

Island Communities Impact Assessment

Title of policy/ practice/ strategy/ legislation etc.	The Parking Prohibitions (Enforcement and Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2023
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Division	Transport Scotland
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Stage 1 - Planning

1. What is the aim of your policy/strategy/plan?

The Scottish Government has been working to improve parking legislation in Scotland in order to tackle the impact of inconsiderate and obstructive parking and ensure that our roads and pavements are accessible for all.

As part of this work, the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 bans pavement parking, double parking and parking at dropped kerbs, and gives local authorities the relevant powers to enforce these new prohibitions. Section 58(1) of the Act provides that contravention of a parking prohibition will give rise to a penalty charge.

Section 59(1) of the Act allows Scottish Ministers to make provision, by way of regulations, for or in connection with the enforcement of the prohibitions. These regulations are needed to ensure the operability of the new legislation and provide for procedural consistency on certain key elements of the process. The Act and these Regulations together give local authorities the tools they need to be able to tackle the issues of inconsiderate and obstructive parking.

Stage 2 - Evidence

2. What impact will your policy/strategy/plan have on island communities?

These regulations will provide a procedure for all local authorities to follow to enforce the ban on pavement parking, double parking and parking at dropped kerbs.

3. What consultation have you had with the island communities on your policy/strategy/plan?

We undertook a public consultation on the Regulations which ran for a period of 8 weeks from 2 June 2023 to 28 July 2023. The consultation was published on both Transport Scotland’s website and the Scottish Government’s Citizen Space website.

The final number of consultation responses received was 462. Of these, 16 were submitted by local authorities and 3 by Community Councils. 14 other respondents also identified their organisation, and 429 were listed as individuals.

STAGE 4 - DECISION

4. Does your policy/strategy/plan require an Islands Community Impact Assessment?

The provisions within the Regulations do not raise island specific issues or concerns. We do not believe an Island Community Impact Assessment is required as the provisions make no distinction to various communities across Scotland.

Your deputy director (or above) should sign and date in the box below.

Sign off of the Island Communities Impact Assessment template	Name: Hugh Gillies Job title: Director of Roads, Transport Scotland
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ISLANDS COMMUNITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY TEMPLATE

Title of Policy, Strategy, Programme etc.	Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 – Section 59 Regulations
Summary of aims and expected outcomes of strategy, proposal, programme or policy	The purpose of the Regulations made under Section 59 of the Act is to provide a procedure for local authorities to follow to enforce the ban on pavement parking, double parking and parking at dropped kerbs.
Summary of evidence	We undertook a public consultation on the Regulations which ran for a period of 8 weeks from 2 June 2023 to 28 July 2023. The consultation was published on both Transport Scotland’s website and the Scottish Government’s Citizen Space website.

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<p>Summary of assessment findings</p>	<p>The provisions within the Regulations do not raise island specific issues or concerns. In addition, the Regulations are not likely to have a particular effect on an Island community which is significantly different from its effect on other communities, including other island communities. Therefore, we do not believe an Island Community Impact Assessment is required as the provisions make no distinction to various communities across Scotland.</p>
<p>Sign off</p>	<p>Name: Hugh Gillies</p> <p>Job title: Director of Roads, Transport Scotland</p> <p>28 September 2023</p>