

Motion: 31 August 2026

1. Having given due consideration to the Highland Camper Van and Motorhome Scheme since its introduction The Sutherland Area Committee has concluded that the scheme simply does not provide a practical solution to the volume of vehicles who seek to use the designated car parks in Sutherland. The two designated carparks in the County located at Durness and Golspie are both located close to registered camp sites that offer full facilities and comply with all of the safety regulations that are incumbent to commercial sites unlike the Council Designated sites.

That being the Case the Sutherland Area Committee seeks to restrict camper vans and Mobile homes to daytime parking only with no overnight parking between the hours of 10pm and 8am. In addition, additional signage will be erected to advise Camper van and Motorhome owners of the locations of regulated sites close by.

By imposing this restriction, it also brings Sutherland invitation to pay carparks in line with similar sites in the Highlands such as in Carr-Bridge.

Signed: Mr R Gale Mr M Baird
 Ms M Hutchison Mr J Murray

Section 95 Officer assessment of financial implications:

This motion **is** anticipated to have a financial implication to the Council. Insofar as the motion could reduce the potential income generation potential from the Invitation to Pay sites.

The data shown below provides some financial context and estimates of financial impact, noting also any assumptions or risks on the financial estimates.

Quantifying income received from £10 overnight payments:

Data from car parking team based on £10 card payments and 2 sites offering overnight parking. Note it is not possible to analyse cash payments into those paying £10, ie the card payments shown below are likely to, if anything, understate the total value of payments made at the £10 suggested amount.

	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	Average past 2 years
Durness £10 card payment	£670	£10	£5,050	£5,450	£5,250
Shore Street £10 card payment	£1,670	£2,900	£3,320	£3,010	£3,165

Data therefore suggests that the gross income for £10 overnight payments is of the order of a minimum £8k p.a. across the 2 sites.

Of the net car parking incomes received, the Area Committee receives a 50% share, provided for allocation. The financial impact of the motion, were a reduction in overnight parking income to result, would be to reduce the income available to the area committee, and the income available to meet parking budget targets.

There may be financial costs associated with signage changes/additions. Also there would need be a consideration of any change to enforcement/staffing arrangements, in light of the motion, and whether that resulted in any financial or staff related implications.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Area for Assessment	Assessment Summary
Equality	No impact
Poverty	No impact
Human Rights	No impact
Children's Rights	No impact
Data Rights	No impact
Rural/Island	Positive and negative impact <i>Summary</i> The proposed motion seeks to restrict motorhome parking in car parks in Sutherland. This could have both a positive and negative impact. Positive by freeing up spaces for local use but negative by reducing the income received through the invitation to pay car parks, for spend within the local area.
Climate Change	No impact

Summary of Assessment:

A summary of the integrated screening is outlined above. The motion proposes to restrict overnight parking in Sutherland car parks. This has the potential to have both a positive and negative impact on rural areas as identified in the summary.