

**The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and
Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation)
Variation for Castle Road, Invergordon
Experimental Order 2026**

Statement of Reasons

The Highland Council, in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended and all other enabling powers, has introduced an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to implement on-street parking restrictions on Castle Road, Invergordon.

Reasons for the Experimental Order

Castle Road forms a key route within Invergordon, providing access to local amenities and acting as an important corridor for visiting coaches, particularly during the cruise ship season. Seasonal increases in coach traffic have led to a demand for short-term, conveniently located parking provision to accommodate passenger pick-up and drop-off.

The purpose of this Experimental Order is to improve traffic management, support local economic activity, and ensure the safe and efficient operation of the road network.

Details of the Experimental Measures

The proposed Order will introduce a parking place on the west side of the southern end of Castle Road reserved for buses only, operating annually from 1 April to 31 October, between 07:00 and 10:00 hours and 15:00 and 18:00 hours, with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 30 minutes. This provision is intended to facilitate the safe and efficient turnover of buses, reduce congestion, and minimise obstruction to general traffic and pedestrians during peak visitor periods.

Outwith these dates and times, the parking place will revert to the existing limited waiting restriction, thereby maintaining flexibility for general parking demand during the off-season when bus activity is significantly reduced.

In addition, the existing disabled persons' parking bay located on the west side of the road will be relocated to the east side of Castle Road. This change is proposed to ensure continued accessibility for blue badge holders while accommodating the introduction of the seasonal bus parking provision. The relocation is considered appropriate in terms of accessibility, safety, and proximity to local amenities.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

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THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act of 1984") as amended and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Constable of Police Scotland in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order.

1. This Order may be cited as "The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Variation for Castle Road, Invergordon Experimental Order 2026" and shall come into operation on the 4th day of August 2026 and remain in effect for a period not exceeding 18 months.
2. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the Interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
3. 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 of 1984 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 provisions of this Order shall prevail.
4. If a court, Transport Scotland or the Parking and Bus Lane Tribunal Service for Scotland declares any part of this Order to be invalid or un-enforceable, such declaration shall not invalidate the remainder of this Order

5. For the duration of this Order, the Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2016 as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Order") is hereby varied as follows:
- (i) the plans specified and attached in Schedule 1 to this Order are deleted from the Principal Order and the plans specified and attached to Schedule 2 of this Order are substituted therefore and hereby added and incorporated into Schedule 1 to the Principal Order.
 - (ii) the plans specified and attached in Schedule 3 to this Order are hereby added and substituted and incorporated into Schedule 2 to the Principal Order.
6. The Principal Traffic Officer of The Highland Council may, if it appears to him essential in the interests of the expeditious, convenient or safe movement of traffic, or of the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities, or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area, and after such consultation and notice as are required by law, modify or suspend the operation of this Order or any provisions of it in accordance with section 10(2) of the Act of 1984.

This Order and the Schedules annexed hereto together with the On Street Plans and Index Plan referred to in the said Schedules are sealed with the Common Seal of The Highland Council at Inverness on 22 July 2026 by Theresa Batchelor, Solicitor and Proper Officer.



.....*J. Batchelor*..... Proper Officer

This is the Schedule 1 referred to in the foregoing The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Variation for Castle Road, Invergordon
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SCHEDULE 1

On Street Plans attached with the following Map Numbers thereon are deleted from
The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and
Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Order
2016

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.....*J. Batchelor*..... Proper Officer

This is the Schedule 2 referred to in the foregoing The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Variation for Castle Road, Invergordon
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SCHEDULE 2

Substitute On Street Plans with the following Map Numbers thereon are added and incorporated into Schedule 1 to The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2016 as amended

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.....*J. Bate*..... Proper Officer

This is the Schedule 3 referred to in the foregoing The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Variation for Castle Road, Invergordon
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SCHEDULE 3

Index Plans attached with the following titles thereon as in Schedule 2 are added and substituted and incorporated into Schedule 2 to The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2016 as amended

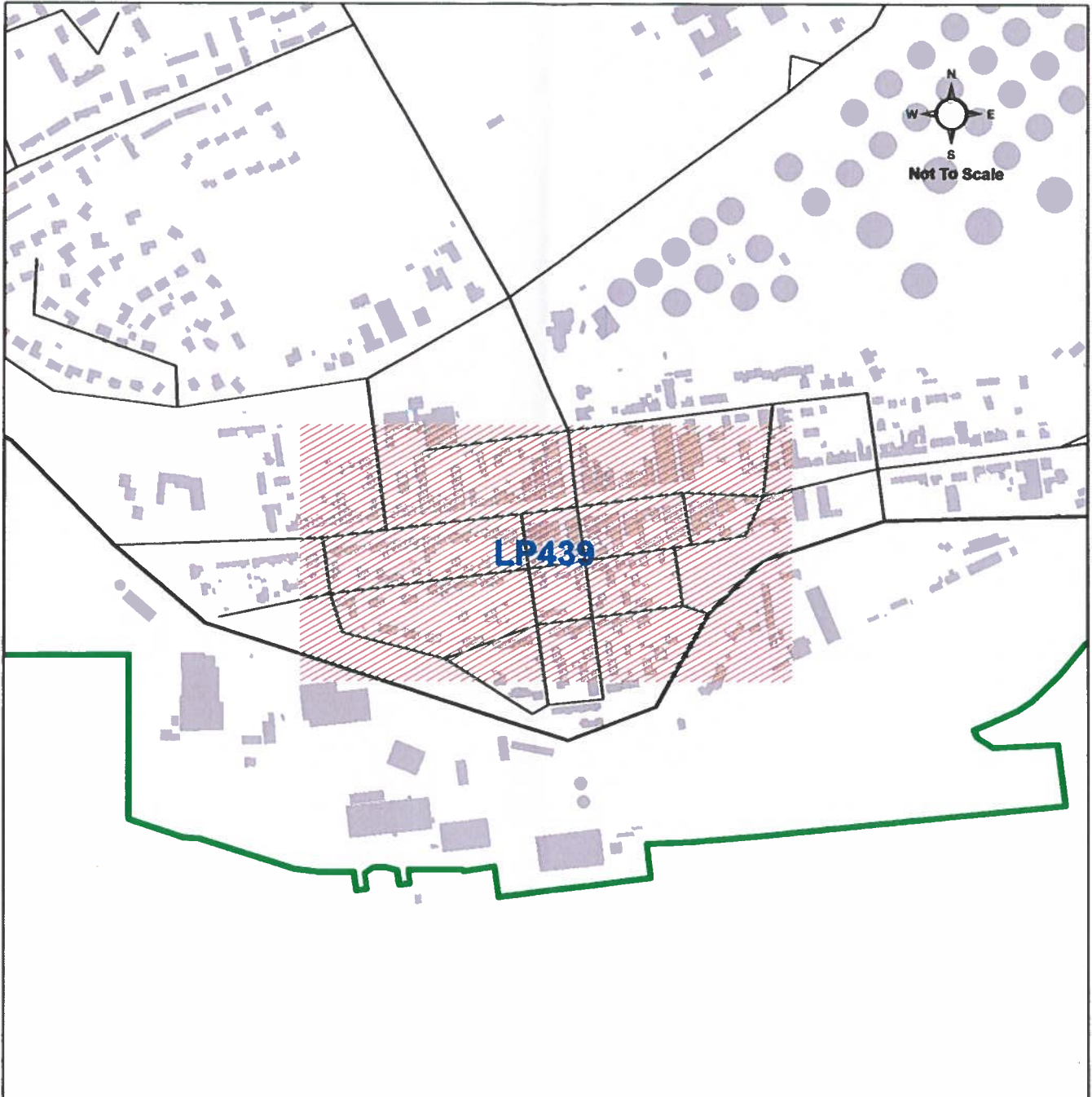
Invergordon Overview

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Schedule (3) - The Highland Council
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Invergordon Overview



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