

St Andrews Bins-off-Streets Policy

Policy Objectives

- To significantly reduce the period that commercial waste and commercial waste containers (bins) are stored on streets and by doing so reduce risks to public safety by removing obstructions from footways and roads.
- To improve the appearance of St Andrews historical centre for both residents and visitors.
- To reduce the amount of litter arising from commercial waste.
- To encourage businesses to manage their waste responsibly and to recycle more.

Scope

This Policy applies to businesses that present commercial waste for collection within the “Policy Area” – see attached plan.

The Council can use powers available under Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 section 59, which states that nothing shall be placed or deposited in a road so as to cause an obstruction except with the roads authority’s consent in writing and in accordance with any reasonable conditions, which they think fit to attach to the consent.

In relation to roads (which includes public footways) within the Policy Area, Fife Council determines that consent for commercial waste and commercial waste containers to be presented for collection is only given within the designated “Collection Window” stated in this Policy (see below). The Council also determines that commercial waste and commercial waste containers present on the road or footway at times other than during the collection window constitute obstructions.

Commercial Waste Collection Window

No commercial waste or commercial waste containers will be permitted to be present on public footways and roads within the Policy Area other than within the designated collection window: **0730hrs – 1030hrs**.

Presentation

Waste placed on the street for collection in any form must:

- Be returned to the business premises if it has not been collected during one of the presentation windows.
- Clearly display the business name.
- Be placed as near as is practicable to the premises of the business presenting the waste.

Waste sacks must be protected by pest-proof covers when presented on the street. Pest-proof covers should be removed from the street after collection.

It is the responsibility of businesses to find a commercial waste contractor that will work with them to find an appropriate waste management arrangement to comply with these Policy requirements.

Enforcement

If a business fails to comply with this Policy voluntarily, reasonable and proportionate enforcement action may be taken. In this regard, the Council shall use powers available under Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 section 59, which may result in the Council removing and disposing of the obstruction and the subsequent recovery from the business of all reasonable costs incurred by the Council in enforcing this policy.

Exceptions

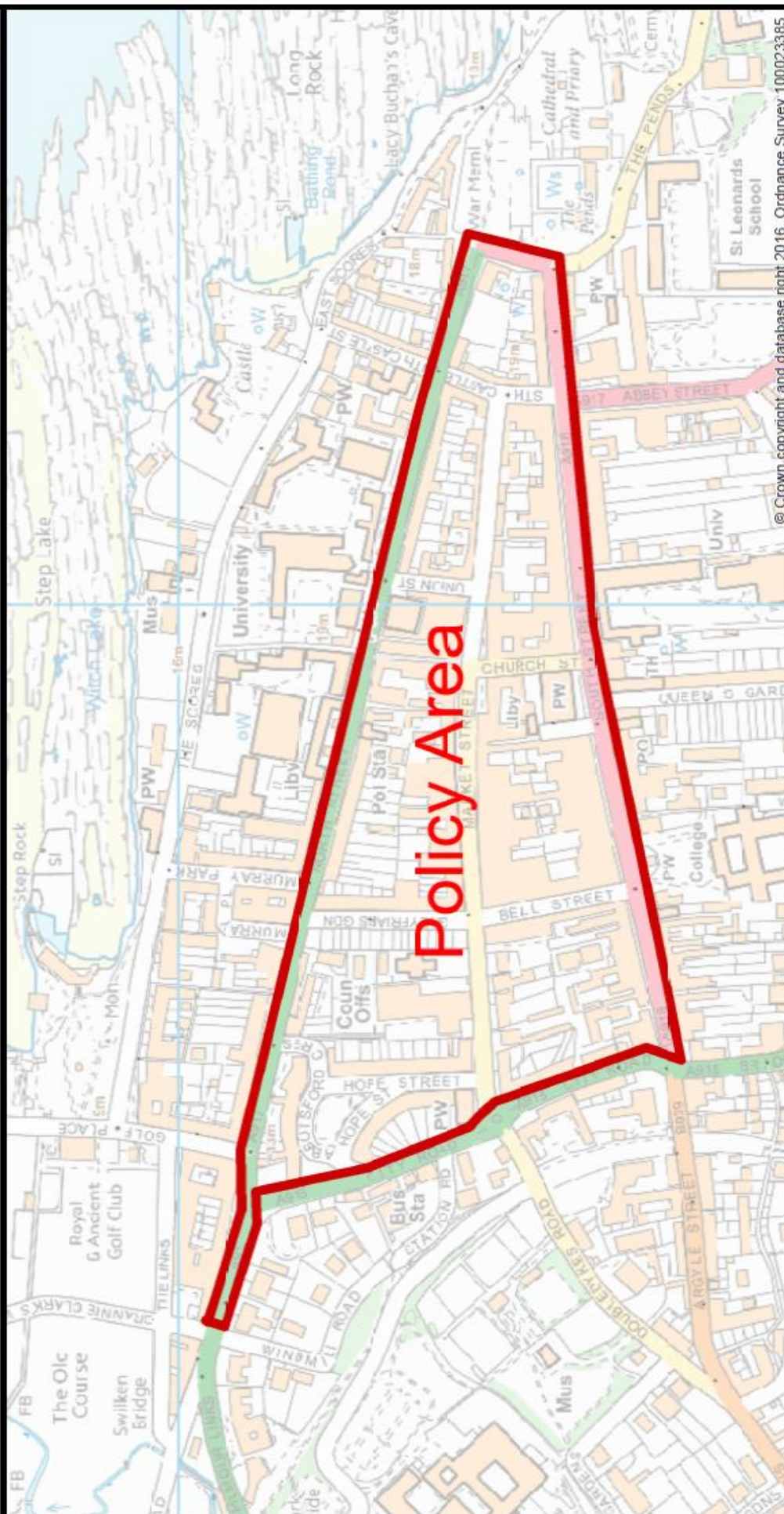
Applications for exceptions to this policy will only be considered if they are in line with the ‘St Andrews Bins-off-Streets Policy – Exceptions Guidance’.

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Policy Area Boundary

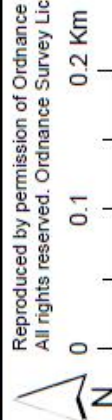
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