

Dornie & District Community Council

Traffic Management Survey

Background

The Community Council has had concerns raised about the issues caused by poor parking and lack of parking, in the village, on the trunk road and at Dornie Hall.

We, and managers from Eilean Donan Castle, met with representatives from Highland Council in September to start discussions on how things could be improved. There are still to be meetings involving the police, Bear Scotland and Transport Scotland (they deal with the A87) and we wanted to ensure that all members of the community have an opportunity to give their views.

The first stage is this survey asking for views, recommendations and ideas. We will hold a meeting in Dornie Hall on Wednesday 19 February to take proposals to the next stage. The survey is for people who live/and or work in the Dornie & District Community Area. Please complete the survey online at the website <https://www.dornie.org.uk/> or by completing this form and returning to any member of the Community Council or Shona MacLennan, Cluich, 20 Mary Street, Dornie, Kyle, IV40 8ET by **Wednesday 12 February 2025**.

The only personal information we would ask you for is for your postcode (home and/or work) so that we have a rough idea of anything that's specific to one area.

What is your home postcode: _____ **What is your work postcode:** _____

Parking in the village

The introduction of the pavement parking ban has caused even more problems with management of parking in the village. Since November last year, it has been illegal to park on pavements. Highland Council officers said that areas affected include Brookside – despite this originally being created for parking, the front of Dornie Hotel and the paved area with benches opposite the hotel, and the area round the Clachan B&B (green highlighter).



Some of the suggestions for addressing this from Highland Council officers included:

Yellow lines to indicate where parking is not allowed. A single line would permit the school bus to pick up and drop off passengers.



Permits (at a cost, currently £40 per year) for residents of Francis Street and Brookside to ensure that they have access to parking:



Double yellow lines on the entry to the village:



Parking at Brookside

There's a question over whether the area at Brookside was created for additional parking or as a pavement. If anyone has any information which can clarify this, please let the community council know. Email is dorniecommunitycouncil@gmail.com.



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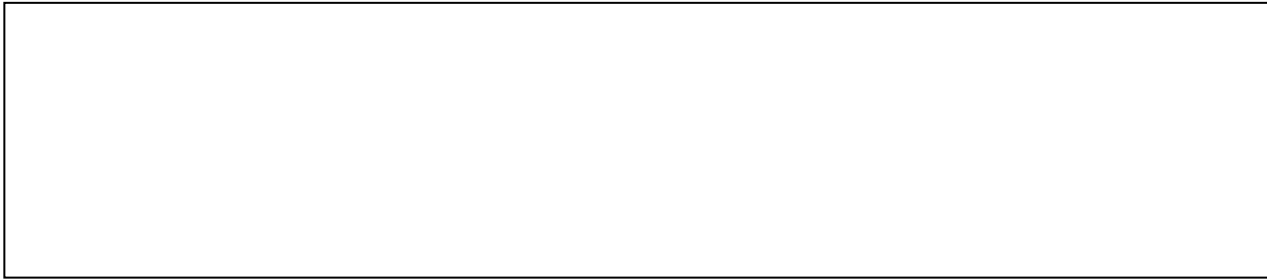
Do you think there is enough parking in the village?

Yes No

If no, do you have any suggestions on how to create it?

Are there other ways to deal with parking instead of creating more parking space?

Do you have any concerns that should be taken into account if changes are made?



Dornie Hall car park

It is clear that the volume of traffic using the car park is causing problems and safety hazards, with buses seen reversing onto the trunk road, parking on the trunk road and some overflow traffic from Eilean Donan Castle when their car park is closed.

This photo was taken probably in 2007/8 as the hall roof is being worked on and it doesn't show the lines for parking.



Some suggestions from Highland Council on how to make better use of this car park:

1. Reline car park
2. Compulsory payment instead of voluntary for both car park and toilets. The income from this might be enough to pay for a car park attendant during the summer. Someone on site would help manage the traffic better.
3. Reduce amount of disabled bays – there are more than are required by law
4. Marked-up bays should help to exclude oversized vehicles
5. One more pay and display machine
6. The car park at the rear currently blocked off for functions, could be utilised and blocked off only when there are functions. This would be beneficial if the car park becomes compulsory payments

The income from the car park in 2023/24 was only £1,177.

Do you think that the parking at Dornie Hall needs to change?

Yes No

If yes, do you have any suggestions on what to do?

Do you have any concerns that you would want to be taken into account if changes are made?

Eilean Donan Castle Car Park

We appreciate that this is entirely within the control of Conchra Charitable Trust. However, it is recognised that some of the parking problems in July and August stem from the high number of tourists who want to visit the Castle. The Trust has created overflow parking at Eilean Donan Apartments and advised that they have increased the parking areas at the Castle and at the Apartments and are investigating electronic signage such as the Highland Council suggested at the meeting in September.

These are some of the suggestions from the meeting with Highland Council:

A sign at the entrance to the Castle



A sign could be a portable system as seen in the picture, and used only when required. These portable signs can be withdrawn when not required and the text can be added from A sign could be a portable system as seen in the pic below, and used only when required. These portable signs can be withdrawn when not required and the text can be added from your desktop



Castle Viewpoint

Another issue discussed was the problem with people parking at the Castle Viewpoint on the Carr Brae road who use the area as a toilet. Highland Council suggested one way to prevent this was to use a Passing Place sign as in the picture:



Traffic and the A87 Trunk Road

This year, Scottish Ministers allowed a clearway on the A87 for 1.6km on either side of the Castle car park. This meant that no vehicles were allowed to stop on the road. It was a temporary measure, in effect from 4 April to 4 October 2024.

The reason was:

Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the traffic on the length of road specified in the schedule should be restricted or prohibited because of **the likelihood of danger to the public**, or of serious damage to the road, which is not attributable to works.

The Community Council has discussed **asking for a speed limit of 40mph** on this stretch of road.

Would you be in favour of a speed limit of 40mph on the west and east side of the Eilean Donan Castle Car Park?

Yes No

Whether you answered yes or no, do you have any suggestions on how to make this stretch of road safer?

20mph zone in Dornie

The temporary change in speed limits for Dornie was introduced last year to increase road safety and to encourage more people to walk, wheel and cycle. Highland Council are proposing to make these changes permanent. However, the speed limit on the east side of 20mph zone, where the road narrows, is still 60mph. This means that all residents beyond 6 Lagg, if they want to walk, cycle or push buggies/wheelchairs are not protected by the 20mph limit. The Community Council has discussed **asking for the speed limit of 20mph to be extended** to the end of the Bundalloch road.

Would you be in favour of a speed limit lower than 60mph on the road between Lagg and Bundalloch?

Yes No

Whether you answered yes or no, do you have any suggestions on how to make it safer and easier for people to walk, wheel and cycle on this part of the road?

Anything else?

Please tell us if there is anything else that you would like to suggest or tell us that would help in addressing traffic management in and around Dornie?

What next?

We would like to get your views on what could and should happen to address these issues. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey and either submit it online at Dornie Community Council website <https://www.dornie.org.uk/> or return to any member of the Community Council or Shona MacLennan, Cluich, 20 Mary Street, Dornie, Kyle, IV40 8ET by **Wednesday 12 February 2025**.

Open meeting in Dornie Hall on Wednesday 19 February 2025. More information to follow.

GDPR – Dornie & District Community Council will keep this information for 6 months. Information will be used by DDCC for the purpose of informing proposals on traffic management.