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**Annual Report on Local
Authorities' Functions: 2022 -
2023**

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Background

The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2009/3/contents>) ("the Act") was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 26 February 2009, receiving Royal Assent on 1 April 2009, and coming into force on 1 October 2009. The Act places a duty on all local authorities to promote the proper use of disabled parking places, and aims to make all disabled persons' parking bays enforceable.

Under the Act, local authorities have duties to identify all advisory disabled parking places and either remove them or begin the statutory procedure to make them enforceable. The Act states that this duty was to be performed within 12 months of the coming into force of the Act (by 30 September 2010).

The Act also places a duty on local authorities under section 11 and the Scottish Ministers under section 12 to publish annual performance reports. Part 1 and Part 2 of the Schedule (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2009/3/schedule>) to the Act details what the reports should include.

We have noticed a trend in recent years, heightened by Covid restrictions, of Disabled Persons' Parking Places being marked on the ground with no associated Traffic Regulation Order being promoted to ensure that local authorities can correctly enforce these bays when required. Last year we wrote to all local authorities to remind them of their duties under the Act.

Since raising this matter, we have noticed a change in priorities, with some local authorities prioritising a review of their TROs and putting plans in place to promote further TROs in the near future. We will continue to monitor the situation and raise the importance of promoting TROs for disabled bays with key stakeholders.

Local Authorities' Duty under section 11:

Section 11 of the Act requires a local authority to prepare, publish and send to Scottish Ministers a copy of, '*a report on its performance of its functions in relation to parking places for disabled persons' vehicles during the reporting period.*' Part 1 of the Schedule specifies what information the report should contain.

Scottish Ministers' Duty under section 12:

Section 12 of the Act requires Scottish Ministers to prepare, publish and lay before the Scottish Parliament, '*a report on the performance by the local authorities of their functions in relation to parking places for disabled persons' vehicles during the reporting period.*'

Part 2 of the Schedule to the Act details what the Scottish Ministers should include in their report. This is provided at **Annex A for reporting period 2022/23**.

The preparation, publication and laying of this report will fulfil those requirements for the reporting year 2021/22 and cover the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

The Scottish Ministers' reports are published on the Transport Scotland website (<https://www.transport.gov.scot/our-approach/industry-guidance/parking/#45736>).

Scottish Ministers' Reporting Duties

The following information is reported as a requirement of section 12 of the Act. The following information should be read in conjunction with the Schedule (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2009/3/schedule>) to the Act.

1. Schedule, Part 2, paragraph 3 (a): 'details of the action that each local authority took in fulfilment of its duty under section 1'.

Local authorities reported the following information under paragraph 3 (a) in respect of the reporting period:-

Aberdeen City Council

Aberdeen City Council continues to process applications for disabled persons' parking places where criteria are met. Advisory disabled persons' parking places are provided until the statutory process is completed. Aberdeen City Council also removes any disabled persons' parking place that is no longer required.

Blue Badge holders, when requesting a disabled parking facility are fully advised of the regulations, that they are open to any Blue Badge holder and that the badge requires to be displayed at all time.

Aberdeen City Council enforces all disabled persons' parking places governed by a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and has officers in place to investigate fraudulent use of Blue Badges.

Aberdeen City Council has information regarding Blue Badge spaces on our website.

Aberdeenshire Council

Aberdeenshire Council promotes the proper use of parking spaces for disabled persons' vehicles by routinely issuing excess charge notices to those using such spaces improperly in car parks covered by the Aberdeenshire Council (Off-Street Parking) orders. The number of such notices issued during the reporting period (2022-23) was 136 of which 55 were subsequently cancelled following successful appeals and 32 are currently outstanding having not been paid.

Angus Council

Angus Council are continuing to process applications for new street disabled bays where criteria are met. Advisory bays are provided until the statutory process is completed. Disabled person parking places which are no longer required are removed.

Argyll & Bute Council

Argyll & Bute Council area is split into 4 sub areas:

- Bute & Cowal
- Helensburgh & Lomond
- Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands
- Oban, Lorn and the Islands

Disabled bays are enforced by the DPE enforcement team.

City of Edinburgh Council

Staff within Parking Development provide advice and the relevant application form to customers who wish to apply for a DPPP outside their home.

For new developments there are procedures in place to make the developer aware of the duty of local authorities to promote the proper use of parking places that are designated for use only by disabled persons' vehicles. As part of the planning process the developer is asked if they wish CEC to enforce disabled persons' parking places.

Clackmannanshire Council

Due to staffing numbers in various departments, COVID and home working applications and traffic regulations orders are taking longer to process.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

Applications are being received and assessed with existing bays being re-marked and maintained.

Dumfries & Galloway Council

Processing the applications as and when received.

Review of Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders (TTRO) periodically.

Dundee City Council

Information is available on the DCC website relating to the scheme, rights and responsibilities of Blue Badge holders. Press publications have also been released informing motorists of the increased budget made available to meet standards and maintain existing disabled spaces.

East Ayrshire Council

The East Ayrshire Council (Various roads within East Ayrshire)(Disabled Person's Designated Parking Places and Revocation) Order 2022 was made on 18/01/22 which is out with the reporting period.

East Dunbartonshire Council

East Dunbartonshire Council continue to promote the proper use of parking places designated for the leaving of a vehicle displaying Blue Badges as require through the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009.

During the reporting period, a total of 410 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) were issued for the offence of being parked in a designated disabled parking bay without a valid Blue Badge.

East Lothian Council

Advertising literature "Don't park in my space" has been displayed in all Council offices. Letters have been sent to residents that currently have a disabled bay to see if it's still required and they meet the criteria for having an enforceable parking bay.

East Renfrewshire Council

Records of locations of all enforceable disabled bays continue to be updated and maintained.

Falkirk Council

Falkirk Council considered all requests for disabled persons parking places by qualifying persons and has where possible commenced the statutory process to make Orders for those applicants.

Fife Council

No promotion carried out.

Glasgow City Council

The Council continued to receive and grant applications for the provision and repaint of disabled parking bays by qualifying persons.

All new developments have been checked and where necessary developers will be contacted and invited to participate.

Highland Council

The Highland Council are consistently introducing new townships into decriminalised parking enforcement. With this the parking enforcement team are recognising more disabled parking spaces throughout the highland area that have not yet been recognised on the traffic regulation order. The Parking enforcement team have been assisting in the installation of new disabled bays when area roads do not have the resources or the funding, allowing applicants a quicker service.

Inverclyde Council

Inverclyde Council promotes the creation of parking places for disabled persons through an on-line application process on the Council's website.

With the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement throughout Inverclyde, Orders were created to regulate Off-Street car parks and include Disabled Persons' Parking Places. The consultation and publicity processes served to highlight the provision of Disabled Persons' Parking Places within the car parks.

Midlothian Council

All on-street bays for which Midlothian Council is responsible have been identified, assessed and made enforceable by inclusion in a TRO.

New applications are processed as quickly as resources permit.

The Council is pro-active in contacting the 'owners' of bays periodically to ensure that these are still in use, and removes bays which are no longer required by a Blue Badge holder.

Moray Council

Following the process undertaken previously, to identify all historic advisory disabled parking spaces, the council have been assessing all new applications over the most recent reporting period (1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023) in accordance with the Act and supporting advice. The Traffic and the Blue Badge Teams continue to provide ad hoc advice on the use of Blue Badge Spaces.

North Ayrshire Council

North Ayrshire Council provides disabled parking places to residents within the area where possible. We have promoted an order that covers both on and off-street bays within the reporting period and are currently preparing for another order.

We actively work with local Housing Associations to ensure that any bays they provide are also included within these Orders.

North Lanarkshire Council

North Lanarkshire Council has continued to assess requests for disabled persons' parking places and promoted a number of Traffic Regulation Orders to allow the use of parking spaces to be enforced by the Council's parking attendants.

Advisory markings have been placed at requested locations initially and will remain in place until procedures to promote Traffic Regulation Orders are complete.

Orkney Islands Council

The Council continues to identify both on-street and off-street parking places when applications are received.

Perth & Kinross Council

Parking Attendants regularly inspect and enforce the bays to ensure the proper use of the parking places for disabled persons' vehicles.

Renfrewshire Council

Renfrewshire Council has prepared documentation for consultation on its 7th Disabled Persons' parking Place On-Street Order. Said consultation will commence on 9th June 2023.

This Order will add an additional 180 new bays while removing 9 bays that are no longer required.

Work is still progressing to create a GIS mapping system that will enable Hybrid working and associated benefits of a digital system.

The Council is also preparing to advertise on 14th June 2023, seeking private off-street parking providers who wish to take up enforceable disabled parking within their car parks.

Scottish Borders Council

We have not actively promoted proper use of disabled persons parking places. If we receive a complaint regarding the use of a bay we will follow this up in writing.

Shetland Islands Council

The council provides information through various sources in order to reach as many in the community as possible.

- The council web page highlights eligibility, the statutory process and all relevant information.
- Local weekly newspaper (The Shetland Times) to highlight all stages of the statutory process.
- All new developments are encouraged to participate in the provision of disabled parking bay(s).
- Council also removes any disabled persons' parking place that is no longer required.

South Ayrshire Council

We are in the process of progressing TROs to update the current position with respect to disabled bays in South Ayrshire Council – orders shall require approval by the Council's Regulatory Panel following the set statutory traffic regulation order process.

This shall include a review of a number of historic bays to ascertain if they are still required.

South Lanarkshire Council

South Lanarkshire Council enforces the regulated disabled persons' parking bays in line with its policies and procedures.

Stirling Council

Continue to assess all applications received for a disabled person's parking space under the Council's current criteria which was amended following the introduction of the Disabled Person's Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 within 15 working days whenever possible.

Where the applicant meets the criteria for a disabled person's parking space outside their property, we aim to arrange for the marking of an advisory space within 10 working days of receiving their agreement on its location.

Once the TRO process has been completed, arrange for the necessary signage to be erected.

On completion of the TRO the applicant's details are entered into a database to ensure a complete record is maintained.

Stirling Councils Traffic Regulation Orders and parking policy continue to allow vehicles displaying a Blue Badge to park free of charge and without time limit within any "on-street" or "off-street" pay and display parking area, in addition to any designated disabled parking spaces.

10 disabled persons' parking spaces were revoked as they were no longer required.

West Dunbartonshire Council

West Dunbartonshire has an up-to-date database for all on-street disabled parking bays; this identifies those already legally enforceable and those which are currently advisory only. This is constantly updated to include all new on-street parking bays. Each time a new TRO amendment order is implemented, the bays marked as advisory are automatically included in this schedule.

West Lothian Council

West Lothian Council has provided information through various sources in order to reach as much of the community as possible. The following methods have been used to convey information.

- Information on the council web page at all times.
- The back doors of council vans have been vinyl wrapped with a message promoting the correct use of disabled parking places.

2. Schedule, Part 2, paragraph 3 (b):

'The total number of parking places designated by the local authorities as being for use only by a disabled persons' vehicle by virtue of the provisions of this Act (except section 9)'

Table 1 below sets out the total number of parking places (excluding temporary places) designated by individual local authorities as being for use only by a disabled person's vehicle, as reported. The table reports only new disabled parking places made enforceable by an order in the reporting year 2022/23 and does not take account of those removed.

Local authority / places		Local authority / places		Local authority / places	
Aberdeen City	28	East Lothian	0	Orkney Islands	0
Aberdeenshire	26	East Renfrewshire	43	Perth & Kinross	44
Angus	0	Falkirk	14	Renfrewshire	0
Argyll & Bute	0	Fife	318	Scottish Borders	0
City of Edinburgh	18	Glasgow	6	Shetland Islands	11
Clackmannanshire	2	Highland	0	South Ayrshire	48
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	0	Inverclyde	75	South Lanarkshire	109
Dumfries & Galloway	44	Midlothian	102	Stirling	33
Dundee	0	Moray	0	West Dunbartonshire	80
East Ayrshire	0	North Ayrshire	170	West Lothian	91
East Dunbartonshire	5	North Lanarkshire	0		

Table 1 – Number of parking places (excluding temporary places) designated by individual local authorities as being for use only by a disabled person's vehicle in the reporting year 2022/23.

3. Schedule, Part 2, paragraph 3(c): The Scottish Ministers are required to report: 'for each category of information under paragraph 1 that requires the reporting of a number or a date, a table setting out the number reported by each local authority.'

Local authorities reported the following information:

Local Authority	PART 1(1)(d)(i): 'the number of requests received under section 5(1)'	PART 1(1)(d)(ii): 'the number of parking places which it identified under section 5(2)(b)'	PART 1(1)(d)(iv): 'the number of parking places in relation to which it started the statutory procedure under section 5(3)(b)'	PART 1(1)(f)(i): 'the number of relevant developments for which a planning permission mentioned in section 7(1) was granted'	PART 1(1)(f)(iii): 'the number of premises that include a parking place for the provision of which it sought to make arrangements under section 7(5)'
Aberdeen City	133	123	29	28	0
Aberdeenshire	110	44	63	79	0
Angus	108	86	0	0	0
Argyll & Bute	36	31	0	0	0
City of Edinburgh	79	61	37	Unknown	0
Clackmannanshire	34	24	6	0	0
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	5	3	0	6	0
Dumfries & Galloway	77	44	40	Unknown	0
Dundee	150	115	110	Not available currently	Not available currently
East Ayrshire	44	22	0	Unknown	0
East Dunbartonshire	55	48	0	1	0
East Lothian	39	39	0	0	0
East Renfrewshire	12	12	12	0	0
Falkirk	114	90	83	11	0
Fife	362	140	173	0	0
Glasgow	291	376	0	0	0
Highland	43	37	37	161	0
Inverclyde	60	28	15	0	0
Midlothian	111	86	110	Not known	0
Moray	84	42	0	21	0
North Ayrshire	114	34	34	Unknown	0
North Lanarkshire	237	133	0	This data is not held.	0
Orkney Islands	2	2	2	0	0
Perth & Kinross	35	44	44	0	0
Renfrewshire	180	180	180	0	0
Scottish Borders	141	125	106	4	0
Shetland Islands	11	11	11	0	0
South Ayrshire	65	48	48	7	0
South Lanarkshire	169	109	109	0	0
Stirling	37	23	23	Unknown	0
West Dunbartonshire	136	80	0	Unknown	0
West Lothian	109	91	91	10	0

Table 2 – Each category of information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of the Act that requires the reporting of a number or a date

Local Authority	PART 1(1)(f)(v): 'the number of parking places in relation to which it started the statutory procedure under section 7(6)'	PART 1(1)(g)(ii): 'the number of premises that include a parking place for the provision of which it sought to make arrangements under section 8(4)'	PART 1(1)(g)(iv): 'the number of parking places in relation to which it started the statutory procedure under section 8(5)'	PART 1(1)(h)(i): 'the number of such orders for the making of which it started the statutory procedure in accordance with this Act'	PART 1(1)(h)(ii): 'the number of parking places designated as being for use only by a disabled persons' vehicle under such an order'
Aberdeen City	0	10	5	2	28
Aberdeenshire	0	0	0	3	63
Angus	0	0	0	0	0
Argyll & Bute	0	0	0	0	0
City of Edinburgh	N/A	0	0	0	0
Clackmannanshire	0	0	0	0	0
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	0	0	0	0	0
Dumfries & Galloway	0	0	0	4	854
Dundee	Not available currently	0	0	1	1,046
East Ayrshire	0	0	0	0	0
East Dunbartonshire	0	0	5	5	5
East Lothian	0	0	0	0	0
East Renfrewshire	0	0	0	1	48
Falkirk	0	0	0	6	13
Fife	0	0	0	2	318
Glasgow	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
Highland	0	0	0	1	37
Inverclyde	0	0	0	7	32
Midlothian	0	0	0	2	102
Moray	0	0	0	0	0
North Ayrshire	0	46	151	0	0
North Lanarkshire	N/A	0	This data is not held.	0	0
Orkney Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Perth & Kinross	0	0	0	1	N/A
Renfrewshire	0	0	0	1	38
Scottish Borders	0	0	0	1	453
Shetland Islands	0	0	0	11	11
South Ayrshire	0	0	0	0	N/A
South Lanarkshire	0	0	0	109	109
Stirling	0	0	0	7	31
West Dunbartonshire	0	0	0	0	0
West Lothian	0	0	0	1	91

Table 3 – Each category of information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of the Act that requires the reporting of a number or a date

4. Schedule Part 2, paragraph 3(d): The Scottish Ministers are required to report: 'for each category of information under paragraph 1 that requires the reporting of a period, a table setting out the period reported by each local authority.'

Local authorities reported the following information:

Local Authority	PART 1(1)(d)(v): <i>'the period, in each case, between the identification of a parking place under section 5(2)(b) and the starting of the related statutory procedure under section 5(3)(b)'</i>	PART 1(1)(h)(iii): <i>'in relation to each such order, the period between the start of the statutory procedure and the making of the order'</i>
Aberdeen City	7 months	5 months
Aberdeenshire	On average around 6 months.	15 weeks, 12 weeks and 7 weeks
Angus	N/A	N/A
Argyll & Bute	12 months	N/A
City of Edinburgh	Approximately 4 months	N/A
Clackmannanshire	12-18 months	N/A
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	N/A	N/A
Dumfries & Galloway	N/A	No order currently made. 854 bays on previous made orders.
Dundee	N/A	N/A
East Ayrshire	7 months	N/A
East Dunbartonshire	The Council expects to promote an order every year. 12-18 Months	12-18 month average
East Lothian	N/A	N/A
East Renfrewshire	Between 1 and 12 Months	11 months
Falkirk	Appendix A	Appendix A
Fife	6-9 months	6-9 months
Glasgow	Procedure for order not yet commenced	N/A
Highland	6 months	6 months
Inverclyde	Appendix B	Appendix B
Midlothian	5 months	9 months
Moray	N/A	4 months
North Ayrshire	This number varies as applications come in throughout the year.	N/A
North Lanarkshire	N/A	N/A
Orkney Islands	Between 6 and 18 months due to the low number of requests, and committee cycles.	Between 6 and 18 months due to the low number of requests, and committee cycles.
Perth & Kinross	6 months	N/A
Renfrewshire	2-4 weeks from receipt of request to being added into next draft order	Unknown at this time, the preparation of one consolidation order, prior to statutory consultation, is ongoing.
Scottish Borders	4-16 months	12-24 months
Shetland Islands	Generally will start immediately, unless on holiday. (No later than 2 weeks)	5-7 weeks
South Ayrshire	14 days	N/A
South Lanarkshire	N/A	N/A
Stirling	Appendix C	Appendix C
West Dunbartonshire	Usually 1 year	N/A
West Lothian	150 days on average	240 days

Table 4 – Each category of information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of the Act that requires the reporting of a period

5. Schedule, Part 2, paragraph 3(e): The Scottish Ministers are required to report: 'for each category of information under paragraph 1 that requires the reporting of reasons, a summary of the reasons reported by each local authority.'

Local authorities reported the following information:

Local Authority	PART 1(1)(d)(iii): <i>'its reasons for any decision under section 5(3)(a)'</i>
Aberdeen City	A sufficient number of disabled bays are already provided on the applicant's street for demand. Applicant does not live in Aberdeen or moved away from Aberdeen before application was fully processed. Bay requested to be installed on an unadopted, privately maintained road, and yet to receive application from the landowner for a TRO to be established. Applicant has access to a private, off-street parking facility.
Aberdeenshire	Nil
Angus	22 requests were refused as follows: 15No applicants did not return any documents for the request. 2No - No V5 at address. 1No not on council owned land. 1No created driveway for their own use. 1No did not have valid blue badge. 1No do not have access to vehicle. 1No Moved House.
Argyll & Bute	Five applications were refused as the applicants had either suitable off-street parking within their curtilage or were otherwise unable to gain consent for marking on private land.
City of Edinburgh	Applicant has a driveway/garage (5). There are enough available parking spaces near applicant's address (3). Street under parking regulation review (8). Private ground (2)
Clackmannanshire	Clackmannanshire Councils reasons for decisions where it was determined that it did not have the power to make a disabled street parking order under section 5. - not the driver/no vehicle at address. - no parking issues on street. - applicant passed away after submitting application. - applicant moved house.
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Not granted due to suitable provision nearby (x1); Applicant passed away (1).
Dumfries & Galloway	Has an existing driveway/garage. No vehicle registered at address. Applicants request is for a bay on private road – no landowner approval. Applicant since died before lined on road.
Dundee	N/A
East Ayrshire	Applicant had sufficient garden ground 15. Applicant required bay in area located in private land 1. Applicant was not the driver 2. Applicant had a driveway 2. Applicant had a single year blue badge 3.
East Dunbartonshire	7 refused application. Refusals reasons were: 4 had driveways, 1 withdrawn Application, 2 Temporary blue badges.
East Lothian	N/A
East Renfrewshire	N/A
Falkirk	4 applicants withdrew their application; 2 disabled bays already available on site.
Fife	Applicant withdrew application. Applicant had no vehicle or had alternative parking on driveway or garage. Applicant passed away. Discrepancies in application. Awaiting proof of vehicle registration to household address.
Glasgow	0 application rejected due to existing traffic regulations prohibiting waiting. 0 applications rejected to maintain access to premises. 5 applications refused due to alternative parking places available to qualifying persons.
Highland	2 In turning head. 2 On private road. 2 Had their own driveway
Inverclyde	N/A
Midlothian	3 Applications were refused: 1 : bay would have blocked cul-de-sac. 1 : no feasible location (Applicant accepted this). 1 : had a garage available. 12 Applications were withdrawn: 5 : deceased. 2: changed mind. 1 : sought Blue Badge. 1: built run-in to allow car off-road. 1: moved house. 2: misc.
Moray	N/A
North Ayrshire	15 total - 7no. had driveway, 2no. unable to find location for bay which would not compromise the safe and efficient traffic management of the location, 4no did not meet criteria, one had off road parking available to rear and one was requested for school transport.
North Lanarkshire	Road safety issues. Alternative off-street parking opportunities available. Area where bay located outwith control of the Council.
Orkney Islands	N/A
Perth & Kinross	None
Renfrewshire	N/A
Scottish Borders	3 x private land. 3 x driveways. 1 x deceased. 3 x no suitable location could be agreed. 1 x bay close by they could utilise. 2 x moved address. 2 x ongoing works to carriageway. 1 x no longer required.
Shetland Islands	All applications accepted.
South Ayrshire	17
South Lanarkshire	Appendix D
Stirling	The request which was refused was on the grounds:- • The applicant had off-street parking. • Parking area was not adopted. • Vehicle not registered at address. • No blue badge.
West Dunbartonshire	N/A
West Lothian	N/A

Table 5 – Each category of information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of the Act that requires the reporting of reasons

Local Authority	PART 1(1)(f)(ii): <i>'its reasons for any decision under section 7(3) that it would not have power to make a disabled off-street parking order'</i>
Aberdeen City	N/A
Aberdeenshire	Under section 32(1) of the 1984 Act, the powers of a local authority to provide suitable parking places for vehicles apply where this appears to be necessary for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic. Bringing the parking places under the control of the Council and making them subject to an order is not necessary for this purpose in the case of any of the spaces identified under section 7(1).
Angus	N/A
Argyll & Bute	N/A
City of Edinburgh	0 – no expression of interest in CEC enforcing of-street disabled persons' parking bays received from developers.
Clackmannanshire	N/A
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	No expression of interest from the developers.
Dumfries & Galloway	N/A
Dundee	Not available currently
East Ayrshire	None
East Dunbartonshire	N/A
East Lothian	N/A
East Renfrewshire	N/A
Falkirk	Falkirk Council has contacted those Developers who were granted planning permission for a development containing disabled persons' parking bays during the current reporting period to determine whether they wish traffic regulation orders to be promoted.
Fife	N/A
Glasgow	N/A
Highland	No request has been made to developers to see if they wish to formalise bays as yet. The Highland Council are initially concentrating on bringing Highland council on and off-street orders into the TRO and will focus on private land once this is completed.
Inverclyde	No further action
Midlothian	N/A
Moray	N/A
North Ayrshire	N/A
North Lanarkshire	N/A
Orkney Islands	N/A
Perth & Kinross	N/A
Renfrewshire	The granting of planning consent is no guarantee of the development going ahead. Developers are allowed 3 years to begin a development and its completion may be delayed any number of years thereafter. It is impractical for council officers to monitor all planning consents for the practical implementation of disabled bays. This said, no off street DPPP provision has been included in any Planning Applications received in the last 2 reporting years.
Scottish Borders	N/A
Shetland Islands	Developer would need to give permission.
South Ayrshire	None
South Lanarkshire	N/A
Stirling	The developers / landowners have not yet been contacted – this is purely because the Council do not have the resources to progress this matter.
West Dunbartonshire	No interest from developers
West Lothian	The council has the power to make a disabled off-street order if it so chooses.

Table 6 – Each category of information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of the Act that requires the reporting of reasons

Local Authority	PART 1(1)(f)(iv): <i>'the reasons why it was unsuccessful in making any such arrangements'</i>
Aberdeen City	N/A
Aberdeenshire	N/A
Angus	The private developers / landowners have not yet been contacted. Where the developer is the local authority the disabled persons' parking places will be included in an off-street Order in due course.
Argyll & Bute	N/A
City of Edinburgh	No developer has expressed an interest in CEC enforcing of- street disabled persons' parking places.
Clackmannanshire	N/A
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	N/A
Dumfries & Galloway	N/A
Dundee	Not available currently
East Ayrshire	N/A
East Dunbartonshire	Process not yet undertaken
East Lothian	N/A
East Renfrewshire	N/A
Falkirk	N/A
Fife	N/A
Glasgow	N/A
Highland	N/A
Inverclyde	No further action
Midlothian	Developers do not want their disabled parking places to be managed by the Council.
Moray	N/A
North Ayrshire	N/A
North Lanarkshire	N/A
Orkney Islands	No relevant applications have been made or permission granted.
Perth & Kinross	N/A
Renfrewshire	N/A
Scottish Borders	N/A
Shetland Islands	Agreements cannot be achieved.
South Ayrshire	N/A
South Lanarkshire	N/A
Stirling	N/A
West Dunbartonshire	Land not in Council ownership and private landlord declined to participate in the process.
West Lothian	Private parking disabled spaces operate without the need for statutory control.

Table 7 – Each category of information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of the Act that requires the reporting of reasons

Local Authority	PART 1(1)(g)(i): <i>'its reasons for any decision under section 8(2) that it would not have power to make a disabled off-street parking order'</i>
Aberdeen City	N/A
Aberdeenshire	N/A
Angus	The private developers / landowners have not yet been contacted. Where the developer is the local authority the disabled persons' parking places will be included in an off-street Order in due course.
Argyll & Bute	N/A
City of Edinburgh	N/A
Clackmannanshire	None
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Due to resources it has not been feasible to carry out works relating to Section 8.
Dumfries & Galloway	N/A
Dundee	N/A
East Ayrshire	No work undertaken due to resources issues.
East Dunbartonshire	N/A
East Lothian	None
East Renfrewshire	N/A
Falkirk	Section 8 of the 2009 Act requires local authorities to determine the locations of advisory disabled persons' parking bays in off-street car parks biennially. Falkirk Council undertook this exercise in 2022
Fife	N/A
Glasgow	Duties under this section were not enacted during this period
Highland	Private housing authorities, retail outlets and other private land owners will be approached in the near future to discuss maintenance and enforcement of their disabled bays.
Inverclyde	N/A
Midlothian	N/A
Moray	N/A
North Ayrshire	N/A
North Lanarkshire	None although subject to consultation with any private car park operator.
Orkney Islands	No arrangement under Section 33(4)
Perth & Kinross	None
Renfrewshire	Renfrewshire Council publishes a notice in the press every 2 years seeking requests from the owners of private car parks for the inclusion of disabled bays in a traffic regulation order. Renfrewshire Council routinely receives no responses to this notice. The last notice was published on 30/06/21 and the next is due to be published on 14th June 2023.
Scottish Borders	N/A
Shetland Islands	N/A
South Ayrshire	No work undertaken due to resources issues.
South Lanarkshire	N/A
Stirling	As indicated earlier in this report, no action has been taken at this stage in respect of TROs for advisory off-street disabled persons' parking places.
West Dunbartonshire	Land not in Council ownership
West Lothian	None

Table 8 – Each category of information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of the Act that requires the reporting of reasons

Local Authority	PART 1(1)(g)(iii): <i>'the reasons why it was unsuccessful in making any such arrangements'</i>
Aberdeen City	N/A
Aberdeenshire	N/A
Angus	N/A
Argyll & Bute	N/A
City of Edinburgh	Lack of interest from off street car park owners. Costs of marking and signing the places to the TSRGD – 2016 standards
Clackmannanshire	N/A
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	N/A
Dumfries & Galloway	N/A
Dundee	N/A
East Ayrshire	N/A
East Dunbartonshire	N/A
East Lothian	N/A
East Renfrewshire	N/A
Falkirk	N/A
Fife	N/A
Glasgow	Duties under this section were not enacted during this period
Highland	N/A
Inverclyde	N/A
Midlothian	N/A
Moray	N/A
North Ayrshire	N/A
North Lanarkshire	N/A
Orkney Islands	No agreements reached.
Perth & Kinross	None
Renfrewshire	N/A
Scottish Borders	N/A
Shetland Islands	Without the consent of the developer/landowner the Council will not exercise its powers.
South Ayrshire	N/A
South Lanarkshire	N/A
Stirling	N/A
West Dunbartonshire	Landlord declined to participate in the process
West Lothian	None

Table 9 – Each category of information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of the Act that requires the reporting of reasons

Local Authority	PART 1(1)(h)(iv): <i>'in respect of each case in which it started the statutory procedure for the making of such an order but did not make an order, the reasons why not'</i>
Aberdeen City	A clerical error resulted in the second draft TRO (containing another 33 bays) specified above being missed from public consultation stage. Those bays in that draft order have since been added to a different draft order, the statutory procedure for which began out with the reporting period.
Aberdeenshire	N/A
Angus	N/A
Argyll & Bute	N/A
City of Edinburgh	N/A
Clackmannanshire	N/A
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	N/A
Dumfries & Galloway	N/A
Dundee	Deletion of disabled parking bays at family/ applicant request due to bereavement / moving property / giving up occupancy of vehicle / giving up blue badge.
East Ayrshire	N/A
East Dunbartonshire	N/A
East Lothian	N/A
East Renfrewshire	N/A
Falkirk	Appendix A
Fife	N/A
Glasgow	N/A
Highland	Certain streets not included due to objections and disagreements. These streets were removed from the TRO until such time the restrictions are agreed.
Inverclyde	There was 1 Order which started the statutory procedure and was not able to be completed by the end of the reporting period.
Midlothian	None. The only instances where approved sites are not yet included in a Made Order are those which were still being processed at the year end.
Moray	N/A
North Ayrshire	N/A
North Lanarkshire	N/A
Orkney Islands	N/A
Perth & Kinross	N/A
Renfrewshire	N/A
Scottish Borders	N/A
Shetland Islands	None
South Ayrshire	N/A
South Lanarkshire	N/A
Stirling	N/A
West Dunbartonshire	N/A
West Lothian	None

Table 10 – Each category of information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of the Act that requires the reporting of reasons

6. Schedule, Part 1, paragraph 2: 'A report prepared by a local authority under section 11(1)(a) may contain any other information about its performance of its functions in relation to parking places for disabled persons' vehicles during the reporting period that the authority considers appropriate.'

Whilst some local authorities did not report any additional information by reference to Part 1, paragraph 2 to the Act, those who did reported a range of information including clarifications on what activity took place in performing its duties under the Act or what activities are planned for the next reporting year.

18 out of the 32 local authorities did not report any 'other information' under this paragraph. Those local authorities are:

Aberdeenshire Council; Angus Council; Argyll and Bute Council; City of Edinburgh Council; Comhairle nan Eilean Siar; Dundee City Council; East Ayrshire Council; Falkirk Council; Glasgow City Council; Moray Council; North Lanarkshire Council; Orkney Islands Council; Perth & Kinross Council; Scottish Borders Council; South Ayrshire Council; South Lanarkshire Council; West Dunbartonshire Council and, West Lothian Council.

The following information has been provided by the local authorities mentioned below:

Aberdeen City Council

"Our processes for providing applicants disabled parking bays could be streamlined if Parliament passed an amendment to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions that meant the disabled parking bay road marking could be enforceable without a traffic regulation order (TRO) first being made. This has already been achieved with other road markings. For example, zig-zag lines at pedestrian crossings (diag. 1001.3) can be installed and enforced without making a traffic regulation order, as section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 ("Drivers to comply with traffic signs") applies to them. We would propose that a driver's failure to comply with the disabled parking space be decriminalised (in a fashion similar to bus stop clearways (diag. 1025.1) with The Road Traffic Act 1991 (Special Parking Area) (Scotland) Order 2003), and powers to enforce the disabled bays without TROs be conferred to traffic wardens."

Clackmannanshire Council

"Clackmannanshire Council are a small local authority where we do not have parking enforcement. We are still processing TRO's due to staffing levels and workloads, these are taking time. Our whole area has been surveyed however the outcome has been delayed by COVID-19. Budget wise we only put plates up where a blue badge space is getting mis-used or in busy areas, we do not have the funds to do every bay. Although applications have been approved lining works are taking longer than normal due to workloads."

Dumfries and Galloway Council

“Dumfries & Galloway Council are currently undergoing a Parking Strategy Review. The requirements of the DPPP 2009 Act are included in this strategy.”

East Dunbartonshire Council

“The reporting period is covering a back log of requests and lining within areas by EDC.

410 Penalty Charge Notices were made during the reporting period On-street 284 and off-street 126 for 2022/2023.

0 Blue Badges where seized by East Dunbartonshire Community Wardens.”

East Lothian Council

“We are currently collating all of the qualifying blue badge holders information and will be promoting a Traffic Regulation Order shortly.”

East Renfrewshire Council

“The Disabled street parking Order made during this reporting period, i.e. “The East Renfrewshire Council (Disabled Persons' Parking Places) (On-Street) Order 2020 (Amendment No. 1)” was the first update to the previous Order made in 2020 which amalgamated all disabled street parking spaces installed across the local authority area at that time. Going forward, it is anticipated that future updates are processed on a quarterly basis – resources permitting.”

Fife Council

“There are 3146 enforceable on-street bays in Fife.”

Highland Council

“The Highland Council continue to introduce Decriminalised parking enforcement throughout the Highland area. In order to regulate disabled bays in existing areas The Highland Council have adjusted bay sizes and erected signs to keep things in line with the Traffic signs regulations and General Directions (TSRGD). EV bays are also being installed with disabled users in mind allowing more room for disabled access. Parking enforcement officers have been more involved in the installation of disabled bays. This helps alleviate the workload from area offices.”

Inverclyde Council

“80 disabled parking places started the statutory procedure before the start of the reporting period and were revoked within the period.

9 disabled parking places started the statutory procedure and were revoked within the period.

42 disabled parking places started the statutory procedure to be revoked.

There are 500 current disabled parking places which have been created by means of an Order since April 1996. This is in addition to the 75 created during this reporting period.”

Midlothian Council

See Appendix E.

North Ayrshire Council

“North Ayrshire Council continue to carry out its duties under The Act.”

Renfrewshire Council

“Renfrewshire Council continues to carry out it’s duties under the Disabled Person’s Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 as indicated above.”

Shetland Islands Council

“We recognise the problems many applicants have with increasing parking issues and we therefore contact an applicant almost immediately (within 1 week) to clarify qualification requirements and identify a suitable area for the space and begin the process.

As the local planning consent regulations do not stipulate a set number of disabled parking spaces in new developments, we find no appetite from them to enter into an agreement with us (Shetland Islands Council) to start the statutory process.”

Stirling Council

“To continue to liaise with Stirling Area Access Panel with regards disabled parking provision, whether that be new spaces or improvements to existing spaces on or off street.

Progress with respect of taking forward disabled parking spaces implement and future enforcement within private car parks needs further analysis, and is still to be carried out, which is dependent on staff resources.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions in working from home, it was felt it was not an appropriate time to carry out a review of the existing disabled parking spaces, it is hoped this can now be carried out this year.”

7. Schedule Part 2, paragraph 4:

'A report prepared by the Scottish Ministers under section 12(1)(a) may contain any other information about the performance by local authorities of their functions in relation to parking places for disabled persons' vehicles during the reporting period that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate'

The Scottish Ministers have no other information to report, on the performance of local authorities of their functions in relation to parking places for disabled persons' parking places within the reporting year.

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Appendix A – Tables provided by Falkirk Council

Falkirk Council: For the period between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023

PART 1(1)(d)(v): 'the period, in each case, between the identification of a parking place under section 5(2)(b) and the starting of the related statutory procedure under section 5(3)(b)';

PART 1(1)(h)(iii): 'in relation to each such order, the period between the start of the statutory procedure and the making of the order' and

PART 1(1)(h)(iv): 'in respect of each case in which it started the statutory procedure for the making of such an order but did not make an order, the reasons why not'

Ref. Number	Date on which parking place identified	Date on which statutory procedure commenced	Period of time in days to commence statutory procedure	Date on which order made	Period of time in days to make TRO
21/025	12/04/2021	22/06/2021	71 days	20/01/2022	212 days
21/026	23/04/2021	22/06/2021	60 days	20/01/2022	212 days
21/027	14/04/2021	22/06/2021	69 days	20/01/2022	212 days
21/029	12/05/2021	22/06/2021	41 days	20/01/2022	212 days
21/030	24/05/2021	22/06/2021	29 days	20/01/2022	212 days
21/031	03/06/2021	22/06/2021	19 days	20/01/2022	212 days
21/033	01/06/2021	22/06/2021	21 days	20/01/2022	212 days
21/034	03/06/2021	22/06/2021	19 days	20/01/2022	212 days
21/035	14/06/2021	22/06/2021	8 days	20/01/2022	212 days
21/036	11/06/2021	22/06/2021	11 days	20/01/2022	212 days
21/038	06/07/2021	27/09/2021	83 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/039	07/07/2021	27/09/2021	82 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/040	15/07/2021	27/09/2021	74 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/042	08/07/2021	27/09/2021	81 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/043	12/07/2021	27/09/2021	77 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/044	14/07/2021	27/09/2021	75 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/046	27/07/2021	27/09/2021	62 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/050	13/08/2021	27/09/2021	45 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/052	25/08/2021	27/09/2021	33 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/053	18/08/2021	27/09/2021	40 days	Applicant cancelled application	
21/055	17/08/2021	27/09/2021	41 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/058	27/09/2021	27/09/2021	0 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/059	15/09/2021	28/09/2021	13 days	20/01/2022	114 days
21/060	15/09/2021	27/09/2021	12 days	20/01/2022	115 days
21/064	28/09/2021	25/01/2022	119 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection	

Ref. Number	Date on which parking place identified	Date on which statutory procedure commenced	Period of time in days to commence statutory procedure	Date on which order made	Period of time in days to make TRO
21/065	04/10/2021	25/01/2022	113 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/067	13/10/2021	25/01/2022	104 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/068	21/10/2021	25/01/2022	96 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/069	21/10/2021	25/01/2022	96 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/070	20/10/2021	25/01/2022	97 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/072	01/11/2021	25/01/2022	85 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/073	01/11/2021	25/01/2022	85 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/074	03/11/2021	25/01/2022	83 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/075	19/11/2021	25/01/2022	67 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/076	08/11/2021	25/01/2022	78 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/078	24/11/2021	25/01/2022	62 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/079	30/11/2021	Applicant cancelled application			
21/080	30/11/2021	25/01/2022	56 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/081	02/12/2021	25/01/2022	54 days	TRO not yet made due to Objection to 21/064	
21/082	07/01/2022	25/03/2022	77 days	TRO not yet made	
21/083	07/01/2022	25/03/2022	77 days	TRO not yet made	
22/001	12/01/2022	25/03/2022	72 days	TRO not yet made	
22/002	02/02/2022	24/03/2022	50 days	TRO not yet made	
22/004	31/01/2022	25/03/2022	53 days	TRO not yet made	
22/005	16/02/2022	25/03/2022	37 days	TRO not yet made	
22/006	02/02/2022	25/03/2022	51 days	TRO not yet made	
22/008	09/02/2022	25/03/2022	44 days	TRO not yet made	
22/009	09/02/2022	Applicant cancelled application			
22/010	15/02/2022	25/03/2022	38 days	TRO not yet made	
22/011	14/02/2022	25/03/2022	39 days	TRO not yet made	
22/012	17/02/2022	24/03/2022	35 days	TRO not yet made	
22/013	22/02/2022	24/03/2022	30 days	TRO not yet made	
22/014	22/02/2022	25/03/2022	31 days	TRO not yet made	

Ref. Number	Date on which parking place identified	Date on which statutory procedure commenced	Period of time in days to commence statutory procedure	Date on which order made	Period of time in days to make TRO
22/015	10/03/2022	25/03/2022	15 days	TRO not yet made	
22/017	11/03/2022	25/03/2022	14 days	TRO not yet made	
22/018	11/03/2022	24/03/2022	13 days	TRO not yet made	
22/019	15/03/2022	25/03/2022	10 days	TRO not yet made	
22/021	28/03/2022	Statutory process not yet commenced			
22/025	31/03/2022	Statutory process not yet commenced			

Table 1 – Information about Falkirk Council's Traffic Regulation Orders which contain Disabled Persons' Parking Places

Appendix B – Tables provided by Inverclyde Council

Inverclyde Council: For the period between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023

PART 1(1)(d)(v): 'the period, in each case, between the identification of a parking place under section 5(2)(b) and the starting of the related statutory procedure under section 5(3)(b)' and

PART 1(1)(h)(iii): 'in relation to each such order, the period between the start of the statutory procedure and the making of the order'

No.	Place Identified	Started TRO Process	Days
1	06/07/2022	09/03/2023	246
2	06/07/2022	09/03/2023	246
3	03/08/2022	09/03/2023	218
4	02/09/2022	09/03/2023	188
5	02/09/2022	09/03/2023	188
6	14/09/2022	09/03/2023	176
7	08/12/2022	09/03/2023	91
8	06/10/2022	09/03/2023	154
9	08/12/2022	09/03/2023	91
10	08/12/2022	09/03/2023	91
11	14/12/2022	09/03/2023	85
12	06/01/2023	09/03/2023	62
13	19/01/2023	09/03/2023	49
14	17/01/2023	09/03/2023	51

Table 2

Orders which started the statutory procedure before the start of the reporting period and were made within the period.

Order	TRO No.	Number of Parking Places
On-Street	No. 3 of 2021	27
	No. 4 of 2021	2
	No. 1 of 2022	12
	No. 2 of 2022	1
	Total	42

Orders which started the statutory procedure and were made within the reporting period.

Order	TRO No.	Number of Parking Places
On-Street	No. 3 of 2022	14
	No. 4 of 2022	16
	Total	30

Orders which started the statutory procedure within the reporting period and were not made.

Order	TRO No.	Number of Parking Places
On-Street	No. 1 of 2023	15

Orders which started the statutory procedure and were made within the reporting period.

<u>TRO No</u>	<u>Started TRO Process</u>	<u>TRO Made</u>	<u>Days</u>
No. 3 of 2022	31 May 2022	5 October 2022	127
No. 4 of 2022	14 September 2022	5 November 2022	171

Appendix C – Tables provided by Stirling Council

Stirling Council: For the period between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023

PART 1(1)(d)(v): 'the period, in each case, between the identification of a parking place under section 5(2)(b) and the starting of the related statutory procedure under section 5(3)(b)' and

PART 1(1)(h)(iii): 'in relation to each such order, the period between the start of the statutory procedure and the making of the order'

Processed TRO	Plan issued to Applicant	Proposal Advertised in Press	Time Between Issuing Plan and Proposing
2022(245)	01/06/2022	27/07/2022	56
2022(246)	17/01/2022	27/07/2022	191
2022(247)	20/04/2022	27/07/2022	98
2022(248)	30/06/2022	27/07/2022	27
2022(249)	17/01/2022	27/07/2022	191
2022(250)	30/06/2022	27/07/2022	27
2022(251)	27/04/2022	27/07/2022	91
2023(1)	15/07/2022	11/01/2023	180
2023(2)	15/09/2022	11/01/2023	118
2023(3)	17/11/2022	11/01/2023	55
2023(4)	17/11/2022	11/01/2023	55
2023(5)	15/07/2022	11/01/2023	180
2023(6)	15/09/2022	11/01/2023	118
2023(7)	02/11/2022	11/01/2023	70
2023(8)	25/11/2022	11/01/2023	47
2023(9)	25/11/2022	13/01/2023	49

Table 7 – Information about Stirling Council's Traffic Regulation Orders which contain Disabled Persons' Parking Places

Processed TRO	Proposal Advertised in Press	Date TRO Signed	Time Between Advertising in Press and Making TRO
2022(245)	27/07/2022	02/09/2022	37
2022(246)	27/07/2022	02/09/2022	37
2022(247)	27/07/2022	02/09/2022	37

2022(248)	27/07/2022	02/09/2022	37
2022(249)	27/07/2022	02/09/2022	37
2022(250)	27/07/2022	02/09/2022	37
2022(251)	27/07/2022	02/09/2022	37
2023(1)	11/01/2023	10/02/2023	30
2023(2)	11/01/2023	10/02/2023	30
2023(3)	11/01/2023	10/02/2023	30
2023(4)	11/01/2023	10/02/2023	30
2023(5)	11/01/2023	10/02/2023	30
2023(6)	11/01/2023	10/02/2023	30
2023(7)	11/01/2023	10/02/2023	30
2023(8)	11/01/2023	10/02/2023	30
2023(9)	13/01/2023	10/02/2023	28

Table 8 – Information about Stirling Council's Traffic Regulation Orders which contain Disabled Persons' Parking Places

Appendix D – Tables provided by South Lanarkshire Council

South Lanarkshire Council: For the period between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023

PART 1(1)(d)(iii): 'its reasons for any decision under section 5(3)(a)'

Reasons for Refusal

Reason for Refusal	Amount Refused
Not car driver	10
Could not be done due to siting issues (Roads & Transportation decision)	3
Has driveway	1
Sheltered Housing resident	0
Has a lock-up	6
Not car owner	22
Can create driveway - Roads & Transportation declined	0
Not Blue Badge holder	1
Did not produce evidence to proceed with application	8
Private car park	3
Private road	0
Temp blue badge	1
Temp Accommodation	0
Other	11

Table 9 – Reasons why South Lanarkshire Council refused to provide a Disabled Persons' Parking Place

Appendix E – Information provided by Midlothian Council

Midlothian Council: For the period between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023

Part 1, paragraph 2: 'A report prepared by a local authority under section 11(1)(a) may contain any other information about its performance of its functions in relation to parking places for disabled persons' vehicles during the reporting period that the authority considers appropriate.'

Introduction

The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 ('DPPP') places duties on Councils in Scotland to provide enforceable parking places for disabled people whose vehicles display a valid 'Blue Badge'.

DPPP requires each Council to prepare, publish and submit to Scottish Ministers an Annual Report recording the progress made to implement the Act in the preceding period.

Implementation

Two Traffic Orders legalising a total of 102 new DPPP parking place, were completed in 2022/23, together with a further two Orders to remove 49 bays which are no longer needed by Blue Badge holders.

A regular stream of new applications continues to be received from disabled people who experience difficulties in parking close to their homes - 111 such applications during 2022/2023, rather greater than the average over the last five years.

The lack of staff within the Council, and competing priorities, prevent DPPP applications and issues arising at controversial sites from being dealt with as promptly as the Council would wish. This has been compounded by chronic difficulties in getting approved bays painted and redundant ones removed, though recent changes are starting to have some impact in this area.

The slow rate of progress in getting new bays marked on-street has impacted on the rate at which these bays can be 'legalised' by inclusion in Traffic Orders, to allow active enforcement in the event of local disputes which cannot be resolved by mediation. However the presence of the initial 'advisory' disabled bay markings is generally enough to resolve any local parking issues.

Specified information which must be included in the Report to Ministers is set out in the Tables attached.



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