice-Convenor made his comments known during the consideration of the report during the public debate at Committee: his comments, as clearly and publicly stated transparently by him at the meeting, have the consequence of disallowing him from any participation whatsoever in the future determination process of the TRO. This openness and transparency in public debate has not prejudiced any future statutory process.

Councillor Clocherty made remarks referring to two Housing Associations. Please note, contrary to what you say, there are no anonymous objections: any objections to any TRO are held on public file to ensure openness and transparency. Any member of the public is able to see any objections as part of the statutory process.

As you may know, no other Elected Member commented on the terms of your objection or any other objection at the meeting.

I note that you, as previously understood, are maintaining your objection and that you are deciding your appropriate actions. The date of the special meeting will be arranged as soon as possible and you will be given as much advance notice of that date as is possible along with the note of the procedures to be followed at the meeting.

It is entirely proper that you ask any questions and clarify any point of concern that you have about the statutory process and I thank you for contacting me in that regard. The statutory process envisages public involvement in the TRO consultation procedures and it is essential these procedures engage public interest and participation in their determination. Please contact me at any time.

Yours sincerely

Gerard Malone  
**Head of Legal & Property Services**

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15 September 2015

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Jacqueline Workman

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## Joanna Dalglish

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**From:** Jacqueline Workman  
**Sent:** 28 September 2015 12:44  
**To:** Joanna Dalglish  
**Subject:** Objection to proposed TRO

Hi Joanna,

I received a letter at the weekend (ref JD/JK ECO 1393) regarding my objection to the proposed TRO, Variation Order 6, which advised of a new car park to be opened next year in Dalrymple Street.

Before I decide whether or not to withdraw my objection I was looking for some further information on this new car park, namely a note of the number of spaces which this car park will provide (including how many will be dedicated disabled bays) and what charges/time restrictions will be imposed on this car park.

I understand you're on annual leave at the moment so I look forward to hearing from you when you get a chance on your return.

Many thanks,

**Jacqueline Workman**

Clerical Assistant

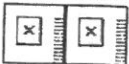


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**To:** 'Jacqueline Workman'  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to proposed TRO

Jacqueline,

Many thanks for your undernoted email. I appreciate your prompt response to our recent letter in this connection.

I have requested the information sought by you in relation to the proposed Dalrymple Street car park from my client service today.

I will be in touch further with you as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,  
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**From:** Jacqueline Workman [<mailto:j.workman@oaktreeha.org.uk>]  
**Sent:** 28 September 2015 12:44  
**To:** Joanna Dalglish  
**Subject:** Objection to proposed TRO

Hi Joanna,

I received a letter at the weekend (ref JD/JK ECO 1393) regarding my objection to the proposed TRO, Variation Order 6, which advised of a new car park to be opened next year in Dalrymple Street.

Before I decide whether or not to withdraw my objection I was looking for some further information on this new car park, namely a note of the number of spaces which this car park will provide (including how many will be dedicated disabled bays) and what charges/time restrictions will be imposed on this car park.

I understand you're on annual leave at the moment so I look forward to hearing from you when you get a chance on your return.

Many thanks,

Jacqueline Workman  
Clerical Assistant

**Joanna Dalglish**

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**From:** Joanna Dalglish  
**Sent:** 01 October 2015 10:02  
**To:** 'Jacqueline Workman'  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to proposed TRO

**Importance:** High

Dear Ms. Workman,

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order**  
**The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015**

I thank you for your undernoted email of 28<sup>th</sup> September regarding the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order. The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services has now considered the terms of your email and comments as follows:-

*Thank you for your email of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 seeking additional information in relation to the proposed new car park at Dalrymple House on Dalrymple Street, Greenock. I can confirm that the proposed car park will have 62 parking spaces, including 4 Disabled Persons' Parking Places. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order relating to this car park has recently been the subject of public consultation and, as indicated, proposes a charge of £1.00 per calendar day, free for Disabled Persons' Badge holders and Inner Greenock (Zone GR1) Permit holders. I also confirm that multiple stays in one calendar day are permitted if space is available on return and that a ticket purchased for use in the proposed Dalrymple Street car park may be used on the same calendar day in any other charging Council car park. Restrictions in the Dalrymple Street car park will apply from Monday to Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm which is in keeping with other car parks within the Town Centre.*

*I trust that this information answers your queries and is of assistance to you.*

I look forward to hearing further from you as soon as possible to confirm if your objection is withdrawn or maintained.

Kind Regards  
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**The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads)(Outer Greenock)(Waiting Restrictions)(Variation No. 6) 2015  
The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999**

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I look forward to hearing further from you. I would mention that you can withdraw your objection at any time before the Special Meeting of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sirs

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads)(Outer Greenock)(Waiting  
Restrictions)(Variation No 6) 2015  
The Local Authorities/ Traffic Orders (Procedure)(Scotland)(Regulations 1999**

I thank you for your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> October advising of the Special Meeting which is to be held in connection with the above.

I would, at this stage, like to attend the meeting and therefore look forward to hearing from you with a note of the date on which this meeting is to take place.

Yours faithfully

Jacqueline Workman

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I would be grateful if you could confirm to me as soon as possible whether or not you will be attending the above Special Meeting.

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16<sup>th</sup> September 2015

The Head of Legal & Property Services  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Objections to parking proposals at Buccleugh, Tobago, Crown, King, Ann & Sir  
Michael Street, Greenock**

I refer to the above and wish to object to your proposals as detailed in (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015, Traffic Regulation Area specifically to the above mentioned streets.

I require to start work before 9.00am and I finish my work later than 5pm Monday to Friday, it is also not possible for me to move my car to different parking locations throughout the day. Public transport is not feasible for me, as I also require to use my car throughout the day, as part of my work.

I have sympathy for the residents who live in this area however, this area is not just residential and my employer has been based in this location for a very long period of time. It appears to me that the increase in cars in the High Street area is due to changes to parking restrictions elsewhere in the town and that changing the restrictions on the above streets will simply move the problem elsewhere.

The proposed parking restrictions are going to have a very detrimental effect on people who require to work in and around these areas.

Yours faithfully

Mary McCreadie

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Dear Madam,

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions)  
(Variation Order No. 6) Order 2015**

I thank you for your letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 regarding the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order. The Head of Environmental and Commercial Services has now considered your objection and comments as follows:-

*The Council introduced its Greenock town centre parking strategy in October 2014 in response to requests to do something about the parking congestion which was being experienced in town centre streets. Parking was preventing deliveries, preventing access to shops and businesses, making streets unsafe for pedestrians and damaging the economy of Greenock. Enforcement powers were given to Parking Attendants, short stay parking spaces were provided on streets for shoppers and others and long stay parkers were encouraged to use car parks. Later, affected residents requested help to park close to their homes where the new parking restrictions were preventing this.*

*The proposed parking restrictions in the area around your workplace are designed to share the available on-street parking spaces between residents and other road users, rather than set aside specific spaces for residents' use alone. Resident only spaces are often wasteful because many of them remain empty while residents are away at work, for example. Shared spaces allow other people, like you, to use them during the day for as long or as short a time as necessary for trips associated with work, shopping or leisure. However, to provide a degree of help to residents, we have set aside a period in the morning and afternoon when only Residents' Parking Permit holders can park.*

*The Council has long stay car parks at the Bullring, Hastie Street and the Waterfront. Plans to change the Bullring car park from a 3 hour maximum stay to £1 per day and the Waterfront car park from £1 per day to free for any length of stay are due to come into force in November. In*

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*recognition of the need for more long stay car parks, the Council will also open a new car park in Dalrymple Street in the coming year. These car parks are a short walk away from the High Street area and we would encourage long stay users to use them at times when restrictions prevent them parking on-street. The £1 per day ticket can be re-used as many times as necessary in the same day and is valid in all of the Council's £1 per day car parks.*

*We think this approach is a fair balance between the demand for parking by residents and other road users and hope this explanation will allow you to withdraw your objection.*

*I trust that the above is of assistance to you and addresses your queries, however, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Provan, Environmental and Commercial Services, (Tel: 01475 714800) should you require any further information.*

Should you feel that this information does not address your concerns, the Scottish Government has established a procedure under the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 which provides for the possibility of a Hearing before an Independent Reporter from the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals.

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If a Hearing is to be arranged, you will be notified of your right to be heard by or represented before the Independent Reporter. If you wish to exercise this right you will be given at least 21 days notice of the date of the Hearing. Please also note that any person having an interest in the subject matter of any Hearing which may be convened has the right to send written representations for the consideration of the Reporter.

I look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Valerie Workman

16<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Objections to parking proposals at Buccleugh, Tobago, Crown, King, Ann & Sir Michael Street, Greenock**

I refer to the above and strongly object to your proposals as detailed in (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015, Traffic Regulation Area, specifically to the above mentioned streets.

Whilst I sympathise with the residents in the area being unable to park their cars close to their homes, I can't help but feel that the proposed parking permits are going to have a detrimental affect on far more people than it helps. No one living in the middle of a town should expect to be able to park outside their homes if the only option is on a public road. I am fortunate that living in Wemyss Bay I have sufficient off road parking space, but some do not and therefore have to park in front of my house. Whilst I don't particularly like it, there is nothing I can do, as people have to park somewhere.

The recent parking restrictions in Greenock that have been implemented have made it safer to cross Cathcart Street, Terrace Road etc., and have had a greater effect on Cathcart Square. The inconsiderate and dangerous parking that occurred due to the Traffic Wardens not being there, was just making the area extremely hazardous, and I am surprised that there were not more accidents to people as well as vehicles. Even now there are still some foolish people that park on the double yellow lines at the bottom of Bank Street where it narrows and joins the Square, blocking off the lower pavement/road access for push chairs, mobility scooters etc, and preventing the free flow of traffic down Bank Street.

These restrictions, whilst benefitting some, come at a cost to others, mainly businesses. Not everyone is fortunate to have an employer that does not object to the "tooting and froing" of their staff in moving their cars to comply with the parking regulations. It makes for difficulties in deliveries, and has cut down on the passing trade for some businesses.

The proposed Parking Permits will force people to park elsewhere, further from the centre of town, causing additional problems. It will take people longer to get to and from work, force them into unknown areas that could be potentially unsafe for the vehicle and especially for themselves during the dark winter nights.

No doubt there are many other problems to be considered and hopefully these will be highlighted by other people protesting at the additional changes in parking in Greenock, which is fast becoming a "no go" area as people do not know where to park.

I agree that something needs to be done to make the streets safer for all, but please make it something that is going to work for the majority of people, rather than a few.

Some years ago there was talk of providing additional parking places for Short and Long Term parking, but for some reason nothing has happened. Is this still an option?

Yours faithfully

V Workman

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*I am pleased you feel that the parking restrictions in Greenock are proving worthwhile. The proposed parking restrictions are designed to share the available on-street parking spaces between residents and other road users, rather than set aside specific spaces for residents' use alone. Resident only spaces are often wasteful because many of them remain empty while residents are away at work, for example. Shared spaces, like the ones we are proposing, allow other people to use them during the day for as long or as short a time as necessary for trips associated with work, shopping or leisure. However, to provide a degree of help to residents, we have set aside a period in the morning and afternoon when only Residents' Parking Permit holders can park.*

*The Council has been very careful not to disadvantage businesses while considering the introduction of this and other recent parking restrictions. The Council has consistently listened to local businesses and altered the allowed parking durations to suit their needs. For instance, more delivery loading bays have been provided in the town centre than ever before.*





*With regard to staff parking, it is up to the individual to choose where to park or what form of transport to take to work. The Council has long stay car parks at West Stewart Street, Station Avenue, the Bullring, Hastie Street and the Waterfront. Plans to change the Bullring car park from 3 hour maximum stay to £1 per day and the Waterfront car park from £1 per day to free for any length of stay, are due to come into force in November. In recognition of the need for more long stay car parks, the Council will also open a new car park in Dalrymple Street in the coming year. Free short stay parking is available in Cathcart Street car park and on-street throughout the town centre.*

*We think we have the proper mix of parking facilities in Greenock town centre and have designed the resident permit scheme to minimise the displacement of other road users as much as possible. This approach is a fair balance between the demand for parking by residents and other road users and we hope this explanation will allow you to withdraw your objection.*

*I trust that the above is of assistance to you and addresses your queries, however, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Provan, Environmental and Commercial Services, (Tel: 01475 714800) should you require any further information.*

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I look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours sincerely,

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**Joanna Dalglish**

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**From:** Joanna Dalglish  
**Sent:** 02 October 2015 09:48  
**To:** 'Valerie Workman'  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Car Parking Permits

Dear Mrs. Workman,

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015**

I thank you for your undernoted email and acknowledge safe receipt.  
I have noted that your objection to the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order is maintained.  
We shall be in further contact with you in this connection due course.

Regards,  
Joanna Dalglish

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**From:** Valerie Workman  
**Sent:** 01 October 2015 15:22  
**To:** Joanna Dalglish  
**Subject:** Proposed Car Parking Permits  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon.

I recently handed in a letter in connection with the proposed Parking Permits to be put into place in Greenock (see attached). My concern is with the area of King Street/Crown Street.

I received a reply responding to my observations and concerns and in this letter it stated that I was to reply to withdraw or maintain my objections within 10 days of the date of the letter. I wish my objections to be added to the other ones put forward but I do not wish, nor am I able, to attend any hearing in person.

Valerie Workman

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Dear Madam,

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order  
The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order  
2015  
The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999**

I refer to previous correspondence in relation to the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order and in particular to my letter of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 confirming that a Special Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee is to be held in this connection.

In accordance with Section 9(2) of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, I hereby give you notice that the Hearing will commence at 2.30pm on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016** in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Clyde Square, Greenock, PA15 1LX.

Further, in accordance with the Code of Practice, Procedure for Hearings, I enclose a copy of the Council's Statement of Case in relation the proposed Order to which the Council intends to refer at the Special Meeting.

I would be grateful if you could confirm to me as soon as possible whether or not you will be attending the above Special Meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL**  
**(VARIOUS ROADS) (OUTER GREENOCK)**  
**(WAITING RESTRICTIONS)**  
**(VARIATION NO. 6) ORDER 2015**

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS) (OUTER GREENOCK)  
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS) (VARIATION NO. 6) ORDER 2015**

We, The Inverclyde Council in exercise of the powers conferred on us by Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4(2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49, 53, 101 and 102 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) ("the Act") and of Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act and of all other enabling powers and after consulting the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland (Seirbheis Phoilis na h-Alba) in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby make the following Order:

**1.0 Commencement and citation**

- 1.1 This Order shall come into operation on the \*\* day of \*\*, Two thousand and \*\* and may be cited as "The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015".

**2.0 Interpretation**

- 2.1 In this Order except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

"End Date" means the date on which the particulars of a Printed Permit or a Virtual Permit retained on the Telephone Parking System are removed from the Telephone Parking System;

"Hand-held Device" means apparatus used by a Parking Attendant, an Authorised Person or a police constable in uniform which is programmed to interface with the Telephone Parking System;

"Identification Code" means a combination of letters and numerals by which the Council identifies an Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area;

"Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR2" means any road or part of a road contained within the boundary of the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR2, specified in the maps forming Schedule 1 to this Order;

"Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR3" means any road or part of a road contained within the boundary of the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR3, specified in the maps forming Schedule 1 to this Order;

"Parking Disc" means a Council approved device which is capable of showing the Quarter Hour Period during which a Motor Vehicle arrived at a Limited Waiting Parking Place;

"Parking Disc Area" means any road or part of a road contained within the Parking Disc Area boundary, specified in the maps forming Schedule 1 to this Order;

"Permit" means a Printed Permit or a Virtual Permit issued by the Council in accordance with the Permit scheme set out in this Order;



“Printed Permit” means a document specified in Article 4.3 of this Order which may be issued by the Council and if so issued shall be displayed and used in accordance with the particulars stipulated thereon;

“Quarter Hour Period” means a period of a quarter of an hour starting at any hour or fifteen, thirty or forty-five minutes past the hour which can be shown on a Parking Disc;

“Relevant Position” means:

- (a) for the display of a Parking Disc, that the Parking Disc is displayed either on the inside of the front windscreen of the Motor Vehicle, where the Motor Vehicle is fitted with a front windscreen, or in a conspicuous position on the Motor Vehicle so that, in either case, all the information recorded on the front of the Parking Disc is legible and clearly visible to a person standing at the front or nearside of the Motor Vehicle and the Parking Disc shall be displayed for the whole time that the Motor Vehicle remains in the Parking Place;
- (b) for the display of a Disabled Person’s Badge, that the Disabled Person’s Badge is displayed as prescribed by Regulation 12 of the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (as amended);

“Residents’ Parking Permit” means a Printed Permit or a Virtual Permit issued by the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3.0 of this Order, at such a charge and on such terms and conditions as the Council may determine;

“Service Provider” means a person or company providing services to or on behalf of the Council;

“Start Date” means the date on which the particulars of a Printed Permit or a Virtual Permit are entered on the Telephone Parking System;

“Telephone Parking System” means a system to facilitate and monitor any Permits, whether Virtual Permits or Printed Permits, using any telephone or internet enabled device via communication with the Service Provider; and

“Virtual Permit” means a Permit which is not a Printed Permit, which is specified in Article 4.2 of this Order and which may be issued by the Council.

- 2.2 Except where otherwise stated, any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule is a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.
- 2.3 Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, modified, re-enacted, replaced or supplemented by any subsequent enactment.
- 2.4 The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulation made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any

other enactment provided that where a prohibition or restriction which is imposed, varied or revoked by this Order is in conflict with a prohibition or restriction imposed by a previous Order, then the provision of this Order shall prevail.

2.5 The On-Street Plans forming Schedule 1 to this Order and titled "The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015 On-Street Plans" are hereby incorporated into The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) Order 2013 and recorded in "The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013 Plan Index".

2.6 The Plan Index forms Schedule 2.

2.7 The Interpretation Act 1978 (as amended) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

### 3.0 Residents' Parking Permit

3.1 The Council may issue Residents' Parking Permits, at such a charge and on such terms and conditions as the Council may determine:-

(a) to any person who ordinarily resides in a dwelling house on any road within the boundary of the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR2; and

(b) to any person who ordinarily resides in a dwelling house on any road within the boundary of the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR3

both of which said Areas or Zones are specified in the maps forming Schedule 1 to this Order.

### 4.0 Form of Permits

4.1 A Permit shall be either a Virtual Permit or a Printed Permit;

4.2 The following information shall be retained on the Telephone Parking System as an indication that a Virtual Permit has been granted:-

- (a) the name and address of the applicant;
- (b) the name of any Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area in which the Virtual Permit is valid;
- (c) the Identification Code of any Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area in which the Virtual Permit is valid;
- (d) the Virtual Permit number;
- (e) the registration number of the Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage in respect of which the Virtual Permit has been issued;
- (f) the Start Date; and
- (g) the End Date.



- 4.3 Where a Printed Permit is issued by the Council:-
- (a) it shall include the particulars listed in sub-paragraphs (b) to (g) of Article 4.2;
  - (b) it is not transferrable; and
  - (c) it shall remain the property of the Council at all times.

## **5.0 Use of Permits**

- 5.1 A Permit shall be used only in accordance with the Permit scheme set out in this Article.
- 5.2 Subject to Article 5.1 a Permit issued with an Identification Code relating to the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR2, may be used:-
- (a) within the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR2;
  - (b) in the case of a Virtual Permit, where the Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage has been recorded on the Telephone Parking System for that Virtual Permit; and
  - (c) in the case of a Printed Permit, where details of the Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage are the same as those recorded on the Printed Permit and the Printed Permit is displayed on the Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage in accordance with Article 6.1 hereof.
- 5.3 Subject to Article 5.1 a Permit issued with an Identification Code relating to the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR3, may be used:-
- (a) within the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR3;
  - (b) in the case of a Virtual Permit, where the Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage has been recorded on the Telephone Parking System for that Virtual Permit; and
  - (c) in the case of a Printed Permit, where details of the Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage are the same as those recorded on the Printed Permit and the Printed Permit is displayed on the Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage in accordance with Article 6.1 hereof
- 5.4 If at any time a Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage is left in a Limited Waiting Parking Place on any road within the boundary of the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR2 and an inspection is carried out by a Parking Attendant, an Authorised Person or a police constable in uniform, and no indication that a Permit has been granted in respect of that Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage for the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR2, appears on the Hand-held Device of a Parking Attendant, an Authorised Person or a police constable in uniform, it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that a Permit has not been granted for that Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage at the time of inspection.



- 5.5 If at any time a Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage is left in a Limited Waiting Parking Place on any road within the boundary of the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR3 and an inspection is carried out by a Parking Attendant, an Authorised Person or a police constable in uniform, and no indication that a Permit has been granted in respect of that Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage for the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR3, appears on the Hand-held Device of a Parking Attendant, an Authorised Person or a police constable in uniform, it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that a Permit has not been granted for that Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage at the time of inspection.
- 5.6 A person holding a valid Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, Zone GR2, Residents' Parking Permit is permitted to wait in any Limited Waiting Parking Place on any road within the boundary of the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR2, specified in the maps forming Schedule 1 to this Order, without limit of time.
- 5.7 An Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR2, Residents' Parking Permit shall not be valid in any Limited Waiting Parking Place other than on those roads within the boundary of the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR2, specified in the maps forming Schedule 1 to this Order.
- 5.8 A person holding a valid Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, Zone GR3, Residents' Parking Permit is permitted to wait in any Limited Waiting Parking Place on any road within the boundary of the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR3, specified in the maps forming Schedule 1 to this Order, without limit of time
- 5.9 An Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR3, Residents' Parking Permit shall not be valid in any Limited Waiting Parking Place other than on those roads within the boundary of the Outer Greenock Residents' Parking Permit Area, also referred to as Zone GR3, specified in the maps forming Schedule 1 to this Order.
- 5.10 When a Motor Vehicle is left in a Road in contravention of any of the provisions of this Order, the Registered Keeper will become liable for a penalty charge and a police constable in uniform, a Parking Attendant or an Authorised Person may affix a Penalty Charge Notice to the Motor Vehicle and, subsequently, may remove or arrange for the removal of the Motor Vehicle from that Road.

## **6.0 Display of Printed Permits**

6.1 Where a Printed Permit issued by the Council is used:-

- (a) in the case of a Motor Vehicle, the driver of any Motor Vehicle parked in any Limited Waiting Parking Place who wishes to make use of a Printed Permit shall attach or display the Printed Permit on the Motor Vehicle on the nearside thereof, behind the glass of the windscreen, in such position as to ensure that the front side of the Printed Permit is clearly visible to any person standing at the front nearside of the Motor Vehicle; and

(b) in the case of a Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage, the driver of any Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage parked in any Limited Waiting Parking Place who wishes to make use of a Printed Permit shall attach or display the Printed Permit on the Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage in a conspicuous position in front of the driver's seat.

6.2 Where an inspection is carried out by a Parking Attendant, an Authorised Person or a police constable in uniform, and a Printed Permit issued in respect of that Motor Vehicle, Motor Cycle or Invalid Carriage is not displayed in accordance with Article 6.1 or the particulars shown on the Printed Permit indicate it has not yet commenced, it shall be deemed that a Printed Permit has not been issued in respect of that vehicle at the time of inspection

## **7.0 Duration of Permits**

7.1 A Permit shall be valid from the Start Date retained on the Telephone Parking System for one calendar year or, if earlier, until such time as it is revoked or cancelled by the Council.

## **8.0 Limited waiting**

8.1 Save as provided in Article 8.8 of this Order the Driver of a Motor Vehicle, shall on the arrival, and throughout the period of waiting at a Limited Waiting Parking Place within the Parking Disc Area, exhibit on the Motor Vehicle a Parking Disc in accordance with the provisions of Articles 8.2 and 8.3.

8.1.1. No person shall, except upon the direction of a police constable in uniform, a Parking Attendant or an Authorised Person, cause or permit any Motor Vehicle to wait during that period in that part of the Road:

(a) for longer than the maximum period of waiting specified for that part of the Road; or

(b) if a period of less than the no return interval specified for that part of the Road has elapsed since the termination during the said hours of the last period of waiting (if any) of the Motor Vehicle in that part of the Road.

8.2 Save as provided in Article 8.8 the Parking Disc shall be exhibited on the Motor Vehicle in a Relevant Position.

8.3 Save as provided in Article 8.8 the Parking Disc while exhibited on the Motor Vehicle shall be so placed that the Quarter Hour Period during which the Motor Vehicle arrived at a Limited Waiting Parking Place within the Parking Disc Area shown on the front of the Parking Disc is clearly visible to a person standing on the nearside of the Motor Vehicle.

8.4 When a Parking Disc has been displayed on a Motor Vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Articles 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 of this Order, no person shall remove the Parking Disc from the Motor Vehicle unless authorised to do so by the Driver of the Motor Vehicle.



- 8.5 The Driver of a Motor Vehicle shall, on exhibiting the Parking Disc on the Motor Vehicle in accordance with Articles 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 of this Order, set the Parking Disc so that it indicates the Quarter Hour Period during which the Motor Vehicle arrived at a Limited Waiting Parking Place within the Parking Disc Area.
- 8.6 Subject to the provisions of Article 8.8 of this Order, the Driver of a Motor Vehicle shall not permit it to wait continuously in a Limited Waiting Parking Place within the Parking Disc Area for a period longer than the waiting period permitted as shown in the On-Street Plans and such period of parking shall be calculated as commencing from the later time indicated on the Parking Disc, set in accordance with the provisions of Article 8.5 hereof.
- 8.7 When a Parking Disc exhibited in pursuance of Articles 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 of this Order on a Motor Vehicle waiting in a Limited Waiting Parking Place within the Parking Disc Area is showing a Quarter Hour Period, the later time indicated by the Parking Disc showing the end of that period shall be treated as sufficient evidence that the Motor Vehicle has been waiting in that Limited Waiting Parking Place within the Parking Disc Area since that later time in any proceedings for an offence under Article 8.6 of this Order and Section 5 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).
- 8.8 Nothing in Articles 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 of this Order shall apply to:-
- (a) a Disabled Persons' Vehicle which is not causing an obstruction;
  - (b) any two wheeled Motor Cycle not having a sidecar attached thereto.
  - (b) any Motor Vehicle from which Goods are being Loaded.
  - (c) any Motor Vehicle from which a person is boarding or alighting.
  - (d) any Motor Vehicle being used in connection with;
    - (i) building, industrial or demolition operations;
    - (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
    - (iii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the said parts of the Road; or
    - (iv) the laying, erection, alteration, removal or repair in or adjacent to any Road, of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any Electronic Communications Apparatus or Traffic Sign;if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other Road.
  - (e) any Motor Vehicle being used in pursuance of statutory powers and duties if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other Road.
  - (f) any Motor Vehicle which is being used for fire and rescue service, police, ambulance or other emergency service purposes.

- (g) a maximum of three Motor Vehicles involved in a funeral or a wedding ceremony waiting at or near to any premises situated on or adjacent to the said parts of the Road so long as the waiting by these Motor Vehicles is reasonably necessary.

8.9 No person shall:

- (a) after the Parking Disc exhibited on the Motor Vehicle has been set in accordance with Article 8.5, alter the indications given by that Parking Disc whilst the said Motor Vehicle remains in the Limited Waiting Parking Place within the Parking Disc Area.
- (b) knowingly exhibit on any Motor Vehicle any Parking Disc which has been altered, defaced, mutilated or added to or upon which the figures or particulars have become illegible.

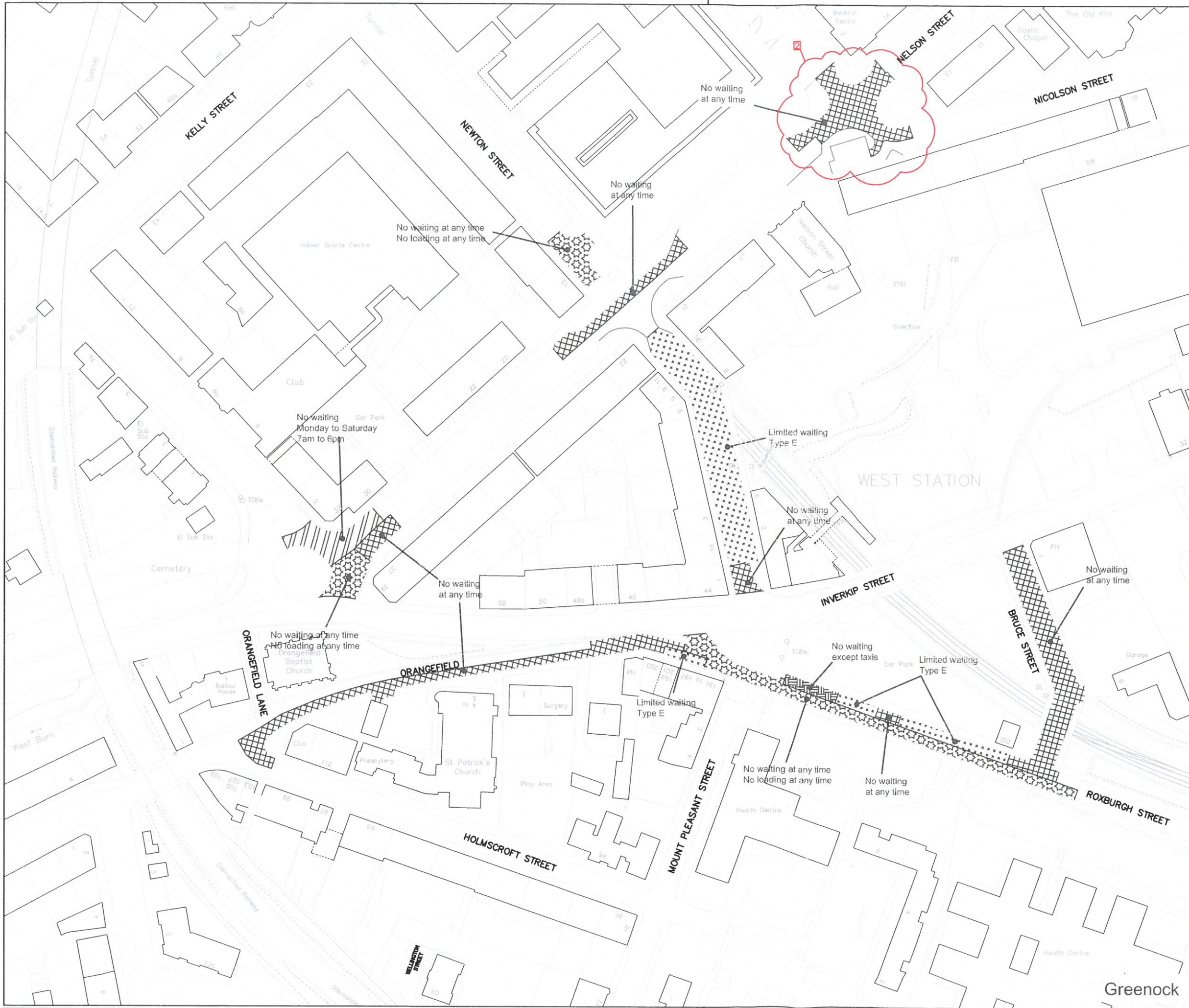
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**SCHEDULE 1**

**The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015 On-Street Plans**



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 Permit Area  
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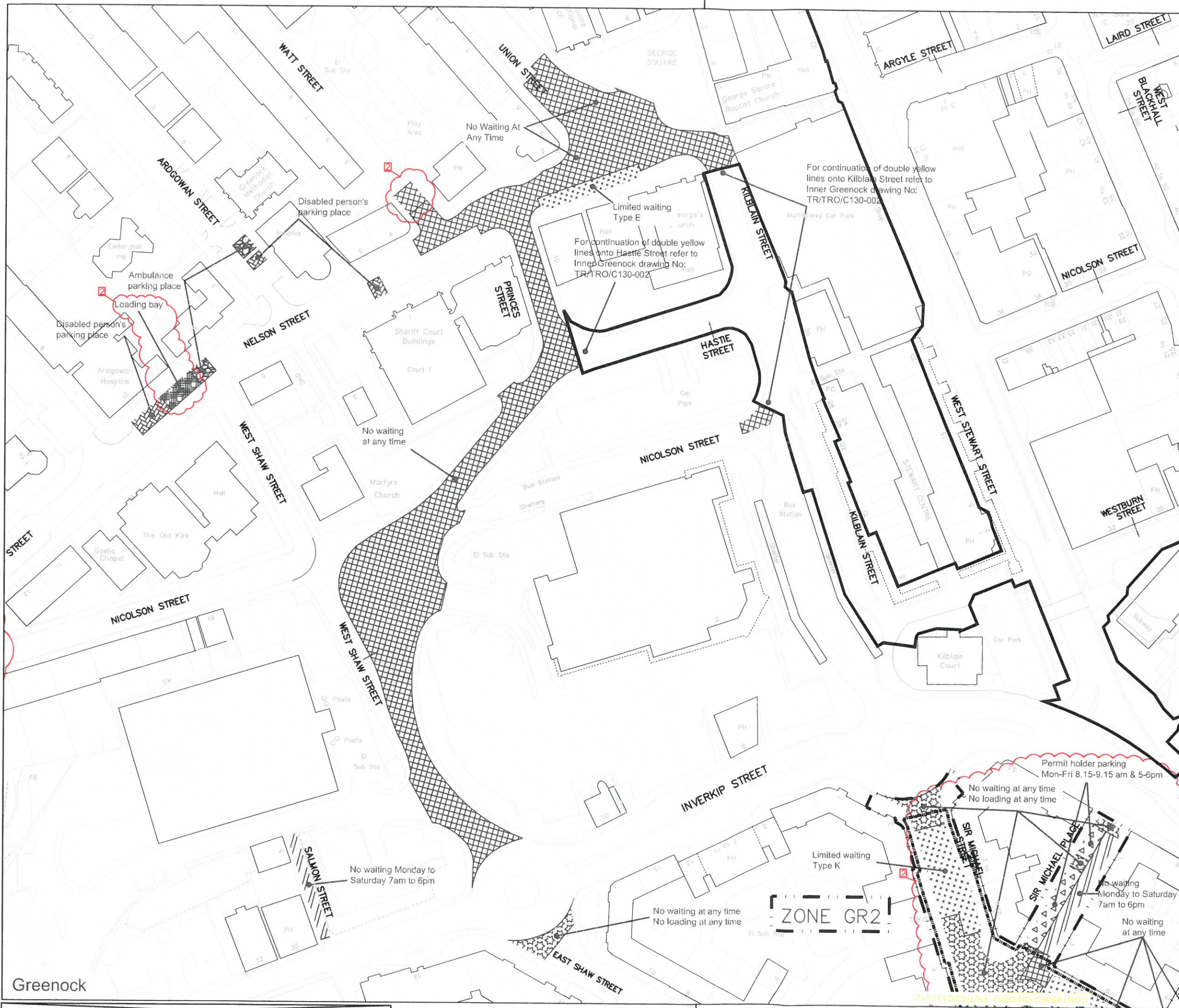
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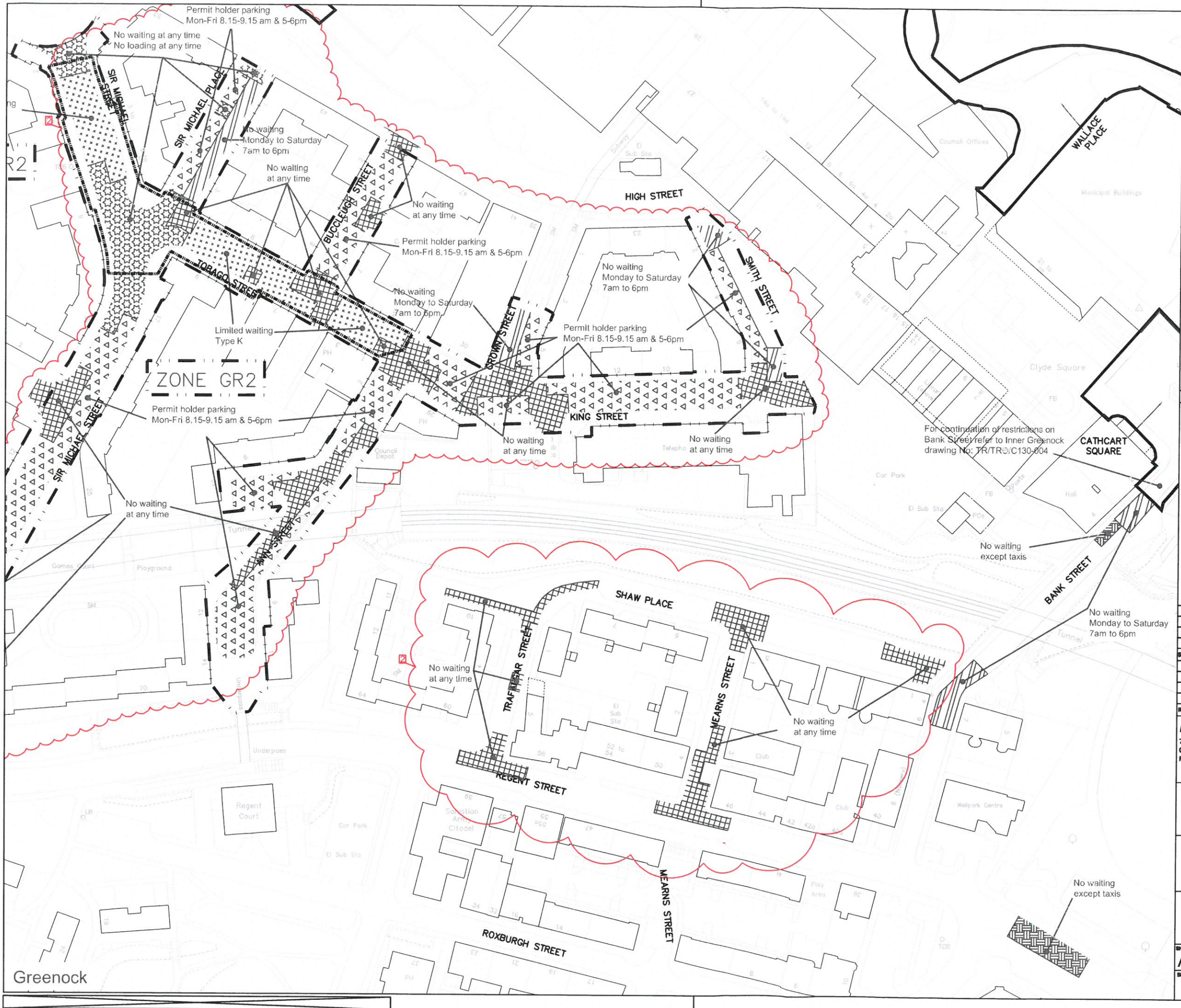
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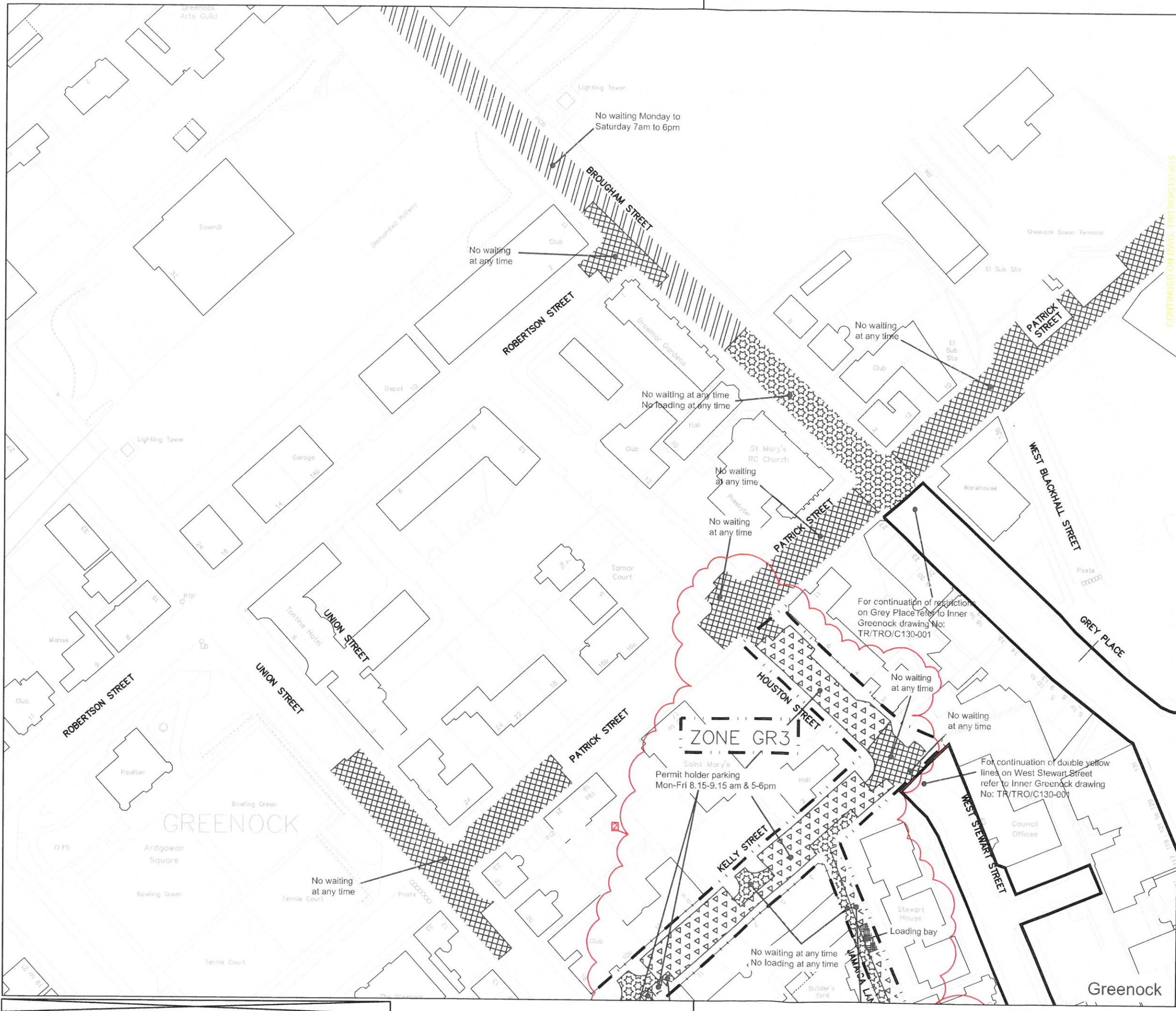
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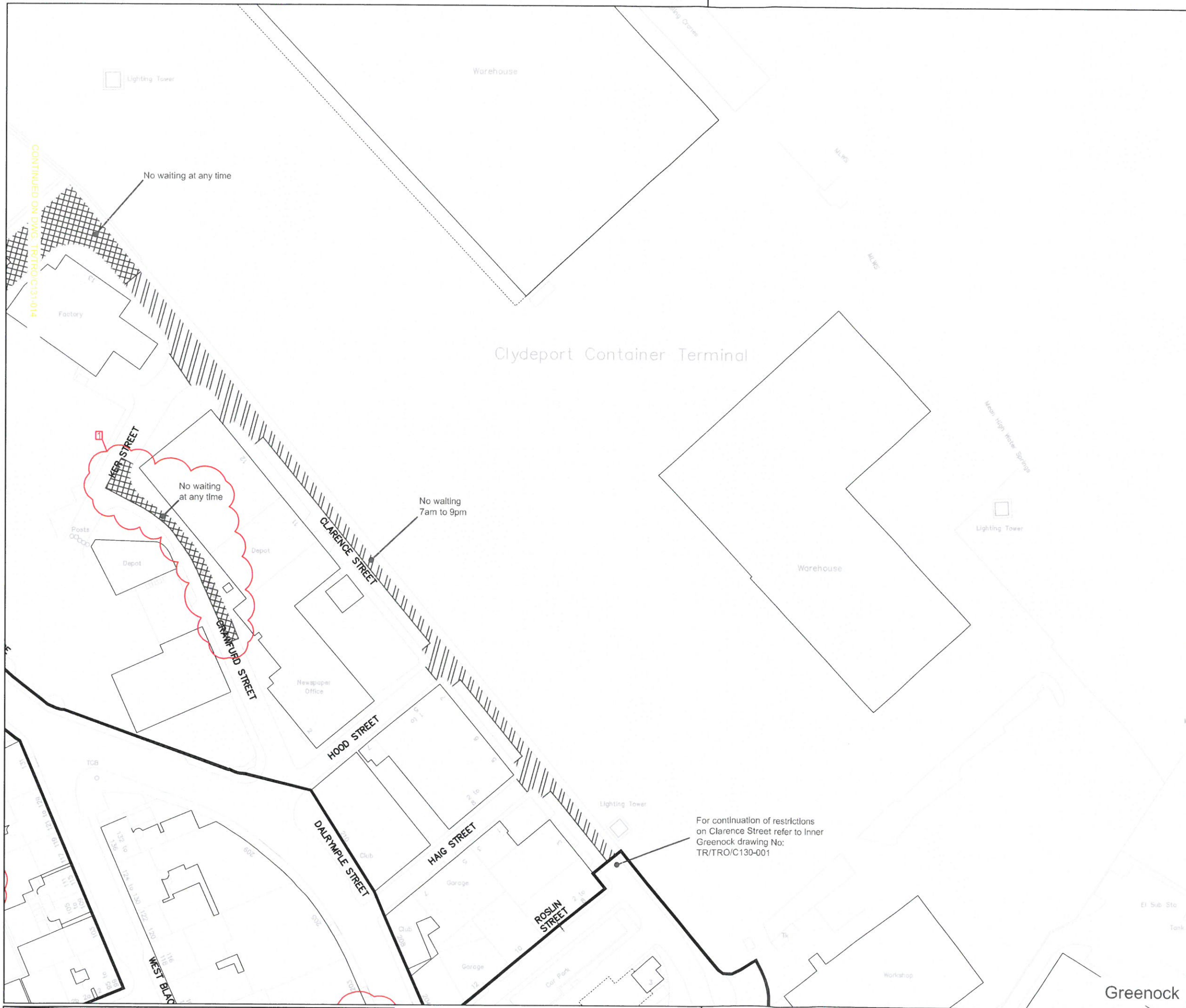
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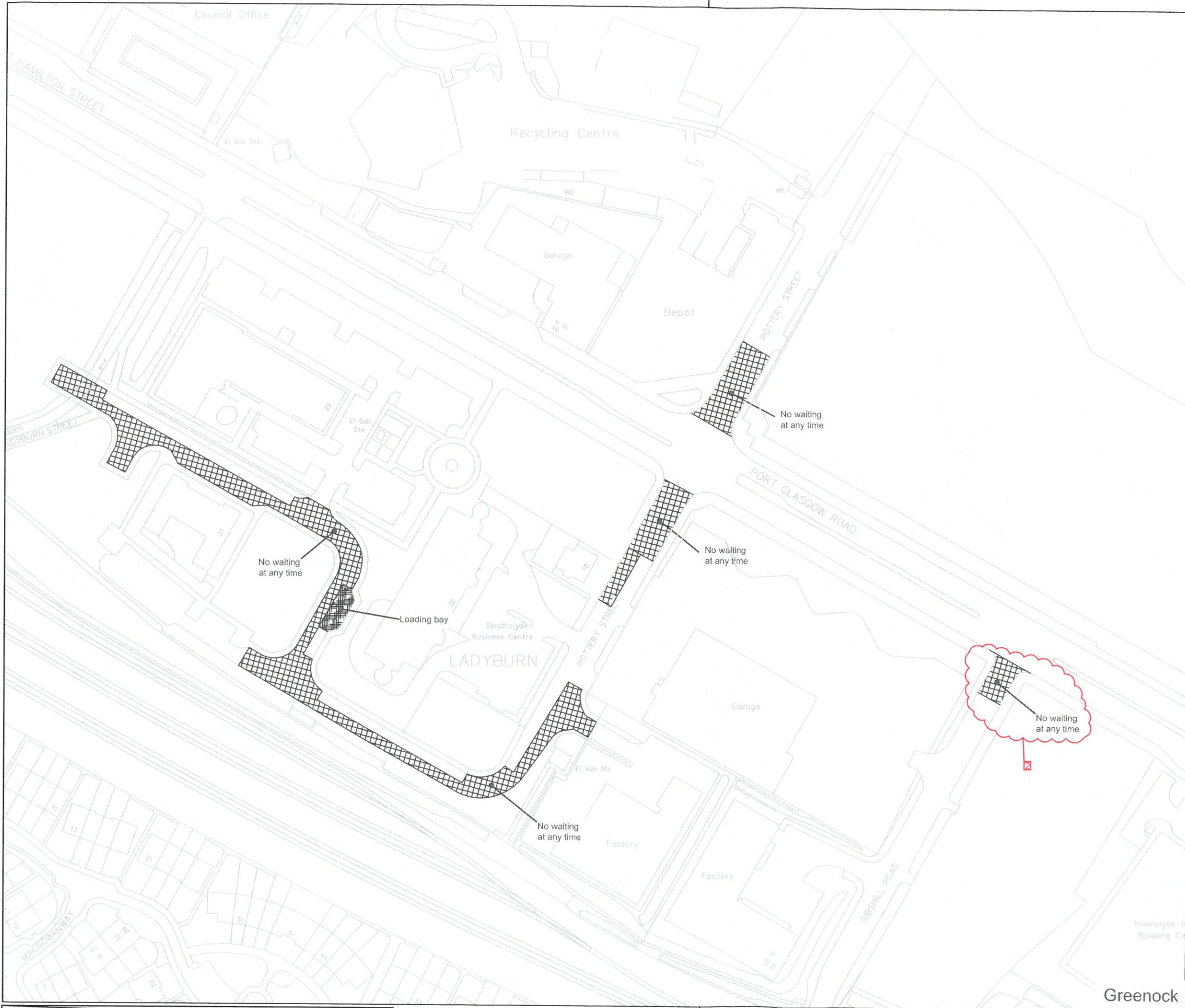
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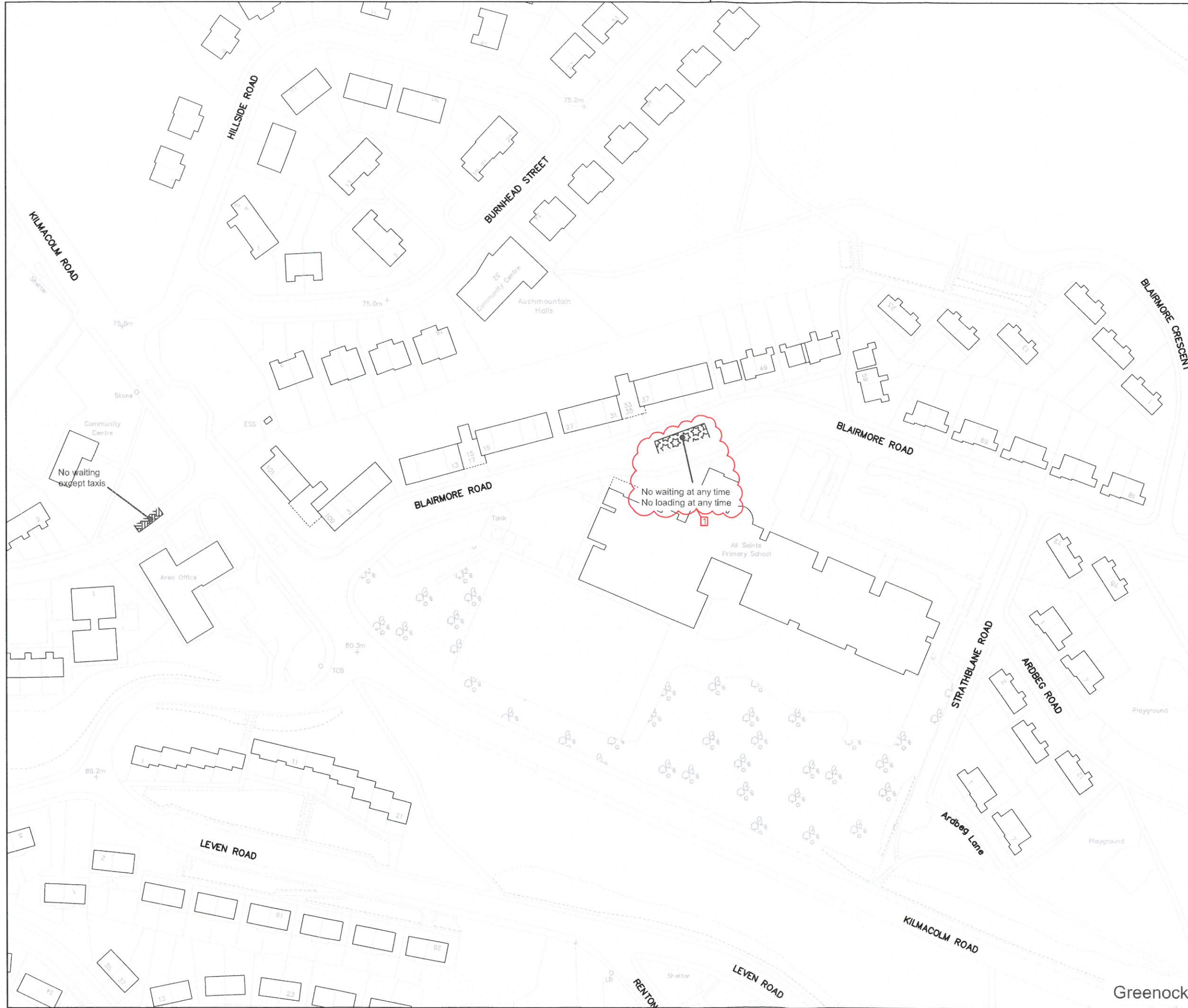
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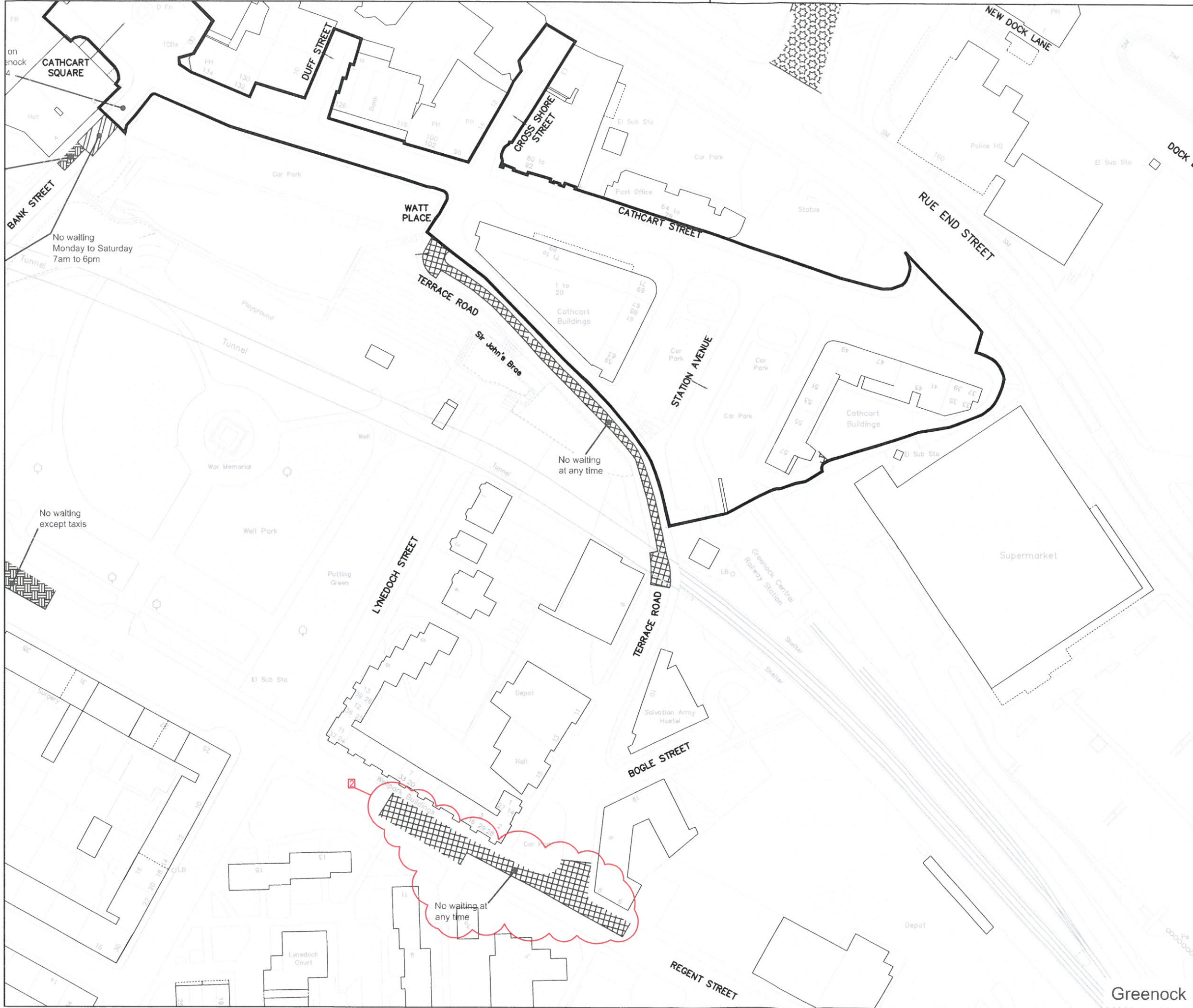
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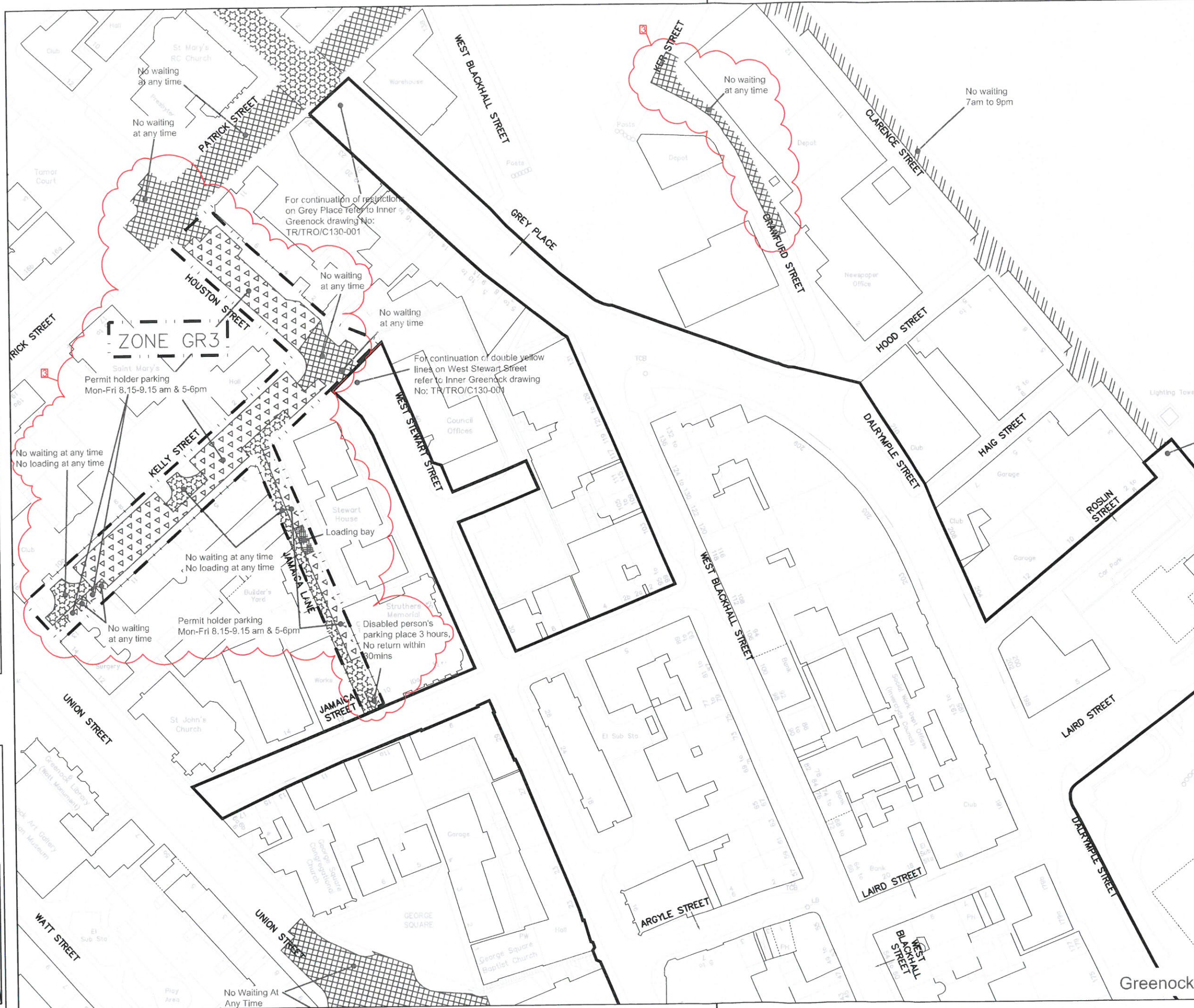
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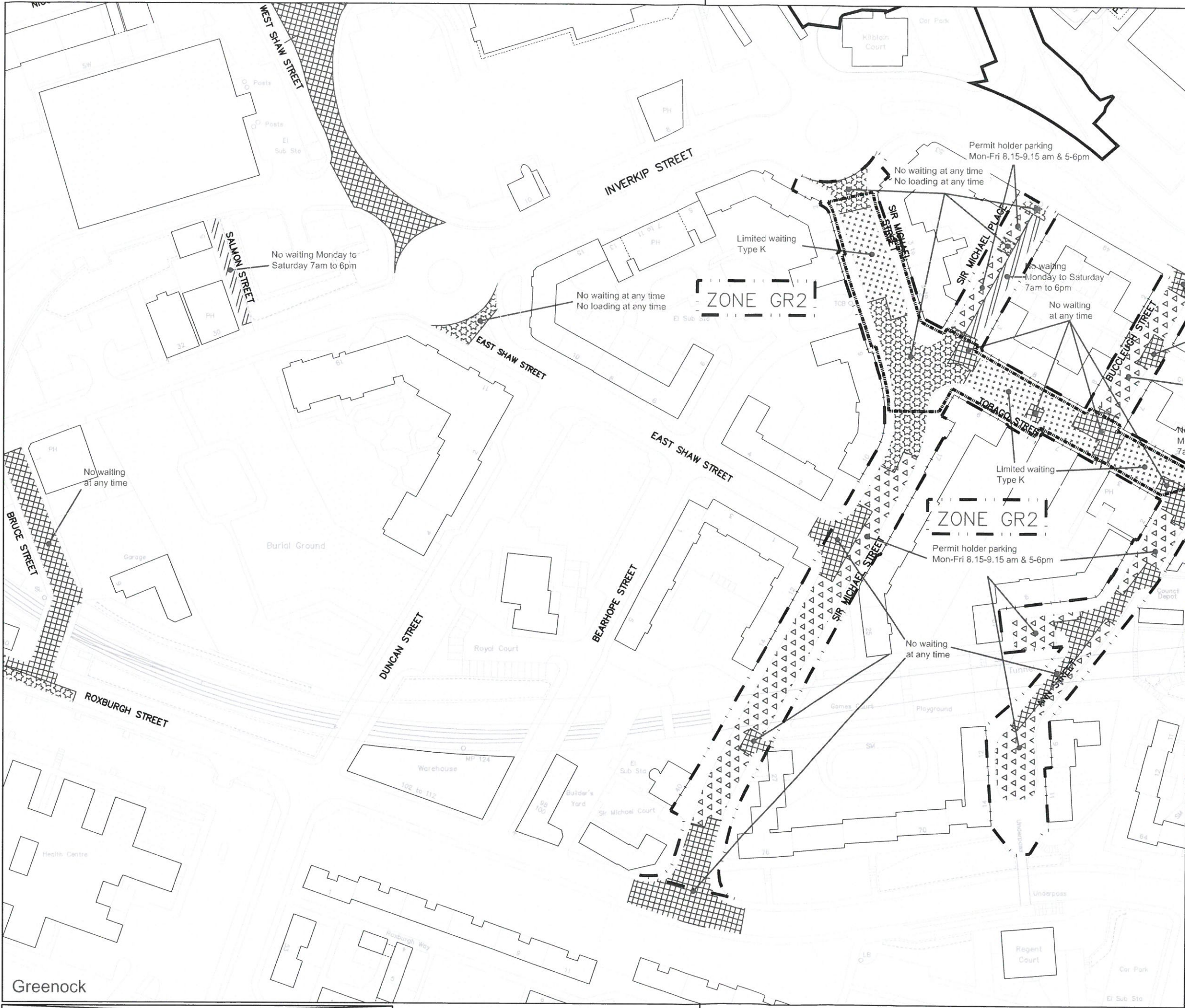
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**APPENDIX 4**

**THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS)  
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(VARIATION 6) ORDER 2015**

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

**STATEMENT OF CASE**

## **Background**

### **Statement of Reasons**

The reasons for proposing to make this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) are:

- to avoid danger to persons and other traffic using the roads listed in the TRO;
- to facilitate the passage on the roads listed in the TRO of any class of traffic; and
- to prevent the use of the roads listed in the TRO by vehicular traffic in a manner which is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the roads, by introducing a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme for parts of Outer Greenock.

This TRO will introduce the following restrictions:- 'Parking for Outer Greenock Permit holders only Monday – Friday, 8.15am – 9.15am and 5pm – 6pm' in parts of Houston Street, Kelly Street, Jamaica Lane, Sir Michael Place, Sir Michael Street, Buccleugh Street, Crown Street, Ann Street, Smith Street and King Street, "No waiting at any time" at junctions on Patrick Street, Houston Street, Kelly Street, Jamaica Lane, Sir Michael Street, Sir Michael Place, Tobago Street, Buccleugh Street, Crown Street, Ann Street, Smith Street, King Street, Trafalgar Street, Mearns Street, Shaw Place, Nelson Street, Watt Street, Crawford Street, James Watt Way, Regent Street, Terrace Road and Gibshill Road; on-street Limited waiting Mon – Fri, 8am – 6pm, 2 hours, no return within 30 minutes except for Outer Greenock Permit holders on parts of Tobago Street and Sir Michael Street; "No waiting at any time, no loading at any time" on parts of Blairmore Road, Jamaica Lane and Kelly Street; and loading bays on parts of Nelson Street and Jamaica Lane, in keeping with the decision of the Environment and Regeneration Committee meeting on 5 March 2015 to introduce a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme for parts of Outer Greenock.

### **Introduction**

The Inverclyde Council introduced its Greenock Town Centre Parking Strategy on 6 October 2014. When they were promoted, the TROs governing the Parking Strategy's waiting and loading restrictions attracted objections from residents who live in the town centre who argued their ability to park free for unlimited periods, close to their homes, had been denied them.

The subsequent Report of the Public Hearing, called to hear these and other objections, recommended that the Strategy be implemented as intended, reviewed a year after implementation and the decision not to introduce a Residents' Parking Permits Scheme be reconsidered as part of that review.

A Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) update report was submitted to the Environment and Regeneration Committee on 30 October 2014 subsequent to which Committee decided that a report should be submitted to the Environment and Regeneration Committee meeting on 5 March 2015 on options for the introduction of a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme for Greenock Town Centre.

At the Committee meeting on 5 March 2015 approval was granted for the introduction of a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme in Greenock Town Centre. This was subject to there being no charge per year for the first and second permits per household with a maximum of 2 permits per household and the scheme being reviewed a year after implementation.

At the same Committee meeting on 5 March 2015 approval was granted to consider the introduction of a Residents' Parking Permit Scheme in the Kelly Street and Sir Michael Street/ Tobago Street/ King Street areas of Greenock.

As a result the following TROs were drafted:

1. The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 4) Order 2015 (Inner 4)
2. The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Inner Greenock) (Controlled Parking Zone) (Variation No. 5) Order 2015 (Inner 5)
3. The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 5) Order 2015 (Outer 5)
4. The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No. 6) Order 2015 (Outer 6)
5. The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Variation No. 4) Order 2015 (Off-Street)

### **Benefits**

The Council consider significant benefits will be achieved with the implementation of this TRO at all of the locations where new waiting and loading restrictions are proposed. The objections, however, relate to two specific locations and this benefits section will concentrate on these locations only.

**Pedestrian Safety and Crossing Points:** Pedestrians have been put at risk or inconvenienced by indiscriminate parking. Parking occurs on footways which results in pedestrians being unable to walk past cars without walking on the road. Vehicles are also parked across dropped kerb crossings. Such parking prevents those with mobility problems or pushing prams from using these crossing points. The restrictions in this TRO at such locations will prevent parking at these locations.

**Traffic Management:** All day parking by commuters working in the town centre and surrounding area does not create the turnover of spaces desired by the residents and traders of this area. Preventing parking too close to junctions will improve safety by creating better sightlines and will allow more efficient operation of the junctions.

**Environment and Health:** Visitors to the outer town centre areas often have to drive around looking for parking spaces. The removal of all day parking will provide better turnover of spaces and reduce the distance people drive to find a space. Those who used to park all day in this area will be encouraged to use public transport, walk or cycle. This will have benefits to their health.

### **Public Consultation**

The suite of TROs was issued for public consultation on 21 August 2015 with responses invited by 18 September 2015. No objections were received in relation to Inner 4 and Outer 5. One objection was received in relation to Inner 5 which was later withdrawn.

A total of 9 objections were received in relation to Outer 6. One of the objections related to the proposed restriction in the Kelly Street area. Officers met with the objectors and as a result the objection was withdrawn.

A further objection was raised with regard to the proposed no waiting at any time restrictions on Regent Street and Terrace Road. Officers wrote to and met the objector on site to detail the extent of the proposals. As a result the objector suggested that the restriction on the east side of the road be reduced by approximately 6m i.e. 1 car length and that this would allow them to withdraw their objection. However, having considered this proposal, it is not

recommended as the proposed restrictions as advertised were developed to improve road safety. It follows that the objector maintains their objection.

A total of 7 objections were received regarding the proposed restrictions in the Tobago Street area. Officers wrote to and met with these objectors. They have all maintained their objections. It should be noted that 1 objection was made by an employer and the other 6 objections were made by or on behalf of staff of the employer. The 7 objections were on much the same terms.

### **Maintained Objections and the Council's Responses**

There were key themes to the objections raised. The key themes are listed below and details of the Council's responses to each of these are provided.

#### *Regent Street and Terrace Road Junction*

##### **Loss of Parking:**

**Objection:** Removal of parking from Terrace Road creates difficulties for staff and customers.

**Response:** The restrictions are proposed at this junction for road safety reasons to allow safer and more efficient use of this junction. Currently vehicles park close to the junction reducing visibility for vehicles wishing to turn onto Regent Street from Terrace Road. The restrictions on Regent Street will provide improved visibility for this manoeuvre. The restrictions are extended to beyond the pedestrian refuge island to promote the safe use of the crossing.

On Terrace Road, the restrictions follow the guidance in the Highway Code to allow space for vehicles to turn left or right out of Terrace Road without obstructions. The restrictions also allow vehicles to turn into Terrace Road.

Finally, the Report of the independent Reporter who conducted the public hearing into the objections to the original TROs prior to the introduction of DPE, included the comment that "the enforcement of the restrictions and the improvements for junction visibility and pedestrian safety should reduce road hazards in the TRO areas significantly overall". This is what the Council is seeking to achieve with the introduction of "No waiting at any time" restrictions around this junction.

#### *Tobago Street Area*

##### **Staff Parking:**

**Objection:** Staff use their cars for work. They generally begin work between 8-10am and leave work from 5pm onwards. They would like permits for their staff.

**Response:** The Council do not provide parking permits for businesses as agreed at the Environment and Regeneration Committee on 5 March 2015. If this type of permit was provided, there would be no parking spaces available to other users of the town centre which would be detrimental to the town centre. The aim of the strategy is to provide better turnover of spaces by discouraging commuters from parking all day. If there are fewer commuters taking up spaces all day, the objector's staff should find it easier to find a space. The objectors advised that at present they can drive around for 10 minutes looking for a space. If this is the case when they are doing several visits per day, the removal of all day parking by commuters should make it easier to find a space. If a space cannot be found within a minute's walk of the office staff could still park a little further away and save time on their working day.

### **Historic Planning Applications Decisions:**

**Objection:** Inverclyde Council have given planning permission to developments within the town centre with very little parking.

**Response:** Developments in the town centre are subject to a lower parking requirement in order to discourage travel by private car. Town centre locations, particularly the King Street area of Greenock, have better access to public transport. Kilblain Street and West Stewart Street bus stops are an interchange point for many services in Inverclyde. This location is approximately half way between Greenock Central and Greenock West Railway Stations which offer services to Paisley, Glasgow and further afield.

### **Town Centre Shops:**

**Objection:** Due the location of the objector's office, many of the staff shop in the town centre. They would not shop there if they had to carry their shopping further to their cars.

**Response:** Parking is provided throughout the town centre which allows parking for up to 2 hours on-street and 3 hours in Cathcart Street West car park. This would allow people to shop. By reducing the amount of all day parking on streets surrounding the town centre a better turnover of parking spaces will be provided. This will encourage the use of the town centre by people who were previously unable to use it due to commuters parking all day.

### **Displaced Parking:**

**Objection:** The enforcement of waiting restrictions in the Inner Greenock Parking Zone has resulted in more people wishing to park on the perimeter of the town centre. This makes it difficult for staff to park.

**Response:** The Council introduced its Greenock town centre parking strategy in October 2014 in response to requests to do something about the parking congestion which was being experienced in town centre streets. Parking was preventing deliveries, preventing access to shops and businesses, making streets unsafe for pedestrians and damaging the economy of Greenock. Enforcement powers were given to Parking Attendants, short stay parking spaces were provided on streets for shoppers and others and long stay parkers were encouraged to use car parks. Later, affected residents requested help to park close to their homes where the new parking restrictions were preventing this.

The proposed parking restrictions in and around the town centre are designed to share the available on-street parking spaces between residents and other road users, rather than set aside specific spaces for residents' use alone. Resident only spaces are often wasteful because many of them remain empty while residents are away at work, for example. Shared spaces allow other people to use them during the day for as long or as short a time as necessary for trips associated with work, shopping or leisure. However, to provide a degree of help to residents, the Council has set aside a period in the morning and afternoon when only resident permit holders can park in the Tobago Street and Kelly Street areas.

The Council has long stay car parks at the Bullring, Hastie Street and the Waterfront. Plans to change the Bullring car park from a 3 hour maximum stay to £1 per day and the Waterfront car park from £1 per day to free for any length of stay came into force in mid-November 2015. In recognition of the need for more long stay car parks, the Council will also open a new car park in Dalrymple Street in 2016. These car parks are a short walk away from the High Street area and the Council encourages long stay users to use them at times when restrictions prevent them parking on-street. The £1 per day ticket can be re-used as many times as necessary in the same day and is valid in all of the Council's £1 per day car parks.

The Council considers that this approach is a fair balance between the demand for parking by residents and other road users.

### **Conclusion**

The Council submits that all of the objections should be dismissed and the Orders made as proposed.