

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL15 JUNE 2016Report by Director of EnvironmentTHE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (ORCHARD PARK, GIFFNOCK) (ONE WAY)  
ORDER 2016**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of the report is to recommend the Council approve the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Orchard Park, Giffnock) (One Way) Order 2016". This will have the effect of establishing Orchard Park one-way from the extended western kerbline of Academy Road to the extended eastern kerbline of A77 Fenwick Road, Giffnock. A plan is attached (Appendix 1).

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. It is recommended that the Council approve the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Orchard Park, Giffnock) (One Way) Order 2016" and delegate to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Traffic problems remain an issue around Giffnock Primary School. Access to and from the school is from Academy Road, which is one-way northwards from St Catherine's Road to Orchard Park. However, significant congestion occurs on Orchard Park as it is relatively short and narrow, two-way, and has only 1 lane at the traffic signal stop line which exacerbates the queuing.

**REPORT**

4. The introduction of the Orchard Park one-way section will complement Academy Road which is already one-way between St Catherine's Road and Orchard Park. As traffic leaving Giffnock Primary School can only exit via Orchard Park, introducing a one-way will enable additional capacity to be provided at the traffic signal stop line at Orchard Park and A77 Fenwick Road. This will result in more vehicles being able to turn right onto A77 Fenwick Road during the traffic signal cycle and a reduction in queuing.

5. A one-way operation combined with the proposed waiting and loading restrictions on Academy Road and Orchard Park, as recommended in "The East Renfrewshire Council (Giffnock Area) (On-Street) (Waiting and Loading) Order 2016", will help to reduce road safety risks in this area.

## FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

6. There will be minimal additional costs incurred by making this Traffic Regulation Order. These will result from advertisement, the requirement for new lining and signing, and normal maintenance costs associated with occasional lining and signing replacement. In addition there will be a cost incurred to re-time the traffic signals. Any expenditure required for traffic signal alterations and new lines and signs will be provided from within the existing Roads Service budget.

## CONSULTATION

7. Consultation in compliance with "The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (and subsequent amendments)" was undertaken between 11 May 2015 and 12 June 2015. Police Scotland, emergency services and other organisations/persons likely to be affected by any provision in the order (including Giffnock Community Council, Giffnock BID, and the local members) were notified of the proposals. Notices of the proposals were also published within the local 'Eastwood Extra' newspaper. There were no formal objections received from any statutory consultees including Police and bus operators.

8. There were two objections received to the proposed one-way with one coming from a resident of Orchard Park and the other from a nearby business:-

- (i) The two issues raised by the resident were objecting to the banned turn from A77 Fenwick Road and access limitations for bin lorries and/or ambulances. The need to access Orchard Park from Academy Road instead of A77 Fenwick Road is not considered a major inconvenience when compared to the benefits achieved from the one-way. The access issues raised were investigated but found to not be an issue. Emergency service vehicles attending an incident are exempt from the one-way restriction and after consultation with Cleansing Services it was determined that the adjacent properties could still be accessed and serviced by the bin lorries. Therefore, the objections were not accepted, the objector was notified of this, and they did not maintain their objection.
- (ii) The business objected on the grounds of a perceived increase in traffic along Academy Road and queues at the A77 Fenwick Road traffic signals due to cars reversing out of the parking spaces to the side of the bank at A77 Fenwick Road. Vehicles currently reverse out of these spaces and come into conflict with vehicles turning into Orchard Park from A77 Fenwick Road. Making Orchard Park one-way will remove this conflict.

## PARTNERSHIP WORKING

9. Police Scotland, the statutory consultees, Local Members, frontagers and the public were consulted on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order. The Order was advertised in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (and subsequent amendments).

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS**

10. A section of Orchard Park will be a one way road with traffic flow in a westerly direction from the extended western kerbline of Academy Road to the extended eastern kerbline of Fenwick Road.
11. The proposed order combined with The Strathclyde Regional Council (Various Streets, Giffnock) (Waiting Restrictions and One Way) Order 1982, will result in any traffic wishing to enter Orchard Park to only gain access by first travelling eastwards onto St Catherine's Road and then northwards onto Academy Road.
12. There will be no legal, IT, equalities or sustainability implications.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

13. Taking all of the above into account, it is concluded that the Council should approve the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Orchard Park, Giffnock) (One Way) Order 2016".

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

14. It is recommended that the Council approve the making and confirmation "The East Renfrewshire Council (Orchard Park, Giffnock) (One Way) Order 2016" and delegate to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

Director of Environment

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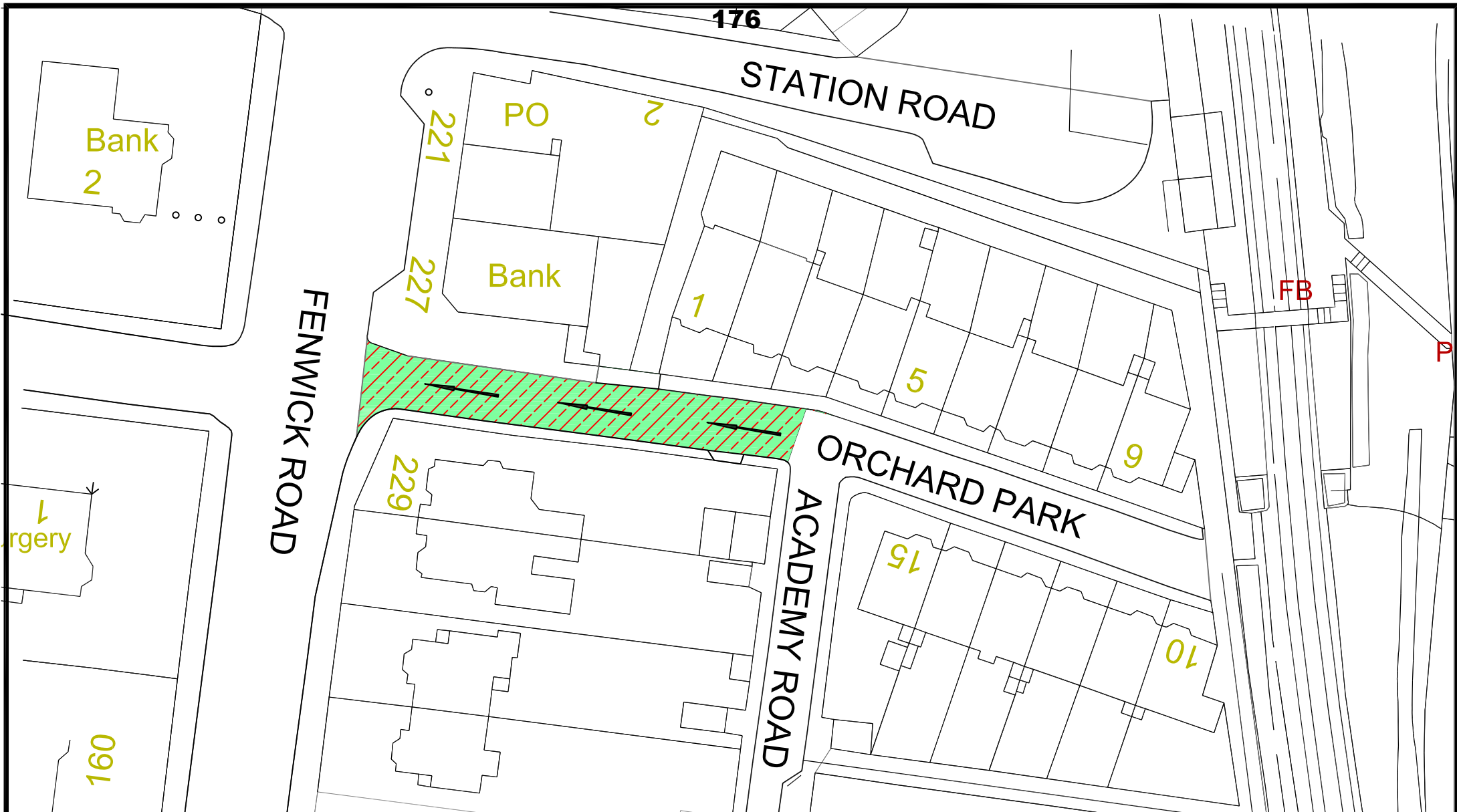
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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

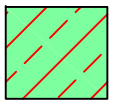
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## **KEY WORDS**

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**Drawing Info.**



Proposed Section of One-Way  
(Westerly Direction) on Orchard Park

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