

Dear Sir/Madam,

**THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL (CELTIC PARK AND EMIRATES ARENA)  
(EVENT DAY EMERGENCY ROUTES AND PARKING ZONE) ORDER 201\_**

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The above orders are being proposed by Glasgow City Council. They introduce an event day parking zone within an area surrounding the stadia referred to, which generally restricts parking to permit holders. Following the publication of the orders, a significant number of representations have been submitted.

Glasgow City Council has appointed Ms Sinéad Lynch and Mr Lance R Guilford, reporters from the Scottish Government, to conduct a public hearing and submit their report to the council. Pre-hearing meetings have already been held with respect to both orders.

The details of the orders, and associated maps, together with all relevant associated documents, are available to view on the council's hearing websites (Ibrox Stadium – <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/20479/Ibrox-Stadium> ,Celtic Park and Emirates Arena - <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/20480/Celtic-ParkEmirates-Arena>). A webcast of the pre-hearing meetings and a note of matters arising from the meetings is (or will be) available on the website.

At the pre-hearing meetings, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) confirmed that it would be sending representatives to give evidence at the hearings. The role of SPT is envisaged as providing a strategic overview of the existing public rail and bus network, and its evidence is likely to be very helpful to the reporters' examination of the overall capacity of the existing bus and rail network to accommodate people affected by the introduction of parking restrictions.

However, SPT considers that evidence relating to the pressure on the specific rail and bus infrastructure (raised within the representations) resulting from the orders would be best addressed by the commercial rail and bus operators. This view was also held by other parties who will be participating in the hearing.

The reporters are keen to obtain the best evidence available, in order to assess the capacity of the existing public transport infrastructure to accommodate people affected by the proposed parking restrictions, including the consideration of any proposed public transport improvements.

First Glasgow is a major provider of public bus services to the stadia before, during and after the event periods set out in the order. The reporters would therefore be grateful if you would consider whether or not, in the light of the information set out above, you would be willing to provide representatives on behalf of First Glasgow to give evidence at the hearings.

The reporters recognise that First Glasgow could provide evidence by written submissions, but in the circumstances this would not be as efficient, as issues are

likely to arise during the discussion at the hearing upon which First Glasgow's response might be needed.

We would be grateful for your response on this matter in the next 14 days

Yours faithfully,

Programme Officer Team