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The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2016

Statement of Reasons

The Council has made an application to the Scottish Government under the Road Traffic Act 1991 for the Highland Area to be designated as “a permitted parking area and a special parking area”. The designation and the proposed order will enable the Council and its authorised officers to enforce parking, waiting and loading prohibitions and restrictions within the Highland Area. Parking Enforcement Officers will issue Penalty Charge Notices in respect of contraventions. This is necessary due to Police Scotland’s national withdrawal of Traffic Warden provision.

This above order will achieve continuity and equal standards of enforcement across the Highland Area, reducing congestion, improving air quality, improving road safety and improving traffic management.

This order will:

- Introduce civil enforcement under the 1991 Act to the Highland Area for on-street parking, waiting and loading prohibitions and restrictions.
- Enable all existing prohibitions and restriction on waiting and loading and unloading currently in place in the local government area of Highland (“Highland Area”) to be made into a new Map-Based Traffic Regulation Order.
- Introduce on-street parking, waiting and loading prohibitions and restrictions on some additional lengths of roads.
- Introduce minor localised alterations to on-street parking, waiting and loading prohibitions and restrictions on existing lengths roads.