

Scottish Parliamentary Election	Restrictions on Display of Election Campaign Materials
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Name of constituency	Moray	Date of election	Thursday 7 May 2026
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Moray Council property and local roads have been free of election campaign materials during previous elections campaigns for a number of years, and feedback from the public has been appreciative and supportive of this approach.

The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 makes it an offence to place anything on a public road without the consent of the Roads Authority. In Moray, election campaign material **must not** be attached to any street furniture such as lighting columns, bus shelters, road signs, etc. within the limits of the public road. This includes footways, traffic islands and road verges or to any other Council property including bins.

The basis for this placing these restrictions are;

- The posters can be a hazard to road users by potentially causing distraction;
- There are significant health and safety issues in the erection and removal of the materials by party workers close to the road edge;
- The removal of these materials causes damage to protective surfaces and paintwork shortening the life span of street furniture and signs;
- Litter resulting from their decomposition results in a cost to the Council and a proliferation of elections campaign materials causes a loss of amenity.

Election material includes **posters, placards, flags, banners, stickers, bunting, A-boards or materials of any kind** which in the opinion of the Returning Officer promotes, advertises or intends to promote or advertise a political party or a candidate in respect of the election.

Any materials found attached to council property will be brought to the attention of the appointed Election Agent in order to remove it.

Any materials, that are not removed timeously, will be removed by the Council's Roads Maintenance section and the cost of removal will be re-charged to you/your party. Materials removed by the Council will be disposed of as litter.

There is a similar ban on the erection of election materials for the Trunk Road Network in Scotland which is under the overall operational responsibility of **Transport Scotland** and who makes policy decisions on posting on these routes.

This restriction in Moray therefore includes the A96 between the Council boundary west of Brodie through Elgin, Fochabers to Keith to the Council boundary south of Keith or to the A95 between Keith and Craigellachie and the Council boundary west of Ballindalloch. These are trunk roads and are the responsibility of the Scottish Government and by Transport Scotland.

Any further queries on the policy for the Trunk Roads network should be directed to Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 OHF or telephone 0141 272 7100.

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