Dear Sir/Madam

MAIN STREET, GARDENSTOWN
EMERGENCY PROHIBITION OF WAITING

As you may be aware, since the recent landslide adjacent to Harbour Road we have been working to contain and stabilise any loose material from the embankment above. However, further movement occurred in the embankment yesterday and this, along with further heavy rain and strong winds forecast for the coming days, meant that it was considered too dangerous (and the bank too unstable) for remedial works to advance sufficiently to allow the road to remain open. Therefore we reluctantly took the decision to temporarily close the road to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Immediately following this road closure council officers met with the emergency services to consider the impact of the closure and prepare contingency plans for emergency access to the lower areas of Gardenstown. As part of this plan the emergency services identified Main Street (and the steps/path at the west end of Main Street leading to Seatown) as an alternative emergency access to the Seatown area. In order to ensure vehicular access along Main Street for the emergency services a decision was made to introduce a temporary ‘Prohibition of Waiting’ restriction on the street and yellow ‘no waiting’ cones are being introduced today.

I appreciate that this restriction will have an impact on residents and businesses on Main Street, particularly at a time when alternative parking within the village is limited. However every effort will be made to reopen Harbour Road as soon as possible which would allow the removal of the Main Street waiting restrictions.

Yours faithfully

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