

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 14 APRIL 2015

NEW FORFAR ACADEMY CAMPUS FORFAR - PROPOSED TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report relates to a proposal to introduce traffic restrictions on Kirriemuir Road Forfar associated with the construction of the new Forfar Academy Campus.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees to the promotion of the necessary Traffic and Speed Limit Orders to introduce various traffic restrictions on Kirriemuir Road Forfar associated with the formation of the new Forfar Academy Campus.

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

- 2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:
- Our communities are safe and strong

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Planning permission has been granted to Angus Council for the replacement of the existing Forfar Academy with a new community campus comprising a new secondary school along with new shared community/leisure facilities.
- 3.2 The current proposal is to redevelop the site to form the new multi-function community campus to support a variety of service providers jointly utilising the facilities both during and outwith the normal school day.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The new campus is to be located to the north of the town on the site of the existing Forfar Academy, which is to be demolished, and extending northwards to Kirriemuir Road (A926). Vehicular access for the new development will be directly from Kirriemuir Road only with a cycle/pedestrian access on Taylor Street being retained. Parking, drop off areas and bus stops will be provided within the site served by a general access/egress junction towards the east of the site frontage and an additional egress for buses only towards the west of the site frontage.
- 4.2 The development will at times increase the general level of vehicular traffic as well as introducing a significant increase in turning movements on Kirriemuir Road. The impact of the overall development was discussed at a Traffic Co-ordinating Group meeting including officers from Roads & Transport and Children & Learning as well as Police Scotland. As a result of these discussions it is considered appropriate to introduce various traffic restrictions on Kirriemuir Road in the vicinity of the new campus in the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety.

- 4.3 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow line) waiting restrictions are proposed on both sides of Kirriemuir Road in order to discourage on-street parking in the vicinity of the campus access and egress.
- 4.4 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions permits drivers to wait for short periods to drop off/pick up persons, deliveries, etc. and there is concern that this may occur on Kirriemuir Road causing congestion and restricting visibility sightlines for drivers emerging from the campus at either egress. In order to avoid this situation 'School Keep Clear Area' restrictions, which prohibit the stopping of vehicles on the affected length of road between certain times, are proposed to be provided on the south side of Kirriemuir Road between the campus access and egress.
- 4.5 Further, the section of Kirriemuir Road adjacent to the development site is currently subject to 40mph speed limit however in view of the increased traffic movements it is proposed to introduce a 'part time' 20mph speed limit on Kirriemuir Road in the vicinity of the new campus in order to further reduce traffic speeds at busy school times and assist with access to these schools for vehicular traffic.
- 4.6 Plans indicating proposed restrictions are shown in **Appendix 1 and 2** to this report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs of the road markings and traffic signs necessary to permit the enforcement of the various restrictions will be from the funding associated with the Forfar Campus development.

6. CONSULTATION

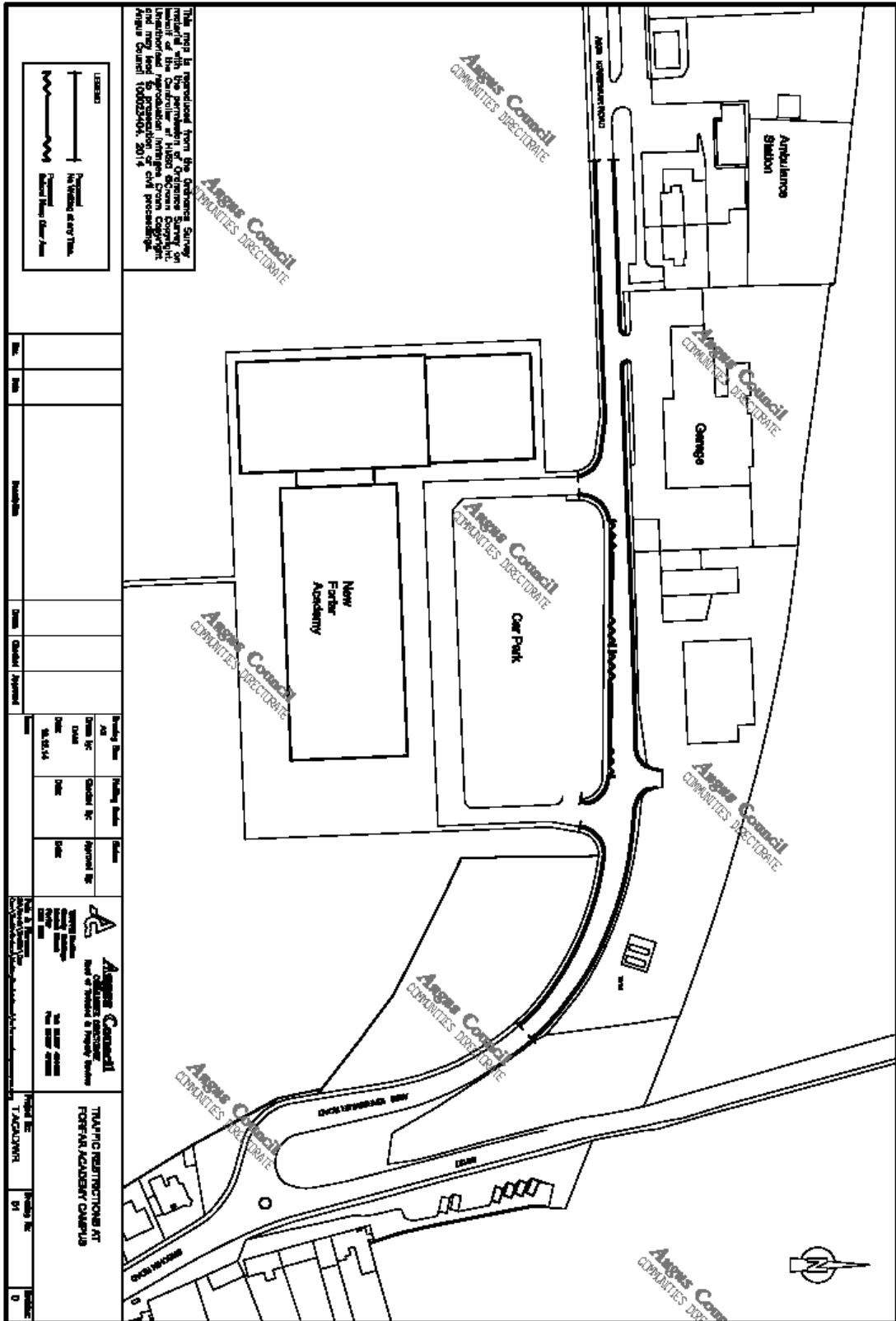
- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Resources, the Head of Corporate Improvements & Finance, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Local Police Commander of Tayside Division were consulted in the preparation of this report.

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

Appendix 1 and 2 – Proposed Restrictions

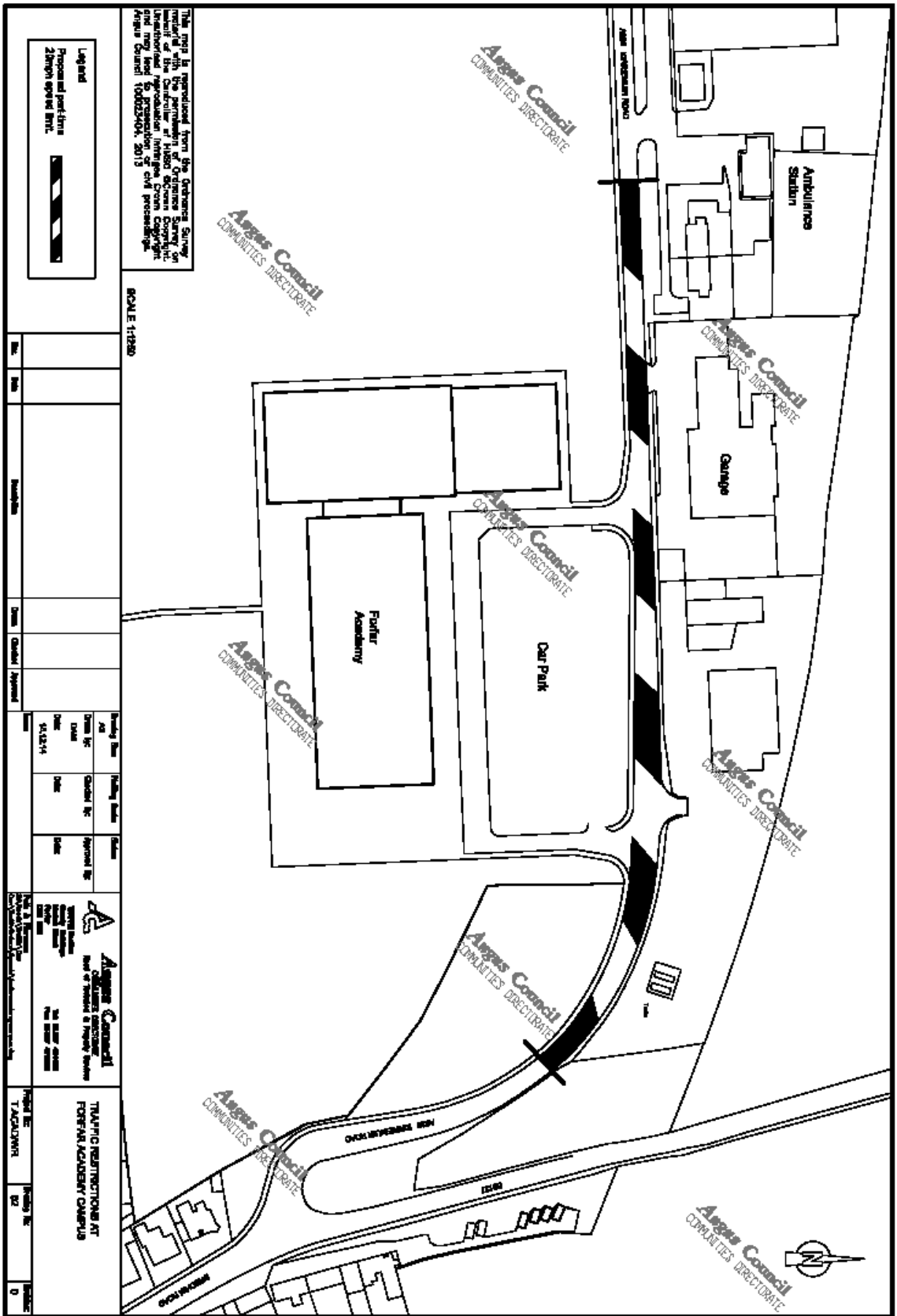
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APPENDIX 1



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