MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF DORNOCH AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (DACC) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2022 IN PERSON AT DORNOCH HUB & VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

Patrick Murray – PM Jerry Bishop – JB Genevieve Duhigg – GD (Zoom) Jimmy Melville – JM Graeme Ross – GR (Zoom) Lesley Strang – LS (Zoom)



Jim McGillivray – Cllr – JMc Caroline McMorran – (Zoom) Jay Wilson – John O'Groats Trail – JW – (Zoom) Thomas Shaw & Freda Scholz – members of public



	NKS IN THE HEADINGS (WHERE APPLICABLE) TO ACCESS CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTATION IS AVAILABLE <u>here</u>	ATION.
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were tendered on behalf of DM	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST None	
3.	ADOPTION & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (21/12/22) The minutes of the last meeting here were proposed by JB as an accurate account of the meeting and seconded by JM. Prior to this, the meeting moved to cover Item 5 (Visitors)	
4.	MATTERS ARISING (NOT OTHERWISE COVERED IN AGENDA – (NUMBERS RELATE TO THE LAST MEETING POINT)	
a.	Provost's Robes and Chain – PM stated that the Ward Manager had been contacted and developments are awaited.	РМ
b.	Free Parking Sign at The Eagle – GR enquired about this and was informed that, as per the decision of the Community Council, a request had been submitted to the Parking Manager to have this re-instated.	JMC
C.	Item 6 – Planning: JB informed the meeting that all Planning decisions from the December meeting had been conveyed to the Planning Service	PM
d.	Cost of Living Crisis – it was reported that some Warm Hubs are not well attended. JB undertook to advertise these further.	JB
e.	Coronation – PM reported that Ms Rollason had undertaken to lead a local event to commemorate this occasion, and that she envisaged a replay of the successful Jubilee celebration. GD had spoken to the Equerry and understood that the format was under development with an expected input from schools.	

	WISITORS	
5.	VISITORS	
a.	JW informed the meeting that the Trail was going from strength to strength with more users and more new funding. He was confident about the project and planning applications for signage had been submitted. The signs were large and were in storage but would require volunteer support to get erected. There were problems contacting landowners and he asked assistance in how to communicate specifically with the owner of relevant land around Embo. JMc undertook to help with this. PM thanked JW for his attendance and informing the Council about this project.	JMC
	ITEMS FOR DECISION	
6.	PLANNING & LICENSING APPLICATIONS There were none submitted which required the attention of the Council.	
a.	PLANNING RESPONSE POLICY	
	here PM spoke to the report he had submitted, and asked members present to agree this policy, which would be the third protocol in the Council's portfolio. This was agreed unanimously.	РМ
7.	FUNDING APPLICATIONS None had been received	
	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
8.	EINANCE LIDDATE	
8.	FINANCE UPDATE here JB asked that his report be taken as read. There was £4,458 in the account of which £673.59 was reserved funding with a balance thereafter of £3784. PM raised the issue of the Common Good Fund, which was depreciating in value in the face of increased inflation. He proposed the establishment of a sub-committee to work more closely with Highland Council in the management of the Common Good Fund, with the aim of creating a structured 5-Year Pan to reduce the capital sum in favour of supporting community initiatives with long term benefits to the Burgh. This was agreed by DACC members.	JB,PM
9.	PROJECTS UPDATE	
а	DACC MAINTENANCE PROJECTS here JB stated that all projects had been fulfilled. He went on to cover other current issues: (i) He requested £378 for the Beach Award, now in its 3 rd consecutive year, and this was agreed. (ii) £606 had been diverted from the Rose Bushes cost and put towards the community Xmas Trees. This left £352 for rose bushes, but there was a need to ensure they would be planted in	JB,PM, JMC

	the right season. JMc to co-ordinate with the relevant Council staff to see what is possible. (iii) Work needs done at the entrance to the overflow Beach Car Park, and he will check with Gunn's to see what can be done (iv) The area at the Food Larder needs re-seeded, and he suggested that RDGC be contacted for advice. PM undertook to do this. (v) The verges at the Beach Playpark need attention before the season starts and this should be followed up with the Council Roads Squad. PM to follow up on previous email trail and JMc to contact Roads Squad. JB concluded by putting out a request for more maintenance projects.	
b	HIGHLAND COUNCIL PROJECTS JMc spoke to the attached report here which updated the situation as regards Council projects which still needed attention, but highlighted that much Council resource was prioritised to road blading and gritting in the present weather conditions. He explained the situation at Proncy Cemetery where work on the extension was progressing. The west wall is being moved because of subsidence problems, and all neighbouring headstones had been relocated from the head of each lair to the foot to allow this work to proceed. JB asked that contact be provided for the Planning Officer involved with the Haul Track from the Springfield development out on to Poles Road to try to ensure progress with this. There was also a concern raised about substantial fallen leaves lying on the footpath from Allan Gardens into Station Road. JMc concluded by stating that the points raised under AOCB at the last meeting had been dealt with, though the issue of parking at the school had no easy answer.	JMC
c	DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS here PM stated that the new lease with RDGC had been completed. JB proposed a vote of thanks to PM for his part in concluding a satisfactory arrangement. The issue of motorhomes at the Beach was raised and the Council was directed to emails on the one-drive. Issues around dog fouling and the state of the Dornoch Burn were raised but would have to await the return of DM. JB asked about progress with buildings at the Meadows Park and GR replied that this was work in progress. PM said that he had spoken to the Architect involved, and it seemed that, despite flooding issues, the project was still live. (i) Dornoch Place Plan: here GD reported that she had attended the recent BID meeting and it had been agreed that a Place Plan was appropriate for the town. She then provided an update on the current status of the BID process. When PM suggested there may be some pessimism about resourcing this Plan, she replied that although HIE have no funding for an initiative like this, she had received positive signals from the Ward Manager and the relevant Planning Officer. PM thanked GD for her work on the Place Plan, and noted that the next action would be to scope out a Housing Survey,	PM, GD
10.	ROADS & PATHWAYS GD pointed out that St Gilbert Street needs resurfacing with obtrusive tree roots a particular problem, not helped by the recent time of snow and ice, and she has lodged this complaint with Highland Council. She then asked about the road to the airfield and described a minor vehicle collision in the airfield car park due to ice, asking if RDGC might be invited to do some gritting on these surfaces. PM undertook to make the invitation. JB cited case law	PM, JMC

	involving the general public doing gritting work on any scale, and suggested a request be made instead for grit bins. JM raised the matter of ice in the new Car Park at Dornoch South and it was explained that this is not a Council responsibility, but that DACIC have procured a grit bin to address this issue.	
11.	SEAGULLS	
a.	LS explained that the meeting with the contractor had been postponed due to weather conditions, and that he is holding his price. A future meeting is to be arranged. JB asked about which organisation is handling the contract and that the VAT element needs to be given consideration and asked which businesses might contribute to the cost. GD suggested that the DACIC Manager, who is also driving the BID process, might be able to help with local business contacts, and that the BIDs organise the programme in Inverness and Nairn. PM agreed that in future this is an issue which could be addressed by the Dornoch BID should it be established.	LS, PM
12.	PARKING IN DORNOCH here and here GD spoke to this issue. The first screen featured the situation at the Co-op which had been the subject of several complaints. GR stated that this area was a problem for the elderly. The proposal is that neither the parking bays nor the Cathedral area will be restricted, but the pinch-point at the corner will be improved. It was agreed that all the Parking Officer's proposals be put to public consultation. JB suggested that 2 of the Co-op bays be put to disabled parking. LS agreed but only one bay to be reserved. GR expressed his opinion that the new Shore Street parking area is a disaster and the removal of parking at the Public Toilets will negatively impact on tourism. JB disagreed with these comments and cited several reasons why the new car park is a significant benefit. LS stated she fully supports the overall parking management proposal as there are now around ten times as many tourists and cars coming into town and improved vehicle management plans need to be progressed. The proposed parking plan was approved for public consultation by all members present except GR who asked for his opposition to be recorded.	GD
13.	POLICE REPORT None had been received.	
14.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	Relevant correspondence can be found here PM referred to the email from Giles Huby concerning the Cromarty Firth Freeport with the suggestion that he be invited to address a future DACC meeting. This was agreed. GD referred to an email to PM from a local resident, which in her opinion he had handled with grace and goodwill. GR indicated that he was unable to access the Correspondence file but would persevere.	
15.	AOCB	

a. JM raised the matter of the traffic cone in the Burn at the Old Surgery. PM to remove.				
b.	GR raised the issue of tree planting to provide screening at Mackay St. JMc to liaise with Pat Munro staff to confirm plans.	JMc		
C.	GD raised the issue of DACC vacancies. She suggested two names and undertook to discuss this further with them, with an invitation to attend the next meeting. JM suggested that more effort be made to recruit local people and this was agreed by GR.	GD		
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LOCATION: HYBRID: ZOOM & THE DORNOCH HUB





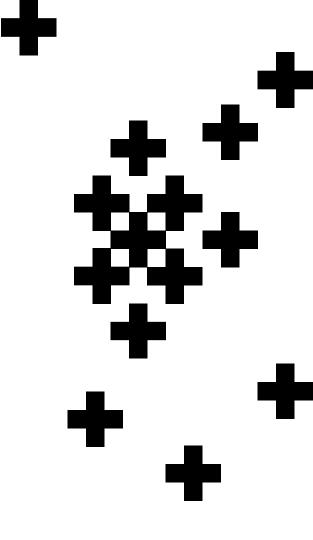
Presentation Scope

- Regional context Renewables & Decarbonisation
- Timeline so far
- Who is involved?
- Inverness & Cromarty Firth Green Freeport an overview
- What happens next?





I was on the OCF steering group 2020-22 on behalf of UHI, and assisted the bid. This presentation is an overview based on that experience, but I do not officially represent the OCF consortium.





Regional context – Renewables & Decarbonisation





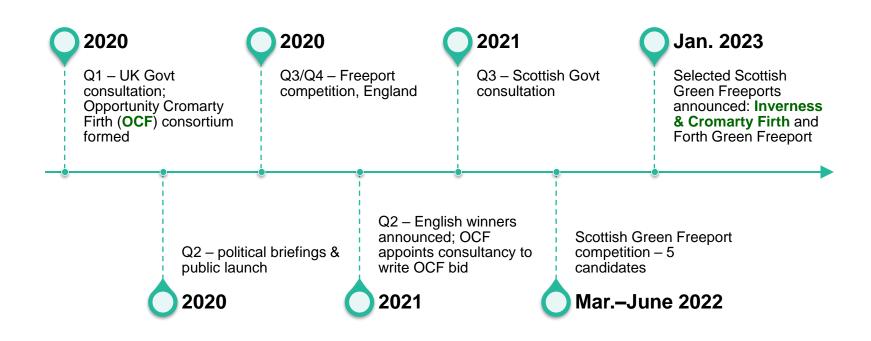








Timeline



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Who is involved?









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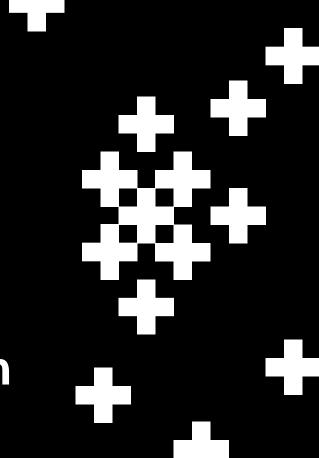
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Inverness & Cromarty Firth Green Freeport overview



Inverness & Cromarty Firth Green Freeport

Aims to use growth in Offshore Wind to:

- Enable high-quality job creation
- Increase global trade & inward investment
- Create a hotbed of innovation
- Accelerate decarbonisation (heating, transport, O&G)





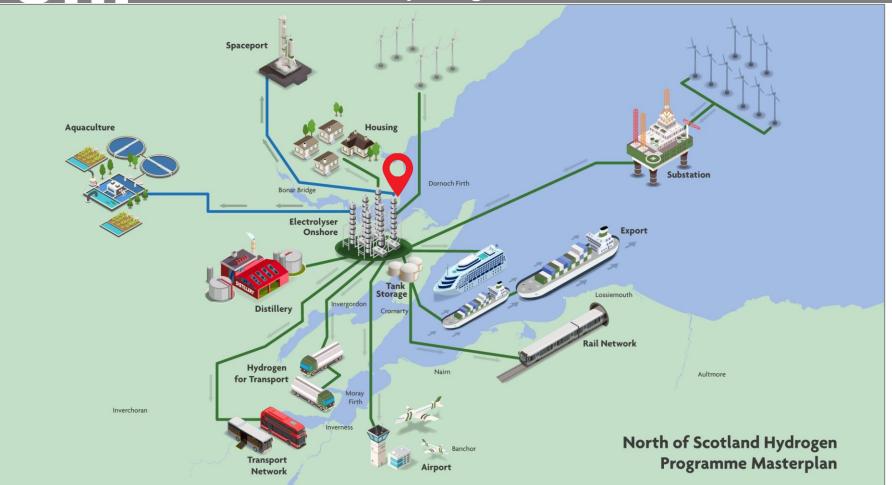
WHAT IS A FREEPORT/ZONE?

- UK Government initiative to incentivise international trade post-Brexit. Includes seaports, airports and rail hubs. Seeking 'best in class' locations to regenerate deprived areas, boost international trade and innovation
- Scottish Green Port enhancement: Exemplars of fair work policy and the transition to net zero, accelerating Scotland's excellence, cluster building
- Key benefits to business:
 - Duty & VAT-free imports and exports (inc. sites beyond 12nm limit)
 - Removes max. 90 day temporary storage limit or need for special customs procedures for each company in supply chain
 - Goods can move freely in Freeport, and be easily combined with other goods
 - Tax relief package for new investment/jobs
- Becoming a Green Port makes it easier and more attractive for multi-national companies to invest and set up R&D and/or manufacturing facilities in our region. These companies would create jobs, use local companies for products and services, and attract other supply chain companies to the area.





Green Hydrogen





BENEFITS TO SUPPLY CHAIN

50-year Pipeline of job and business opportunities

Increased local content through new offshore wind manufacturing: Advanced Manufacturing Plant, Serial Production of Floating Offshore Wind Substructures

Skilled People: Reskill O&G workers as part of Energy Transition, train future workforce in exportable skills in renewable energy to ensure workforce ready for these projects

Develop new technology and expertise to reduce cost and increase speed of deployment: First in the world to deploy floating wind and green hydrogen at scale. We can develop the technology and learn the skills to take this expertise around the world

Decarbonise our region & Scotland: Offshore wind, green hydrogen for industry, transport and heat, net zero port, electrification of O&G

Generate and test innovative ideas which support the decarbonisation of business and industry: Future technology centre, R&D, floating wind and hydrogen hub. Ideas that can be exported as other countries decarbonise







References

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- Green Freeports announced gov.scot (www.gov.scot)
- <u>UHI welcomes green freeport announcement</u>

Ref No. (LINKS)	Description	Public Comment	Notes	Recommendation
22/05356/RCC	Residential Development Dornoch Phase 3 & 4 Land 120M North Of Glenburn Station Road Dornoch	0	Road Construction Consent for Springfield development previously supported by DACC	Discuss / Support?
22/06107/FUL	Erection of distillery and associated warehousing and visitor centre	0	Previous presentation to DACC by applicants	Discuss
22/06157/ADV	Installation of interpretation panel Land 20M SE Of Station House Skelbo Dornoch	0	ADVertising consent only for JoG Trail sign	No Comment
23/00204/FUL	Raise ridgeline of roof to accommodate attic conversion Trilleachan, 26 Elizabeth Crescent	0	Creates upper story	No Comment ??
23/00230/ADV	Installation of interpretation board Land 20M West Of Station House Station Road Embo	0	ADVertising consent only for JoG Trail sign	No Comment
23/00312/FUL	Alterations to house Ladysmith House Clashmore Dornoch	0		No Comment
23/00321/FUL	Erection of garage with car port and change of use of garage to ancillary building Arvika Birchwood Hilton	0		No Comment
22/06159/ADV	Installation of interpretation panel Land 20M SE Of 19 Back Street Embo	0	ADVertising consent only for JoG Trail sign	No Comment
23/00433/FUL	Change of use from Office & Non-Residential Institution to 10 holiday-let apartments Ross House, Grange Road	0		Discuss

LINKS

Town Centre Strategy
Conservation Area

There have been NINE new applications validated since the January meeting. However, three of these are for advertising consent for the John O'Groats trail at Embo/Coul and three are alterations to private dwelling houses (the one in Elizabeth Crescent **may** attract some interest but may not be out of place with other surrounding properties).

Highlighted are the three remaining applications which may warrant discussion and may require feedback to the planners.

- 1. 22/05356/RCC road construction consent for Springfield's Dornoch North development phases 3&4. However, as DACC have previously supported this project it seems reasonable not to interfere with the roads required?
- 2. 22/06107/FUL the new distillery on Dornoch South. This is as per the presentation made to DACC members in September, of which the minutes record 'The whole initiative was met with unanimous enthusiasm from DACC Members'.
- 3. 23/00433/FUL change of use for Ross House from Office/Non-residential to holiday apartments. Given how long it took to sell, and its location (outside the town centre and adjacent to two hotels and other holiday apartments), DACC may decide that no objection to the change of use is a reasonable response.

Dornoch Area Community Council Financial Report

1 April 2022 - 8 February 2023

Dornoch Community Funds	DACC Account	Common Good Fund	Beinn Tharsuinn	Totals
	(Note 1)	(Notes 2-4)	(Notes 5 & 6)	
Opening Balance	£4,183.56	£244,250	£6,980.21	
Add: Income	£10,302.67	£58,950		
Less: Outgoings	-£10,027.99	-£39,489	-£400.00	
Closing Balance	£4,458.24	£263,711	£6,580	£274,749.45

	Total	£4,458.24	
	CC - reserved funds	£673.59	£352.6
Note 1:	CC - unreserved funds	£3,784.65	

£352.60 (rose bushes) + £320.99 (Treasure Walk brochure)

Note 2: Managed by Highland Council on behalf of the Residents of the Royal Burgh of Dornoch.

Note 3: Balance is DACC Treasurer YE estimate based on latest information from Highland Council (November 2021)

Note 4: DACC Dornoch Common Good Fund 3-year Cash Flow forecast can be seen HERE

Note 5: Held by Beinn Tharsuinn Trust on behalf of all IV25 residents subject to complying with the terms of the Trust.

Note 6: Balance at 16/11/2022 per Ward Manager

Dornoch Area Community Council Cash Movements

1 April 2022 - 8 February 2023

•		•		Ur	restricted	Restricted	Total
Opening Balance					£3,735.40	£448.16	£4,183.5
Income	R1	Common Good Fund Grant	Xmas Tree lights			£ 5,789.76	
	R2	Dornoch Trust	Repayment of Loan	£	2,000.00	•	
	R3	Highland Council	Revenue Grant	£	677.91		
	R4	Highland Council	Common Good Maintenance Grant			£ 1,835.00	
Outgoings	P1	HSBC	Bank Charges		-£5.00		
3 3 . 3 .		The Dornoch Trust	Loan		-£2,000.00		
		Keep Scotland Beautiful	Beach Award		,	-£360.00	
		HSBC	Bank Charges		-£5.00		
	P5	Calico	Internet		-£28.80		
	P6	SoloPress	Signage (Cemetery)			-£76.76	
	P7	Mackay & Co	Accounting		-£180.00		
		HSBC	Bank Charges		-£5.00		
	P9	Blachere Illumination	Xmas Tree lights			-£5,789.76	
	P10	HSBC	Bank Charges		-£5.00		
	P11	Jimmy Melville	War Memorial Centenary Celebration		-£189.50		
	P12	HSBC	Bank Charges		-£5.00		
	P13	HSBC	Bank Charges		-£5.00		
	P14	Woodland Trust	Trees for Queens Green Canopy			-£443.70	
	P15	Solo Press	Dibond Signs (Toilets & Car Parks)			-£124.31	
	P16	HSBC	Bank Charges		-£5.00		
	P17	Jimmy Melville	Remembrance Day Wreath		-£42.40		
	P18	HSBC	Bank Charges		-£5.00		
	P19	J. Bishop	Zoom subscription		-£47.96		
	P20	HSBC	Bank Charges		-£5.00		
	P21	W&A Geddes	Xmas Trees			-£604.80	
		Keep Scotland Beautiful	MyBeachYourBeach		-£90.00		
	P23	HSBC	Bank Charges		-£5.00		
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Closing Balance					£3,784.65	£673.59	£4,458.

DACC Maintenance Projects Update – February 2023

Phase 6

I propose we submit a further application to the Common Good Fund in early March (i.e. for payment in the new Financial Year) for:

- The cost of the Keep Scotland Beautiful Beach Award scheme this will be £378 in 2023 (Dornoch's 30th consecutive year if we take part).
- 40x replacement rose bushes the quote we received last year was £958 but we have £352 in reserved funds and so an additional £606 (or more) will be required, assuming there is no price increase and the HC maintenance team are willing to plant the bushes.
- Two new Dog Poo Bins requested by Dornoch Beach Wheelchairs to be sited on poles between the top Car Park and the sea an area which suffers from high numbers of dog walkers not all of whom return bags to the bins in the car park! Estimated cost c. £400 (JB to install)
- The entrance to the Overflow Car Park at the beach needs re-levelling this was last done in 2020. JB willing to pursue quotes from J&S Gunn if agreed
- The ground in the Overflow Car Park needs time to rest (JB has now closed the gate) and possibly re-seeding PM to report on discussions with RDGC.
- The verges at the Play Park parking spaces need strengthening. Brian Fraser was hopeful of completing the surfacing of the new passing places last year and suggested they may be able to do the verges at the same time. PM or JMc to report on discussions?

Members are encouraged to submit fully-costed suggestions for other small maintenance project work for consideration at the February meeting

Phase 1

All projects are now complete.

Phase 2

All projects have been completed apart from the reprint of the **Beach Treasure Walk brochure** and the **Cemetery Parking Posts**. £371.40 held in DACC reserved funds to cover these two items (n.b. cost of additional signage added to Cemetery car park in April & June 2022 deducted from reserved funds).

Phase 3

All projects are now complete.

Phase 4

All funded projects have been completed. The final (unfunded) project is on hold until the Roads Department have surfaced the new passing places on Beach Road.

Xmas Lights

Replacement Xmas lights now arrived and awaiting erection.

Phase 5

Funding for the replacement rose bushes was diverted to pay for the Xmas trees. The balance (£352.60) has been retained in reserved funds for future use. All other projects have been completed.

Dornoch Area Community Council

Outstanding requests to Highland Council (HC) and other authorities

As at 12th.December 2022
Action points in blue bold.

Progress since last update in green italics

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Date	Request details	Follow-up
request		responsibility
lodged		and Priority
May 2020	REPAIR GAP BETWEEN RAILING AND BRIDGE WALL	JM to get
	There is a dangerous gap between the railing and the wall of	quote
	the wooden bridge beyond the Medical Centre. Ongoing	
August 2020	"NO THROUGH ROAD" SIGN NEEDED ON CHURCH	HC
	STREET BETWEEN NO. 8 AND KERRISDALE	
	Brian Fraser originally agreed we can pay for and put up a	
	new sign but now HC may do it themselves. Ongoing	
January	UNEVEN PAVEMENT OPPOSITE FREE CHURCH	JMc
2021	No progress.	Priority B
March 2021	PRONCYNAIN CEMETERY RESTRAINERS	JMc
	HC's Shane Manning is reviewing all Cemetery car parks in	Priority A
	the Highlands and Proncynain is included	
	In the meantime the 4 signs DACC installed have been at	
	least partly effective.	
March 2021	PRONCYNAIN CEMETERY EXTENSION	JMc
	Working on extension	Priority A
	Hoping to complete early 2023 – work well under way.	
Apr 2022	ROSE PLANTS	DACC
	We have bought rose plants for several Burgh locations.	
	Plant in spring 2023	
Apr 2022	REGULAR DACC MEETING WITH ROADS OFFICER	
	BRIAN FRASER	
	First DACC meeting held with Brian Fraser:	
	 OK for DACC to pay for and put up no entry sign at 	HC
	Carnaig Street (Brian changed his mind on this see	
	above)	
	 Ok for DACC to pay for and put up sign for no 	
	campervan parking beyond playpark. (Brian changed	
	his mind on this too. Now working through Shane	
	Manning)	DACC/DACIC
	 Brian agrees DACC/DACIC should ask Shane for a 	
	square stencil mark at bus park saying Bus Stance	
	10 minutes Done	
July 2022	Temporary Haulage Road: Poles Road to Springfield	JMc
	Still awaiting approval from Highland Council Roads	
	department – approved – now lies with Springfield	
July 2022	Dornoch Square Toilets	DACC
	PM has notified HC's Debbie Sutton and Sharon Barrie	
	about:	
	Serious shortcomings	
	 Asking for more information in relation to HC's 	
	suggestion to DACC to take over these toilets	
	 Financially challenging – present system of co- 	
	operation to continue	
August 2022	Repair holes in Road: Castle Street at junction with	Done
	Sutherland Road.	
	Repaired	
Oct 2022	Jimmy's point about improving roads around North Street	HC
	'Maybe 2024-5'	
Oct 2022	Back bank steps need tidying up and minor repairs –	JMc
	maintenance project?	1

Ward 4 East Sutherland & Edderton Est Works Comments Length Width Route Locality Site Description Area Planed Depth Туре Bridge Street & High Street, Deans Lane, Elizabeth YES various Dornoch Crescent, Glichrist Square, Golf Road, Grange 1225 5.0 6125.0 50 Inlay Road, Kennedy Avenue, St Gilbert Street

Dornoch & District Community Council (DACC)

Updates on matters outstanding from previous meetings as at 10/12/2022

Action points in blue bold.

Progress since last update in green italics

1. Proposal to address car and motorhome parking at Beach

Highland Council's Shane Manning is working on a proposal which will be put to Community Consultation shortly.

PM to chase Shane Manning re:

- 'No campervan parking ahead' road-signs warning <u>before</u> the top car park Jerry is progressing this with Brian Fraser
- Consultation for voluntary charging for bottom 2 car parks
 Still no progress

2. Springfield site

PM discussing with Stuart Morrison (SM) the following:

- Possible new access at Poles Road. Springfield are in principle agreeable to this and will:
 - Draft plan of possible access points and possible road configurations and
 - Seek regulatory approval ASAP
 - o SM have lodged application for planning permission. *HC still have not approved after 11 months.*

3. RDGC contract

Signature of RDGC lease contract should be imminent but this has been true for 6 months

4. Seagulls

Seagulls are causing problems including becoming aggressive with residents. Lesley Strang has identified a company that will remove eggs from nests that are particularly inappropriate for the town. However we were not fast enough to get Common Good Funding this year.

Review and agree exactly where we need to remove eggs and make formal application for Common Good Funding in September well in time to put in place the removal in spring 2023.

5. Dog-poo problem

YM and DM to identify exactly where they want bins and/or what other action they wish to be taken.

6. Clean up and repair Dornoch Burn

Davie MacBeath to chase a quote from contractors.

Items outside DACC's responsibility other than liaison with other Groups:

7. Meadows

A subcommittee of the Meadows Trust is working on a plan to replace the existing buildings.

Still no progress.

Ongoing items

8. Path by 2nd.Green at RDGC

RDGC now acknowledge that the path is a right of way and have agreed to clear that part of the path which is on the land they lease from Dornoch Common Good. Matt Dent visited and RDGC agreed what is required adequately to maintain the path on the land they lease from Dornoch Common Good as:

- 1. Path towards Embo beside 2nd Green:
 - a. Cut path to a width of 1.5 metres so that it never dwindles to a width of below 1m.
 - b. Ensure that path beside 2nd green is kept flat by a one-off grading scraping below the surface to remove roots etc. and then maintain the flatness thereby achieved on an ongoing basis.
 - c. Consider moving the path so maintained midway between the wall and the old 'right of way' path. However location is really up to RDGC to decide.
- 2. Path towards Embo from second Green to end of Common Good Land:
 - a. Cut path to a width of 1.5 metres so that it never dwindles to a width of below 1m.
 - b. Consider improving the path by levelling it however some Common Good contribution would appear appropriate to do this because the meaning of the word 'maintenance' is unclear.
- 3. Path towards Embo on RDGC's own land: no obligation to maintain. However public volunteers and/or the Common Good has a right to improve/maintain if it wishes to.

See emails of 1st. July and 4th July 2022.

DORNOCH PLACE PLAN

A summary of previous plans, recent developments and ideas for the future

What is a Place Plan?

- New legislation from the Scottish Government is strengthening communities say in their own areas and this is widely called "Place Planning" or "Place Based Planning".
- The Highland Council "Future Highlands" Strategy also support this process and is encouraging communities to participate.
- The Dornoch Masterplan is due to be updated in 2023 and a Place Plan has been supported by DACC, the Dornoch Focus Group HIE and The Highland Council.
- Dornoch is well placed to not only consult with the community to create and agree priorities but to also deliver on ideas and projects with a proven record and well organised community groups and volunteers.
- BUT WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS

Haven't we had plans before?

- ▶ Between 2009 & 2021 there have been <u>nine</u> significant economic and community plans that were either specifically for or included Dornoch.
- All the plans covered housing, roads & transport, business & service development, recreation management, tourism and the natural environment.
- The plans have been led by The Highland Council, Highlands & Islands Enterprise and The Sutherland Community Partnership but often the delivery has been done by or with local Dornoch community groups.
- The most important of these plans have been
 - 2012 Highland Wide Development Plan which identified the need for new housing developments and created zones for the development of 400 new homes
 - 2013 Economic Masterplan that has provided the blueprint for grants & investments and Dornoch as a regional tourist & service centre.
 - 2018 Dornoch Community Plan, which had the most extensive and significant community consultation, and focused on affordable housing, accessible transport and the need for less seasonal employment opportunities.

What happened next?

- 300 new homes built with 25% classified as "affordable" but prices are still rising.
- Visit Dornoch has created momentum for Dornoch as a destination and inward investment in construction, hospitality and retail has flourished <u>but</u> increased visitor numbers have caused transport and housing issues.
- Golf tourism continues to thrive (despite COVID) <u>but</u> longer stays and "active travel" still need to grow.
- New student accommodation and UHI investment has increased young student population <u>but</u> no significant diversification of employment or digital businesses yet.
- The Hub, funded and managed by DACIC, is now open and full of tenants and small businesses but there still seems to be demand for more business premises.
- The conservation area plan was adopted and runs until 2027 <u>but</u> no other town centre plan created e.g., parking management, use of public spaces.
- The Beach is award winning and accessible to all thanks to the Dornoch Beach Group and Common Good Fund.
- Public Toilets are under renovation in the Square and the Beach Toilets already refurbished and run by DACC.
- Many (80+) community-based and volunteer groups continue to offer support and services including the food bank, support groups, health and childcare.

NOVEMBER 2022 – ALL COMPLETE OR MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

The 2022 "to do" list?

- 150 more homes to be built (25% affordable or for rent) and ongoing discussions with Springfield to ease construction and traffic.
- DADCA working on plans for new social housing (8 units).
- Dornoch South car park now complete and that should remove coaches from the Square.
- DACIC working on plans for a MUGA (outdoor multi sports games arena).
- Dornoch South and new planning permissions may also revitalize the business park.
- A BID application (Business Improvement District) is underway to raise funds for future economic and business development.
- Dornoch Trust purchased Earls Cross Woods for the community and The Queen's Canopy was a great success.
- New ESRA lifeboat facility and boat completed.
- 20MPH town speed limit & beach car parking scheme in place

What we thought we could we do next?

- ► **Housing** What does the new housing legislation, including licensing for short term and holiday lets, mean and how else could we help to meet the community need for social housing and long-term rentals?
- Jobs & the Economy Should we continue to create spaces and opportunities for new and different businesses and investments including understanding the opportunity Cromarty Firth and renewable energy may offer?
- Net Carbon Zero Should we develop our green spaces, woodlands, beaches and trails for both residents and to promote "active travel" walking and cycling routes for visitors?
- **Sustainable Tourism** Do we need a comprehensive Visitor Management Plan to address seasonal spikes in traffic and associated issues including parking and other infrastructure?
- **Recreation** Would a *Recreation Management Plan* help the town invest in physical assets e.g., a new sports centre but also maximize those we already have, physical and natural, for public use?

NOVEMBER 2022 – SOME PROGRESS

Large projects that will require resource.

- Housing Sutherland Community Partnership now has a new Housing Sub Committee chaired by Marianne Hutchinson. The focus is community led housing development. The Short Term Let scheme is now in place. The impact will be seen next Spring / Summer. The Highland Council have reminded us we could consider a Control Area Consultation?
- **Jobs & the Economy** The BID is well underway and as part of that process a local 5 year business improvement district strategy would have to be created by the BID Board. Tourism and hospitality sectors continue to report recruitment issues.
- ▶ Net Carbon Zero An EOI was made to SUSTRANS to create a circular walking and cycling route around Dornoch. This was rejected as it did not fit the criteria of walking to and from work and school (!)
- **Sustainable Tourism** Although some work has been done on parking & traffic management a wider parking plan has been on hold due to staff sickness at THC. This will now take place in Spring 2023.
- **Recreation** The developments at Dornoch South & the School do both form part of this. There is no outdoor RMP in place but DACC woodlands and support for the Core Path and JOGT are meaningful.

NOVEMBER 2022 – SOME PROGRESS, BUT NEED RESOURCES TO DO MORE

Its not strictly a "Place Plan"

	THEME	EXPERT & INFORMATION	COMMUNITY	FORMAT	FORMAT
	HOUSING	COMMUNITY TRUST & THC	THE HGHLAND COUNCIL	HOUSING STOCK SURVEY	SUTHERLAND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
	ECONOMY	UHI & HIE	BID/DACIC	BID PROCESS CONSULTATION	IN FLIGHT
/	NET CARBON ZERO	SUSTRANS	DORNOCH TRUST	PATHS FOR ALL APPLICATION	APPLICATION REFUSED
	VISITOR MANAGEMENT	THC	DACC	FORMAL CONSULTATION REQUIRED	DISPLAY& CONSULT MEETING
	RECREATION	TBC	DACIC / DADCA	COMMUNITY SURVEY	SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEYS

Appendix

Consultation

- The new legislation is designed to make sure communities work together to create shared plans, solve problems and target resources and funding together,
- The principles include
 - Community led engagement must include and involve of all parts of a community.
 - Co-ordinated plans and projects should be prioritised under one plan even though they will be managed and delivered by different services, groups, teams and volunteers.
 - Communicated simple and accessible information should be regularly shared
 - Realistic and Honest Plans need to be achievable, and ideas must include proposals for funding and other resources
- We need to share these early plans with other stakeholders Kyle of Sutherland DT, Sutherland Community Partnership, Dornoch Firth Group, DADCA, faith groups, UHI, Dornoch Academy and who else?

Appendix

Future Highlands

- The Highland Council's priorities include
 - Economic Recovery including use of the Shared Prosperity & Levelling Up funds
 - Future Employment & Business Growth including use of the Economic Prosperity fund to support digital expansion and low carbon outcomes
 - Community wealth building including supporting community groups and 3rd sector organisations
 - Net Zero Carbon including prioritizing the hydrogen economy and the renewable energy sector
 - Healthy & Active Highland including the development of active travel networks, long distance routes and sports facilities
 - Transport including new models for public transport and infrastructure investment

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To: Dornoch Community Council Date: 11/02/2023

QUOTATION

Site Works: At Dornoch Burn

Clean out all the silt/weeds and debris from the Dornoch burn, starting at the old Mallin house site up to the toilet block on Shore Road, using a 15-ton wheeled excavator to load 8-wheeler lorry and transport the material to licensed tip at Exelix quarry including tipping charges, allow for highland council permit to erect signage for traffic management and banksman when required,

£13,265.00 + VAT

Please not tree branches to be cut back/trimmed by others to allow work to be carried out

NB: All prices are subject to 20% VAT and prices are valid for 14 days from quotation date. After this time any rise in material costs will be added.

Kind Regards,

Alistair Fraser

On behalf of A. A. & D. Fraser Ltd

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL (DORNOCH VILLAGE) (WAITING RESTRICTION) (EXPERIMENTAL) ORDER 2023

The Highland Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to 2(3), 3, and 4(1) to 4(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended (which Act as so amended is hereinafter referred to as "the 1984 Act"), and of all the other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Constable in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the 1984 Act hereby make the following order:-

- 1. This Order may be cited as 'The Highland Council (Dornoch Village) (Waiting Restriction) (Experimental) Order 2023' and shall come into effect at 00:01 hrs on 1st xxx 2023 and remain in effect for a maximum period of 18 months.
- 2. The maps annexed and signed as relative to this Order and listed in the schedule annexed and signed as relative to this Order, which maps ("the Maps") depict the prohibitions, restrictions and parking places imposed or designated by this Order and, in conjunction with the key depicted on each map, identify the type of each particular prohibition, restriction or parking place and certain of its governing provisions are hereby incorporated into this Order.
- 3. In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them: -

"disabled person's badge" has the same meaning as in the Disabled Person (Badges for Motor Vehicles)(Scotland) Regulations 2000;

"parking enforcement officer" has the same meaning as "parking attendant" in section 63A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

"vehicle" unless the context otherwise requires, means a vehicle of any description, and includes a machine or implement of any kind drawn or propelled along roads, whether or not by mechanical power;

"park" "parking" and "parked" refer to the stopping of a vehicle and it remaining at rest for some time whether or not the driver is still in the vehicle and a vehicle shall be deemed to be parked for any period in the same parking place if any part of it is below the vehicle or the vehicle's load (if any) whether or not the vehicle is moved during that period;

"parking place" means an area of a road designated by this Order for the parking of vehicles:

"prohibited road" means any of the lengths of road specified on the Maps where waiting is prohibited provided that the expression "prohibited road" shall not include any parking place;

"wait" and "waiting" refer to the stopping of a vehicle and it remains at rest for some time whether or not the driver is still in the vehicle; Wait and waiting apply as for "park" and "parked"

"Parking Enforcement Officer" has the same meaning as "parking attendant" in section 63A of the 1984 Act

"permit" means a resident's permit of a type and design issued by The Highland Council.

"permit holder" means a person to whom a valid permit has been issued by The Highland Council.

"Permit Holders Only" Permits are available from The Highland for a vehicle of a specific class and for a specific parking place subject to conditions determined by The Highland Council; a parking permit is only valid in the parking place(s) in respect of which it was issued, for the vehicle in respect of which it was issued and up to the

- date of expiry shown on the parking permit; the driver shall abide by the terms stipulated by The Highland Council for the use of the parking permit.
- 4. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- 5. While this Order is in force, no person shall, except under the direction or with the permission of a police officer in uniform or a parking enforcement officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to wait or park at any time on any prohibited road as specified on the Maps.
- 6. (i) The parts of roads identified as such on the Maps in Schedule 1 to this order are hereby designated to be used subject to the following provisions of this Order as parking places for disabled badge holders only and may be used subject to the provisions of this Order:
- (ii) No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to remain in a parking place for disabled badge holders only unless there is displayed on that vehicle in the manner prescribed in terms of the Disabled Person (Badges for Motor Vehicles)(Scotland) Regulations 2000 a valid disabled person's badge provided that the vehicle immediately before or after the act of parking has been or is about to be driven or used by the person to whom the badge has been issued or, as the case may be, used for the carrying of disabled person(s) as passenger(s);
- (iii) Save in an emergency, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to remain in a parking place for disabled badge holders only for longer than the maximum period specified for that parking place in the Maps;
- (iv) Where as indicated on the Maps there is a maximum period specified for that parking place for disabled badge holders only, the driver of a vehicle shall upon leaving the vehicle in the parking place, display in the manner prescribed in terms of the Disabled Person (Badges for Motor Vehicles)(Scotland) Regulations 2000 a disabled person's badge and shall remove that vehicle from the said parking place within the maximum time specified.
- (v) Where a period within which a vehicle must not be parked again in the parking place for disabled badge holders only is specified in the Maps, no person shall permit or cause the vehicle to park again in that parking place until the expiry of that specified period.
- 7. (i) Unless indicated otherwise by markings on the carriageway, each vehicle parked in a limited waiting parking place or a parking place for disabled badge holders or a parking place marked as "Permit Holder Only" only in accordance with Articles 6,7 and 8 of this Order shall stand (a) so that the left or near side of the vehicle is adjacent to the left-hand edge of the carriageway, (b) so that the distance between the edge of the carriageway and the nearest wheel of the vehicle is not more than 50 centimetres, (c) so that no part of the vehicle obstructs any vehicular means of ingress to or egress from premises adjacent to the side of the road on which the vehicle is parked, and (d) so that every part of the vehicle is within the limits of the parking place if marked on the carriageway;
- (ii) Where any vehicle is standing in a parking place in contravention of the provisions of subparagraph (i) of this Article 7, a parking enforcement officer in uniform or person duly authorised by The Highland Council or police officer in uniform may alter or cause to be altered the position of the vehicle in order that its position shall comply with those provisions.
- (iii) A parking enforcement officer in uniform or a police officer in uniform may move or cause to be moved or remove or cause to be removed, in case of emergency, to any

place he/she thinks fit, any vehicle in a parking place and shall provide for the safe custody of the vehicle.

8. No prohibition or restriction imposed by this Order applies to a vehicle being used in an emergency for ambulance, coastguard, fire brigade or police purposes.

These presents consisting of 3 pages and the schedule and the Maps annexed are sealed with the Common Seal of The Highland Council and subscribed for them and on their behalf in terms of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 at Dingwall on the ____ day of June Two Thousand and Twenty-one by Shona Ann Pottinger, Solicitor and Proper Officer, Council Offices, High Street, Dingwall.

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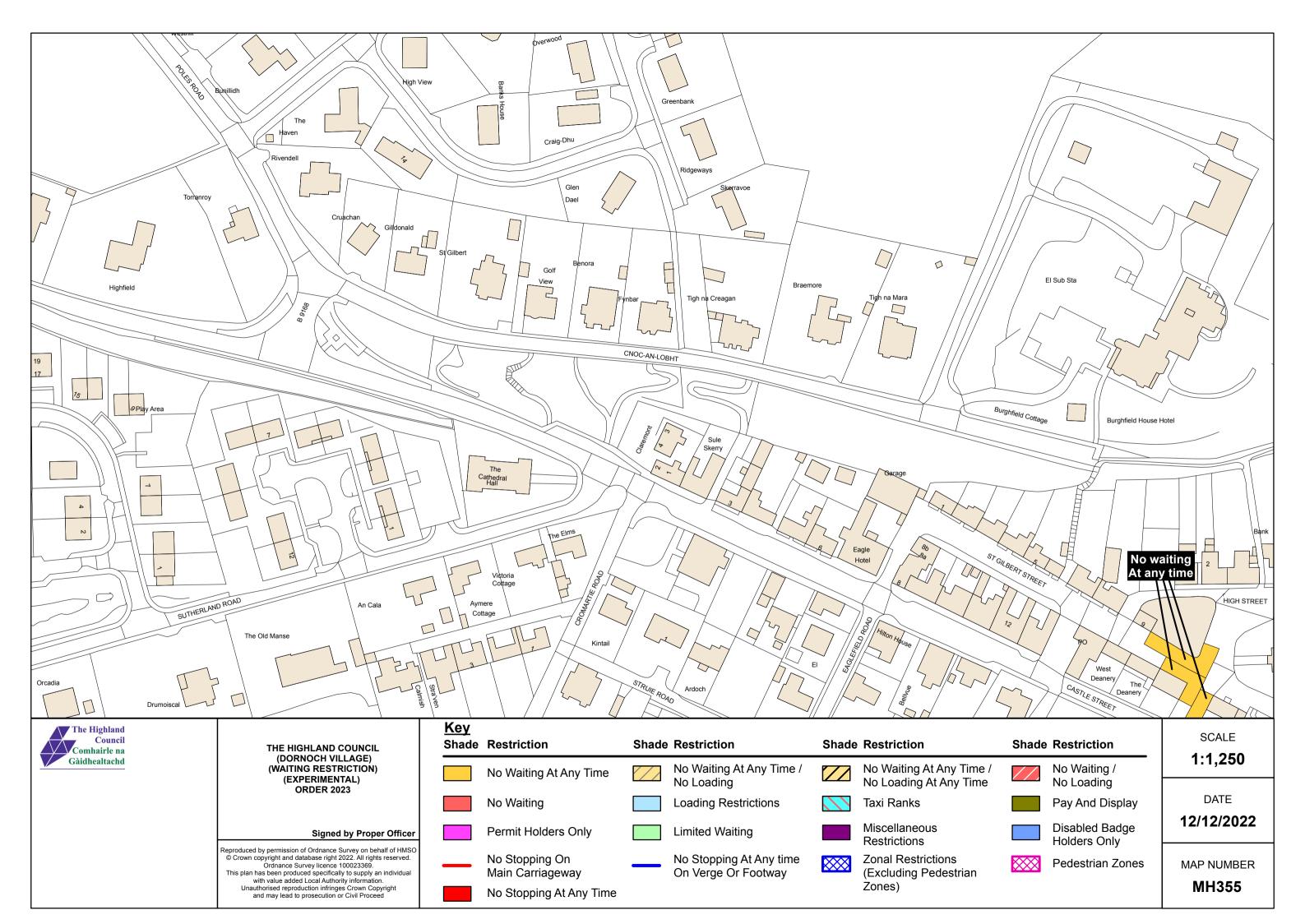
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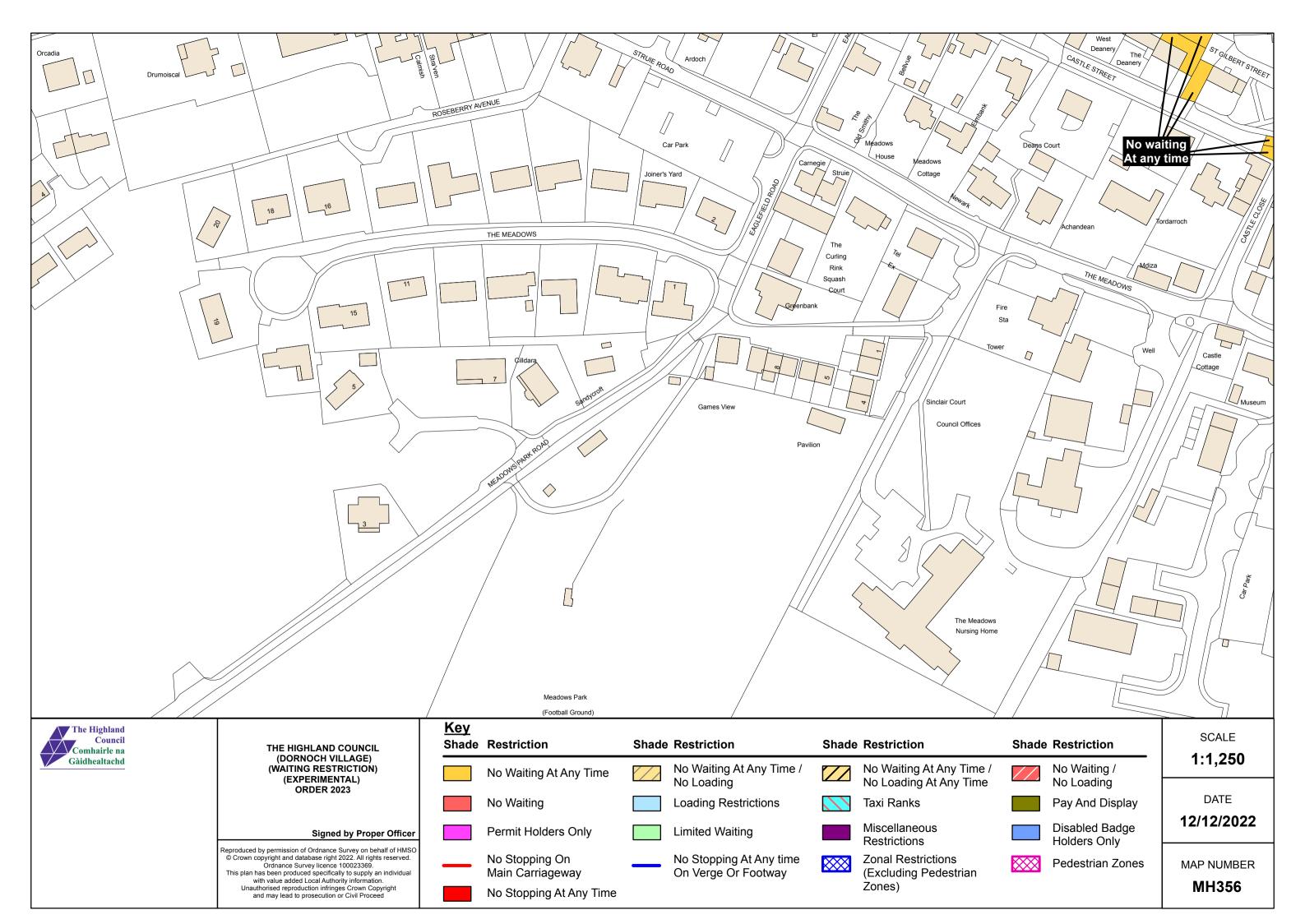
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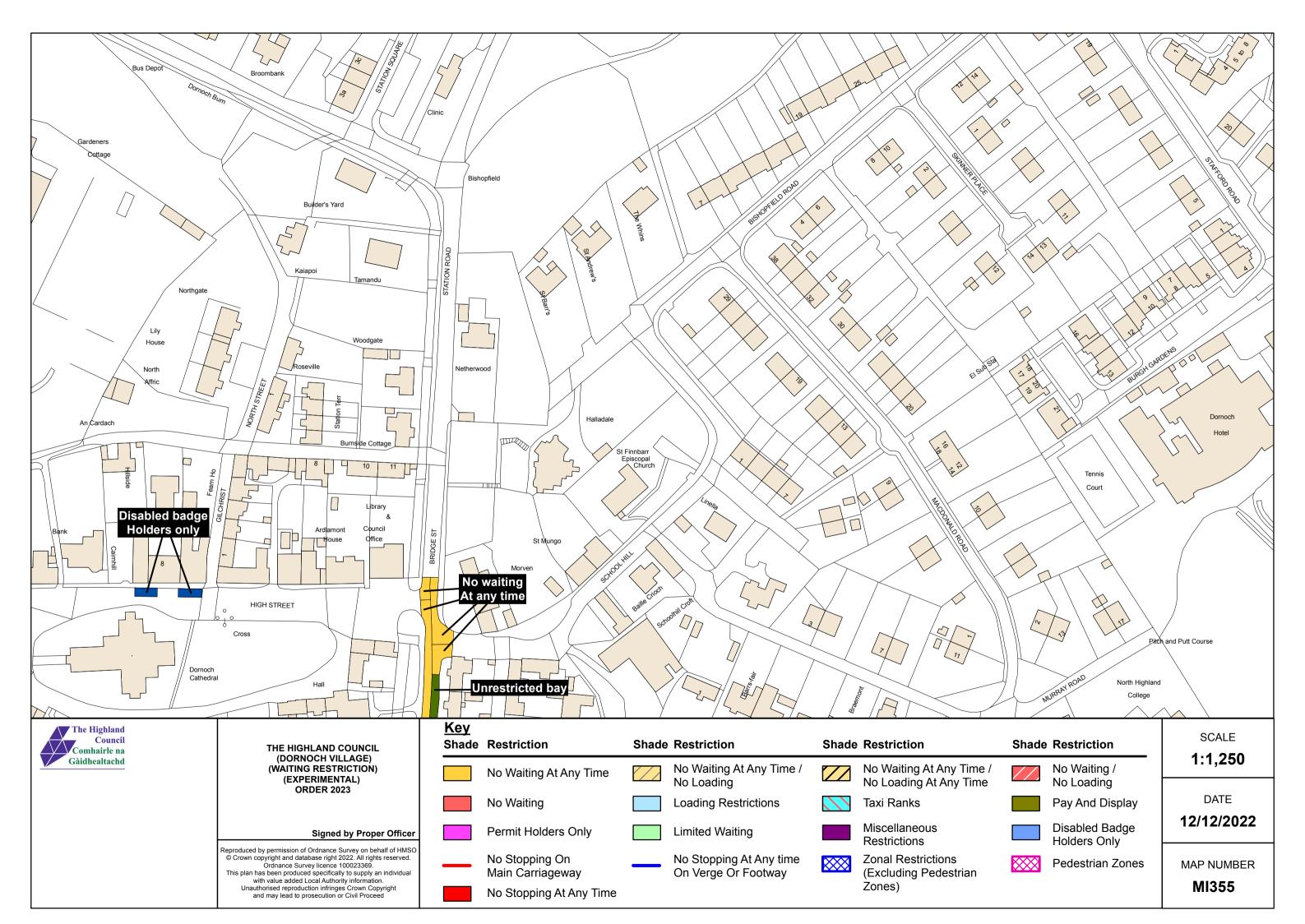
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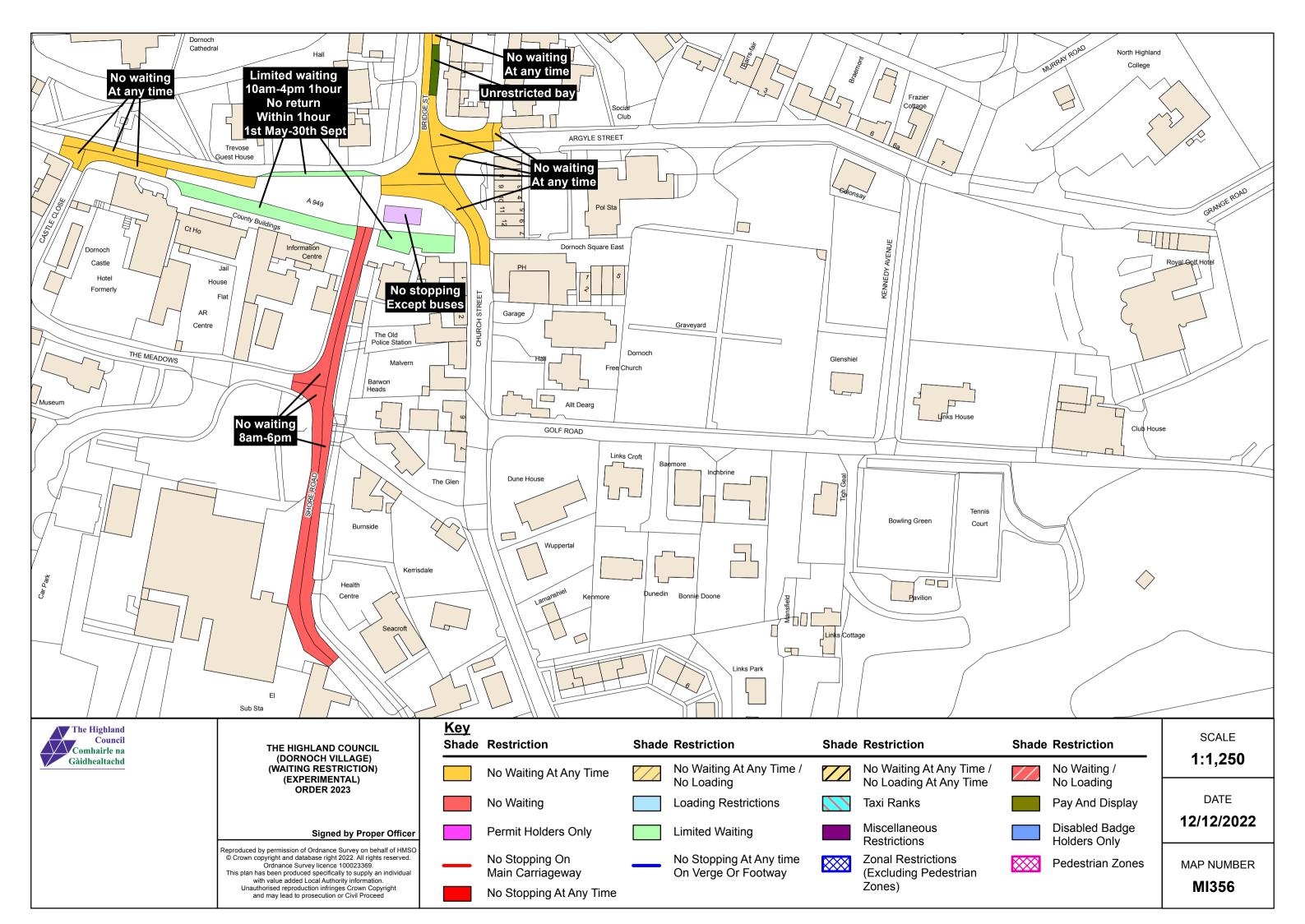
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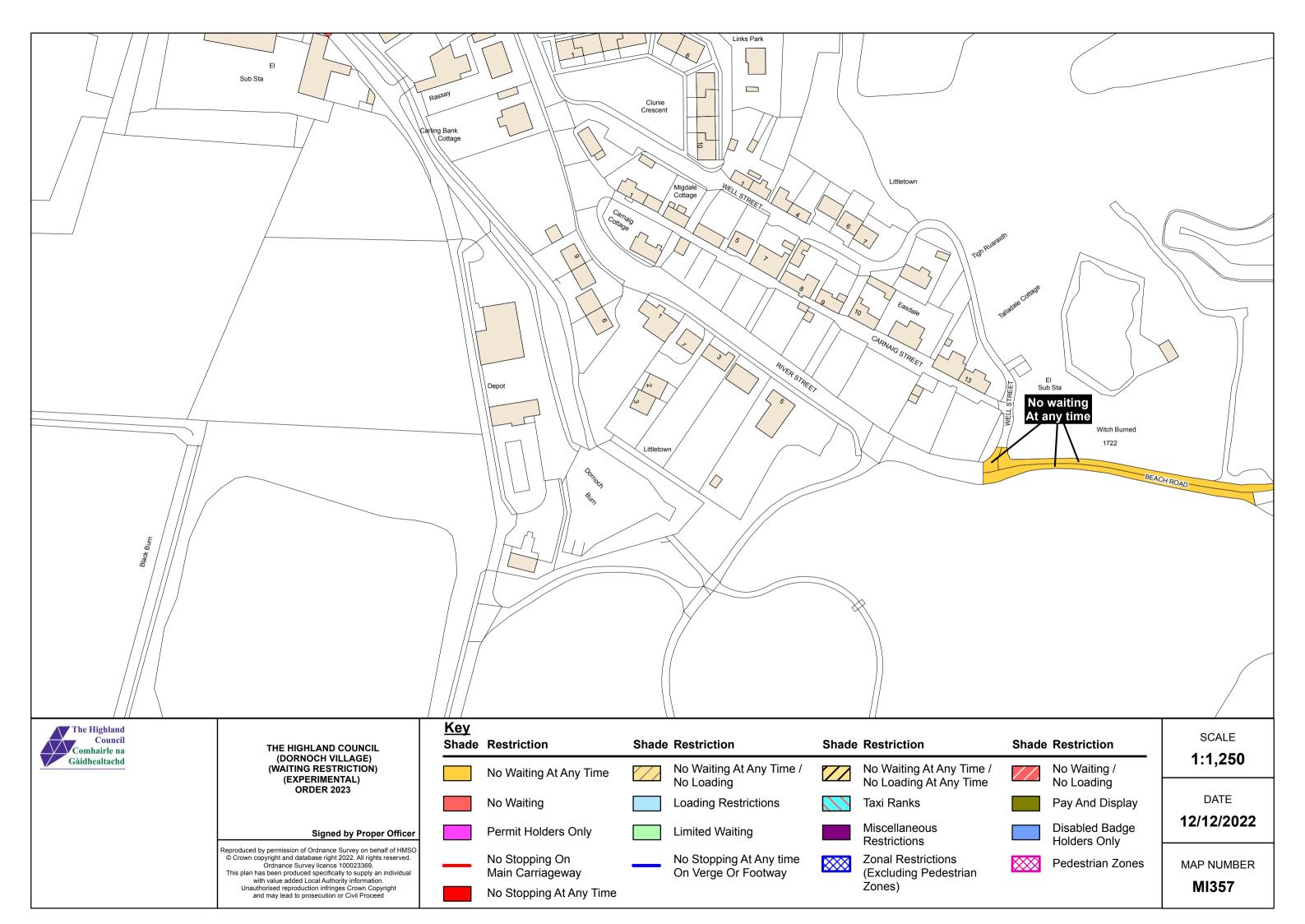
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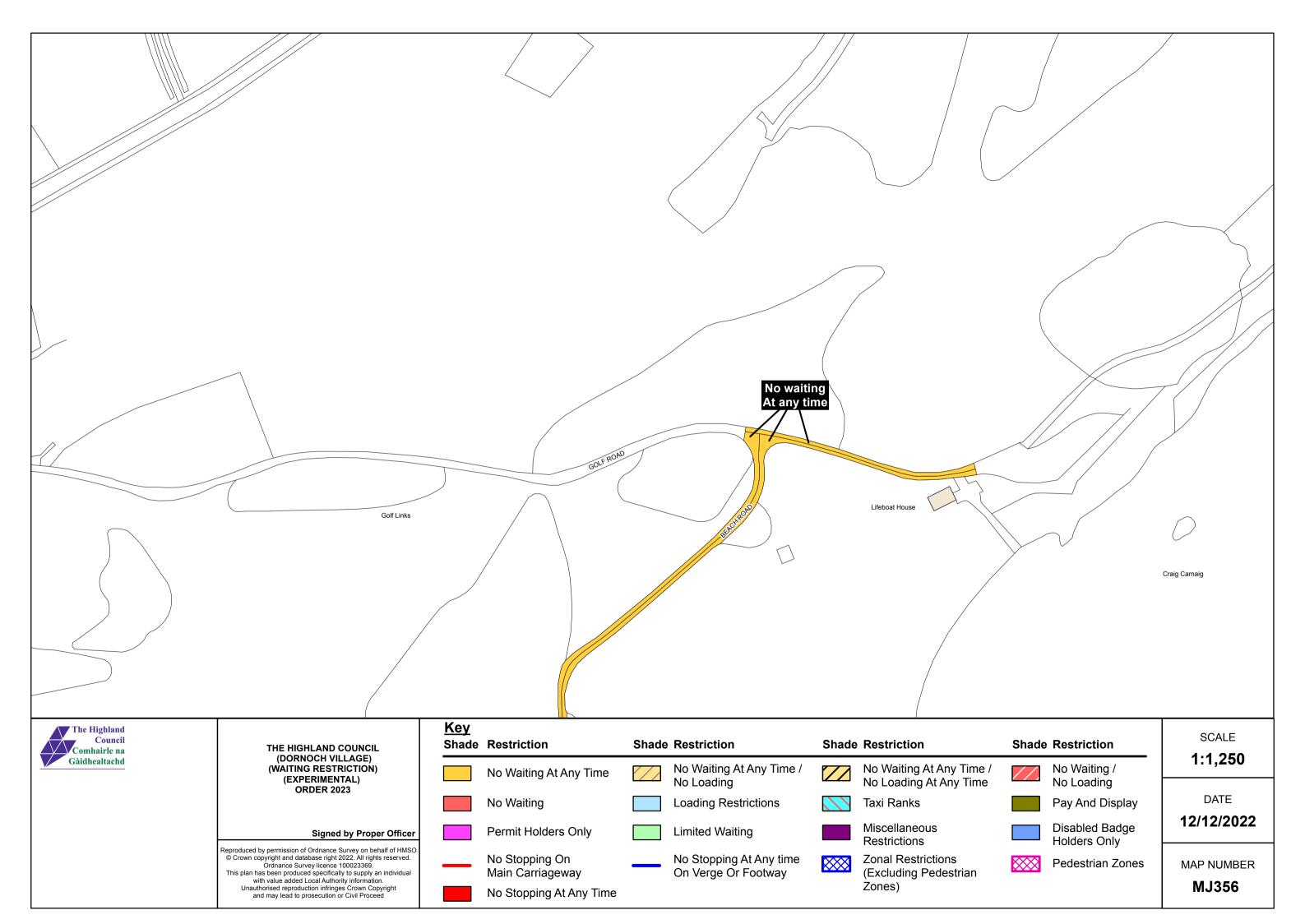


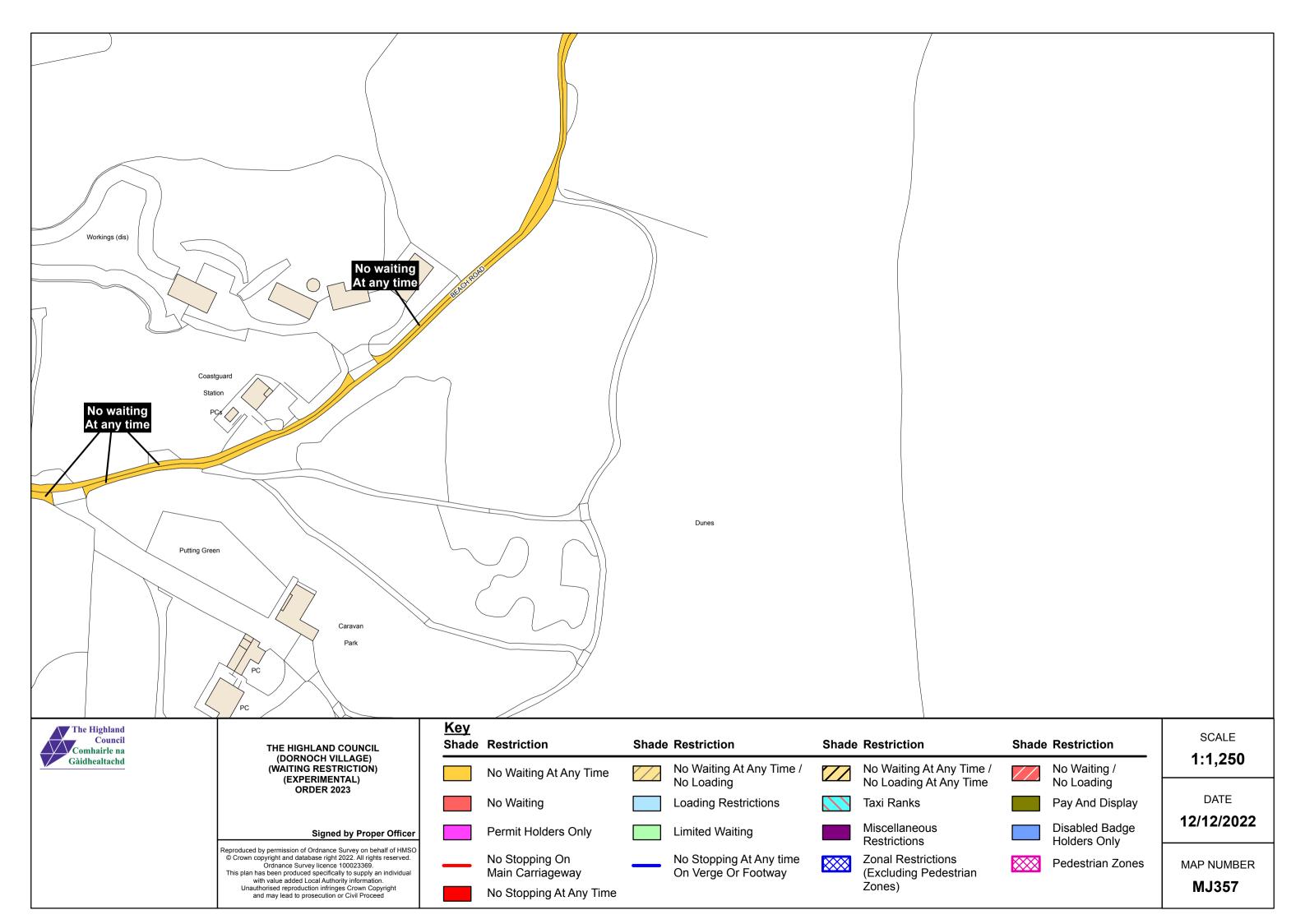












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Hi There

Dornoch Retail Park – Spar shop

Couple of things for you to consider please.

I am wondering if there is anything you can do to get the parcel of land opposite the Spar/Laundry building - tidied up – even by removing the fence and cutting the overgrowth? – The land owner is the developer who built the Golf Campus building .

Also – Coould you consider the reclassification of this area – to Retail? Currently it's a business park with a retail park sign and mixed use businesses within it.

Lastly – anything we can do to improve road signage – even on a temporary basis would be hugely appreciated

Regards John

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