

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 19 JANUARY 2016**

**VARIATION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR AREAS**

**REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

This report describes proposed amendments to current waiting restrictions and School Keep Clear Area restrictions to take account of changing circumstances at the various locations listed.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to the promotion of Traffic Regulation Variation Orders to effect changes to current waiting restrictions in Arbroath, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth and Montrose and School Keep Clear Area restrictions in Monifieth as set out in this report.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN**

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2011-2014:

- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant

**3 INTRODUCTION**

Locations where new and alteration to existing waiting restrictions and 'school keep clear' restrictions are considered to be appropriate are listed below giving brief reasons and the proposed alterations.

The respective ward members have been consulted on the various proposals.

**4 PROPOSALS**

**4.1 MAPLE GARDENS, ARBROATH**

4.1.1 Waste Management Division has reported a problem which they have encountered at Maple Gardens such that due to kerbside parking by residents they have frequently been unable to fully service the street.

4.1.2 The matter was considered by Traffic Co-ordinating Group which recommended that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions should be introduced in order to maintain full access for Waste Management vehicles. The proposed restrictions will result in the displacement of approx. 3 vehicles from the affected length of road which would require to be accommodated elsewhere in the street.

4.1.3 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 1** to this report.

**4.2 ROSEMOUNT ROAD/VIEWFIELD ROAD, ARBROATH**

4.2.1 In recent times a new car park for hospital visitors and associated waiting restrictions on the east side of Rosemount Road have been provided to limit on street car parking and thereby reducing congestion and maintaining free traffic flow. Nevertheless on street parking has remained a concern and further waiting restrictions in Rosemount Road (east side) and Viewfield Road south of Roseberry Place/Monkbarns Drive have also very recently been introduced.

- 4.2.2 It is anticipated that these restrictions may result in some displacement of hospital staff and visitors vehicles further south on Rosemount Road and on the approaches on the mini - roundabout junction in Viewfield Road. A request has been made by local elected members for additional waiting restrictions in this vicinity in order to maintain free traffic flow along these busy routes.
- 4.2.3 The matter was considered by Traffic Co-ordinating Group and it recommended that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions should be introduced in order to maintain free traffic flow. It is anticipated that these proposals will also result in an element of displacement of vehicles which may be accommodated in the Hospital staff car park and public car park however it is also accepted that some displaced vehicles may be parked in nearby side streets. Whilst this is not ideal the free flow of traffic is considered to be of greater concern.
- 4.2.3 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 1** to this report.

#### **4.3 PEASIEHILL ROAD, ARBROATH**

- 4.3.1 A complaint has been raised by Build Base Ltd at Peasiehill Road on the basis that on street car parking in the vicinity of their premises is causing significant difficulties for vehicles entering and leaving their access. Similar complaints and concerns have also been raised by Agrii which is located on adjacent premises. The vehicles causing the difficulties appear to be staff from other commercial premises in the Estate.
- 4.3.2 The matter was considered by Traffic Co-ordinating Group and it recommended that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions should be introduced in the vicinity of the accesses to both premises in order to maintain full access for their vehicles. The proposed restrictions will result in the displacement of several vehicles from the affected length of road which would require to be accommodated elsewhere in the industrial estate or within the premises where the vehicle owners are working or visiting.
- 4.3.3 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 2** to this report.

#### **4.4 MARKET STREET, FORFAR**

- 4.4.1 There has recently been several traffic incidents arising in the vicinity of Market Street/John Street/North Street junctions involving Forfar Academy pupils crossing Market Street including one where a pupil was knocked down. There is currently no school crossing patrol in this vicinity however in view of recent events the Head of Schools and Learning has instigated the introduction of such a provision.
- 4.4.2 A site meeting was held involving Roads officers and representatives of Education to consider the need for the provision of a school crossing patrol and its most suitable location. From that site meeting it was considered that the most appropriate location would be on Market Street centrally between its junctions with John Street and North Street. Other locations directly either side of the nearby junctions were considered but discounted on safety grounds
- 4.4.3 On street parking is currently available on the south side of Market Street between John Street and North Street and in order to accommodate the school crossing patroller these would require to be removed by the introduction of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions. These proposals will result in the displacement of approx. 5 - 6 vehicles which would require to be accommodated in nearby side streets.
- 4.4.4 In addition to the above in Market Street, Forfar Sheriff Court has seen a significant increase in cases being heard due to the recent closure of the Arbroath Sheriff Court. As a result, at times, the limited amount of off street car parking provision at the Court is inadequate and has overspilled on to Market Street.
- 4.4.5 There are now regular instances of parking on both sides of Market Street between John Street and Castle Street which is causing significant congestion particularly in relation to the movement of larger vehicles and buses. It is considered that in order to relieve the current unsuitable situation the introduction of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on the south side of Market Street between John Street and Castle Street is appropriate.
- 4.4.6 A plan indicating the proposal is shown in **Appendix 3** to this report.

#### **4.5 REFORM STREET, KIRRIEMUIR.**

- 4.5.1 With the recent closure of the main post office in Reform Street and its relocation to High Street it has been agreed to also relocate the existing taxi bay in Reform Street. When the taxi bay in Reform Street is removed then the current underlying 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at this location will become valid.
- 4.5.2 However it is considered that this section should be amended to 'limited waiting' in order to provide additional short stay visitors/shoppers parking which it is felt would be of benefit to visitors to the town centre.
- 4.5.3 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 4** to this report.

#### **4.6 ALBERT STREET, MONIFIETH**

- 4.6.1 A complaint has been received from a local resident in relation to inappropriate kerbside parking associated with the nearby Bowling Club causing congestion and restricting visibility at road junctions on Albert Street.
- 4.6.2 The matter was considered by Traffic Co-ordinating Group and it was considered that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions as junction protection in Albert Street and Durham Street should be introduced in the interest of traffic safety and free traffic flow. There is ample kerbside space to accommodate any displaced vehicles elsewhere in Albert Street.
- 4.6.3 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 5** to this report.

#### **4.7 WEMYSS CRESCENT, MONIFIETH**

- 4.7.1 A complaint has been received from a local resident in relation to inappropriate kerbside parking at the frontage of Monifieth High School on Panmurefield Road/Wemyss Crescent.
- 4.7.2 This parking particularly at pick up times results in congestion due to parking on both sides of the road and also results in pupils crossing the street between parked vehicles, all to the detriment of pedestrian and traffic safety and free traffic flow.
- 4.7.3 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions would still permit drivers to wait to pick up and drop off and therefore would not totally resolve the situation. As such, it is proposed to introduce a section of 'School Keep Clear Area' restrictions which prohibits stopping on the marked length of road during their effective periods.
- 4.7.4 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 5** to this report.

#### **4.8 BENTS ROAD/EASTERN ROAD, MONTROSE**

- 4.8.1 A local resident has raised concerns relating to kerbside parking restricting visibility for drivers emerging from Bents Road onto Eastern Road. Roads officers have visited the site and in terms of the visibility sightline issue the residents concerns appeared justified.
- 4.8.2 The matter was considered by Traffic Co-ordinating group and it was recommended that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions as junction protection in Bents Road and Eastern Road should be introduced in the interest of traffic safety and free traffic flow.
- 4.8.3 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 6** to this report.

#### **4.9 BROOMFIELD ROAD, MONTROSE**

- 4.9.1 A service request has been received via a local elected member in relation to inappropriate kerbside parking causing congestion on Broomfield Road near it junction with Rosehill.
- 4.9.2 The kerbside parking which is believed to be associated with the nearby Care Home causes difficulties for vehicles turning at Broomfield Road/Rosehill junction and restricts visibility for drivers emerging onto Broomfield Road from Broomfield Industrial Estate.
- 4.9.3 The matter was discussed at Traffic Co-ordinating Group and it was considered that in order to improve the situation the introduction of additional 'no waiting at any time' on Broomfield

Road opposite its junction with Rosehill is appropriate. It is considered that any displacement of vehicles can be accommodated further east on Broomfield Road.

4.9.4 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 6** to this report.

#### **4.10 FORTIES ROAD, MONTROSE**

4.10.1 A complaint has been made by the operators of Petrofac Training Centre in relation to kerbside parking in Forties Road which is restricting access to and from their premises particularly for HGVs. The problem was observed by Roads officers and Police Scotland officer during a site visit.

4.10.2 The matter was considered by Traffic Co-ordinating Group and it was recommended that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions be provided in Forties Road on the approach to the Petrofac access. Any displacement of vehicles arising from these proposals can be accommodated in a nearby car park or further south on Forties Road.

4.10.3 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 7** to this report.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals is £2750 which will be met from the 2016/2017 Roads Revenue Budget. Additional maintenance costs will amount to £450 per annum and this will require to be met from future years' Revenue Budgets.

#### **6. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Resources, the Head of Corporate Improvements & Finance, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Local Police Commander of Tayside Division were consulted in the preparation of this report.

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.