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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 August 2021 17:41
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@SCOTTISHWATER.CO.UK>
Subject: Overgrown vegetation, Glen Rd

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope all good with you.

I have had residents and business owners complaining about the vegetation on the Scottish Water road going up the Glen, particularly at the hill which leads up towards Glencorse dam from the Flotterstone side (there is one of our red signs there asking cyclists to slow down). Do you know if your contractors have timetabled in a vegetation cut-back any time soon?

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Natural Heritage Officer, Pentland Hills Regional Park | Forestry and Natural Heritage Service | City of Edinburgh Council | Hermitage of Braid, 69a Braid Rd, Edinburgh EH10 6JF |

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 August 2021 12:26
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Overgrown vegetation, Glen Rd

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is on the case with this one. Will bet a confirmed start date back to you once we have it.

Cheers

Many Thanks

[REDACTED] | Water Treatment Team Leader – Edinburgh & Lothian's | Water Operations South |

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 June 2023 11:15
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hung up tree over road at Flotterstone

Hi [REDACTED]

Report from our rangers about a hung-up tree over the road at Flotterstone. The report was on Friday – apologies, I've been on annual leave and only seen it just now.

Image attached.

Best regards

[REDACTED]
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Heritage Service | City of Edinburgh Council | Hermitage of Braid, 69a Braid Rd, Edinburgh EH10 6JF |



From: [REDACTED]@scottishwater.co.uk>

Sent: 13 June 2023 11:44

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@SCOTTISHWATER.CO.UK>

Subject: FW: Hung up tree over road at Flotterstone

Hi [REDACTED]

Can you get [REDACTED] to deal with the hanging tree on access road to Glencorse reservoir please.
Many thanks

Regards

[REDACTED] | Water Treatment Team Leader – Edinburgh & Lothian's
Scottish Water
55 Buckstone Terrace
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EH10 6XH

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 5:18 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>
Subject: TTRO, Flotterstone

Hello [REDACTED]

We will be closing Flotterstone car park in December, January and February, as part of works being done in conjunction with Midlothian Council, and would like to investigate the possibility of initiating a TTRO for the car park, road leading to the car park and the entranceway off the A702. We have an abandoned vehicle in Bonaly Car Park which has stopped work there, so do not want to run the risk of the same thing happening at Flotterstone.

Any assistance you can give gratefully received.


Best regards

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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 9:07 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: TTRO, Flotterstone

Morning [REDACTED]. While my colleagues in Land Services may have an interest in the access road off the A702 unfortunately the road is classed as private. If you wish to enact restrictions you can freely do so as any TTRO produced is tied to the public network i.e. roads maintained by MLC. Hope this info is of use.

Regards.

[REDACTED]
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Neighbourhood Services | Place Directorate | Midlothian Council
 Midlothian House | 40 – 46 Buccleuch Street | Dalkeith | Midlothian | EH22 1DN

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 11:42 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: TTRO, Flotterstone

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting back to me.

I am hoping the TTRO would cover a car park and roadway owned by Midlothian Council. It's the car park by the old visitor centre (now Pentland Hills Café Express), and the area of public road which comes off the A702 and goes up to the old bridge, east of the Flotterstone Inn. See below.

The private road next to the Flotterstone Inn is, I understand, owned by Scottish Water. If we were to enact parking restrictions without a TTRO here I assume they would not be enforceable?
Best regards



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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 12:10 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: TTRO, Flotterstone

Hi [REDACTED]. While the road off A702 highlighted may be owned by Midlothian Council it is not adopted by Road Services and as such classed as private. Any TTRO we produce is not enforceable as

a result however happy to do one to cover that area for visibility. If you can provide dates and duration I can start the process.

Regards.

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From: [redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk]
Sent: 07 December 2023 13:35
To: [redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk>; [redacted] @edinburgh.gov.uk>
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Subject: Weekend report

Apologies for the delay in sending this out.

Attached is data from the week 27th November – 3rd December, and below is the handover document for the weekend 2nd-3rd December.

Of note:

Midlothian Flotterstone Glen entrance, weekend: snow and ice caused difficulty to visiting traffic. Assistance provided by Penicuik police, directing traffic away from entrance.

CEC Threipmuir car park: some drivers ignoring TTRO and parking vehicles where not permitted.
Best regards

Weekend Notes	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Date:	02/12/2023	03/12/2023
Weather:	Frosty	Rain/cold
	[redacted]	[redacted]

Duty cover name (NHO/Ranger/VR)		
HOTSPOTS	Issues of note to be passed on to weekday teams	
HARLAW (CEC)	Full carpark, no car displaced. Reservoir quiet. Ice alert placed on board.	Full carpark, no displaced cars.
BONALY (CEC): Whitehill		
BONALY: Sanctuary Woods		
BONALY: Reservoir	No issues. Ice alert on carpark gate.	A few ppl around
THREIPMUIR (CEC)	No problems	3 cars in carpark, gone by 3:30pm, 2cars in verge by entry, notes given. 10 car belong road below W Rigg junction
TORDUFF (SW)		Ok
CLUBBIEDEAN (SW)		Ok, road ok
GLENCORSE (SW)	Quiet no issues	2 ppl remembering family member at Glencors res., parked at Res. SW informed prior it.
FLOTTERSTONE GLEN (ML)	Full carpark, icy, 101 called for 4 placed cars, Midlothian police assisted, with parking, closed off carpark for my. griter called in too. Ice alert displaced on board.	Carpark full by 10:30am, icy ring at Flit. Inn turn, called Midlothian centre to get it gritted. Ended breaking ice myself.
OTHER LOCATIONS	I	
HARPERRIG (CEC/WL)		Swimmer, carpark ok
LITTLE VANTAGE (WL)		Ok
LISTONSHIELS (CEC)		
DREGHORN (CEC)		
SWANSTON (CEC)		
HILLEND (ML)		1/2 box of PHRP leaflets dropped off
BOGHALL (ML)	Icy, 3/4 full, MOP sledging above carpark	Less icy, 3/4 full, ok
CASTLELAW (ML)	Icy, full carpark, SRUC called and lower gate opened for safety	Quite busy carpark
OLD KIRK ROAD (ML)		Ok
NINE MILE BURN ML)		Busy, ok
CARLOPS (SB)		Busy, ok
OTHER		

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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>

Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 4:52 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>

Subject: FW: Weekend report

Hi [REDACTED]

Our rangers had some issues with icing up at the entrance to Flotterstone Glen last weekend, and were wondering about the possibility of a grit bin being situated there? We can maybe source one if you can't

Cheers

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>

Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 7:57 AM

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>

Subject: FW: Weekend report -Grit Bins


Hello [REDACTED],

Hopefully, I'm coming to the right person on this but could you let me know the situation re Tommy's request below?

If not I've copied in Wayne in case it's Alan or another.

Anyway, if you let me know.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]
James Kinch | Land Resources Manager | Land and Countryside Service
Neighbourhood Services | Place Directorate | Midlothian Council
 Midlothian House | 40 – 46 Buccleuch Street | Dalkeith | Midlothian | EH22 1DN

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 8:40 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Weekend report -Grit Bins

Morning [REDACTED],

I can have this actioned for you sometime this week.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:53 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: TTRO, Flotterstone

Hi [REDACTED]

Timing has been fluid for works at the car park at Flotterstone, but as far as I know we are planning to move forward with this soon, and hopefully install TTROs for the start of March for 12 weeks. I was hoping that a TTRO could be created for the areas marked with yellow lines on the map (no parking or stopping), including the shaded area which is the ML car park. I appreciate this is not enforceable by ML (although I did find an interesting article about the ability of Local Authorities to manage parking and traffic on private roads here <https://www.lodders.co.uk/can-local-highway-authorities-manage-non-publicly-maintainable-highways/>) – also I think that maybe it would be enforceable by police? Note that it is possible that we would not seek to put out signage at all these locations as we would like to try and allow some parking at some times, depending on the progress of works.

The red dashed line I was going to ask about getting a TRO (permanent) – ML have double-yellow lined this in the past, but it is has faded away. If a TRO is not possible here a TTRO would be appropriate along the above lines.

I'd also propose a TTRO to prevent verge parking on the road which leads up to Castlelaw car park; we anticipate displacement parking in this area during works. I've attached a map. The lower section of the road is, I understand, ML owned and adopted, the higher section near the car park is owned by the Ministry of Defence. I've attached a separate map for here, and guess that the lower section at least would be enforceable.

If you could kindly forward me the relevant forms to fill in I will do so ASAP.

I'd be happy to talk through this: I appreciate it isn't a simple situation we're trying to deal with here – and would happily take on board any advice you have.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 1:28 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: TTRO, Flotterstone

Afternoon [REDACTED]. Thanks for the update. Please find enclosed application form for TTRO. As the both roads are private I will not be going through the usual process of asking our legal team to draw up official orders. I will just issue a Notice and associated plans and circulate them as normal. Obviously you will need to manage the parking and closure of the car park yourselves. I suggest getting advance signing up well in advance. I have doubts whether the police will get involved, they are usually only concerned with obstruction when it comes to parked vehicles.

Regards.

[REDACTED]

Senior Consultant Engineer West | Network | Road Services

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:19 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: TTRO, Flotterstone

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks. See attached.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Natural Heritage Officer, Pentland Hills Regional Park | Forestry and Natural Heritage Service | City of Edinburgh Council | Hermitage of Braid, 69a Braid Rd, Edinburgh EH10 6JF |

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:10 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: TTRO, Flotterstone

Hi [REDACTED]

I was just wondering if there was an update on this TTRO: we have had issues with people parking on the MoD access road at Castlelaw.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Natural Heritage Officer, Pentland Hills Regional Park | Forestry and Natural Heritage Service | City of Edinburgh Council | Hermitage of Braid, 69a Braid Rd, Edinburgh EH10 6JF |

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 3:13 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: TTRO, Flotterstone

Afternoon [REDACTED]. Apologies things have been a bit hectic for me since you sent over the paperwork. I will get it to you tomorrow as I note the start date is Friday.

Kind regards.

[REDACTED]

Senior Consultant Engineer West | Network | Road Services
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[REDACTED] Midlothian House | 40 – 46 Buccleuch Street | Dalkeith | Midlothian | EH22 1DN

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 4:11 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: TTRO, Flotterstone

Thanks [REDACTED]

Can you let me know prerequisites for advance public notice for TTROs? Is it still posters on lampposts?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Natural Heritage Officer, Pentland Hills Regional Park | Forestry and Natural Heritage Service | City of Edinburgh Council | Hermitage of Braid, 69a Braid Rd, Edinburgh EH10 6JF |

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 February 2024 11:15
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: TTRO, Flotterstone

Hi [REDACTED]. Notices for the two areas as discussed. It may be prudent to put out no parking cones as well as a deterrent.

Regards.

[REDACTED]

Senior Consultant Engineer West | Network | Road Services
Neighbourhood Services | Place Directorate | Midlothian Council
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 April 2025 14:17

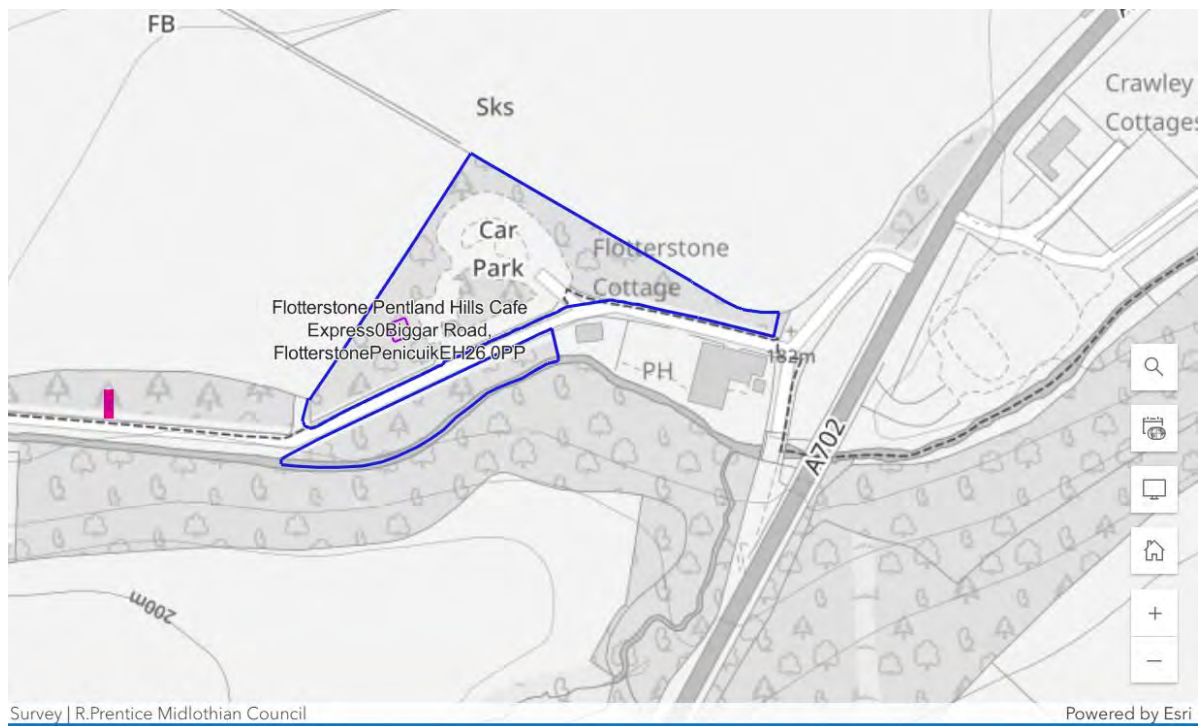
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@midlothian.gov.uk>

Subject: Flotterstone car park maps

Hi [REDACTED],

It was great to meet you online a few weeks back - thank you for taking the time to chat with our team and hear about the projects we have underway! Given you met a few new faces online that day, a quick reminder that I am one of the Natural Heritage Officers and the liaison for operational matters on the Midlothian side of the Pentland Hills from Flotterstone to Carlops. As discussed, I am writing with follow-up information on the bins at Flotterstone, as well as a query about ownership of the access road.

For reference, map of Midlothian Council land within the Regional Park at Flotterstone:



Am I right in understanding that the road as highlighted in orange below is maintained by Midlothian Council? If not, do you have records of who this does belong to?



We are aiming to formally open the upgraded car parks in May and currently there are rather bad potholes on the approach to the car park. We are hoping to have the Regional Park entrances in best practicable condition before asking for parking contributions (hopefully this will encourage more folk to get on board with the idea of charging!) and any assistance would be much appreciated.



If you have any questions or our team may be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Natural Heritage Officer | Pentland Hills Regional Park | Forestry and Natural Heritage | City of Edinburgh Council | Hermitage of Braid 69a Braid Rd Edinburgh EH10 6JF |

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 June 2025 09:06
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Flotterstone car park maps

 External email >

Hi [Redacted],

I am really sorry for not responding sooner, I have just responded to [Redacted] about traffic orders for parking and saw your email that I didn't respond to.

I have received an update from colleagues in our Roads team about access as they have searched our ownership records. It's complicated as you would imagine, so please let me know if you want to talk this through.

This is the update I have received, I have copied it exactly so that I don't confuse anything in translation...

"It appears Midlothian Council Roads have liability for maintenance of the 'old road' from the junction A702>the junction at the public house. Scottish water have the road from the junction at the Public house the rest of the way.... All the way up to their reservoirs etc... you have access rights to your land at the car park over their road."

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Group Manager - Recycling and Greenspace – Neighbourhood Services | Place
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From: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Sent: 05 February 2026 15:49

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@SCOTTISHWATER.CO.UK](mailto:[REDACTED]@SCOTTISHWATER.CO.UK)>

Subject: manhole at filterbeds

Hello,

The Rangers also found a hole in the ground near the filter beds that they believe to be a broken manhole. Photos attached. They have placed a stone in the hole for now so that no one puts their foot in it but it will need repaired. The what3word location is drifting.strides.splinters

Please let me know if require any further information.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]


[REDACTED] Interim Natural Heritage Officer | City of Edinburgh Council |
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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@SCOTTISHWATER.CO.UK](mailto:[REDACTED]@SCOTTISHWATER.CO.UK)>

Sent: 05 February 2026 16:15

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>

Subject: RE: manhole at filterbeds

 External email >

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for this one too and thanks to the rangers for the temporary fix.

As with the previous issue, I will alert the Ops team now with a view to a more permanent solution.

All best wishes

[REDACTED]
