

AGENDA ITEM NO 9

REPORT NO 158/15

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 14 APRIL 2015

ANGUS COUNCIL (CASTLE STREET FORFAR) (VARIATION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2015

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report relates to the making of an Order for the purpose of varying the provisions of the current Traffic Order in respect of waiting restrictions at Castle Street Forfar.

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the objections received during the consultation process and approve the making of the Order as amended.

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

- 2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are prosperous and fair
- Our communities are safe and strong
- Our communities are sustainable

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A new traffic system was introduced in Castle Street, Forfar on Monday 27 June 2011, making the section between Canmore Street and Myre Road one-way southward. Before and after traffic surveys were undertaken in Castle Street and the streets in the immediate vicinity to assess the levels of traffic redistribution. The results of the survey indicated that the majority of displaced northbound Castle Street traffic was using Myre Road as an alternative route, with a smaller proportion using Queen Street / Canmore Street. Although the level of displaced traffic using Canmore Street was, and remains, relatively low, it was considered that the road alignment and characteristics were not best suited to cater for through traffic. A consultation exercise was carried to assess the views of those affected by the new traffic management system.

- 3.2 Reference is made to Item 18 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 22 January 2013 at which the committee agreed:

- (i) to retain the current one way southwards traffic system in Castle Street, Forfar between Canmore Street and Myre Road;
- (ii) to investigate options to review control of through traffic movement in Canmore Street
- (iii) to investigate options to increase parking/servicing provision and/or consider future widening of footways in Castle Street

- (iv) to note that a further report on the above actions be brought back to Committee prior to implementation

3.3 Reference is also made to Article 17 of the minute of meeting of the Communities Committee held on 19 August 2014 when the Committee agreed to promote the necessary traffic regulation order to amend the waiting restrictions in Castle Street Forfar.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICATION.

4.1 Members will recall Report 333/14 detailed the consultation undertaken with premises on Castle Street which was included in that report. The formal consultation on the Traffic Orders, approved in Report 333/14 was commenced with a Notice of Proposals published on 10 October 2014. In addition Public Notices were erected at various locations along Castle Street Forfar.

4.2 In response to the publication of the Traffic Order proposals one letter of objection to the proposals was submitted by a shop owner at 60 Castle Street on the basis that the proposals will severely restrict the servicing of their premises. The premises in question receives regular deliveries of large rolls of carpeting which is moved from the delivery vehicle to the premises store by trolley along a shared close with 62 Castle Street.

4.3 The current proposal would result in vehicles being permitted to wait directly adjacent to the pend entrance on a 'limited waiting' basis throughout the working day and as such the movement of the long rolls of carpet in and out of the premises could be impeded by the parked vehicle.

4.4 Following a site meeting with the objector and taking into account their concerns the Head of Technical and Property Services considered that a section of the existing No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) adjacent to the affected premises which were proposed to be made 'Limited Waiting' restrictions could be amended to 'No Daytime Waiting' (No Waiting, Mon – Sat, 8.30am – 5.30pm) restrictions.

4.5 This would maintain service access for the premises throughout the working day but allow kerbside parking for residents, etc. overnight and all day Sunday. On that basis the objector formally withdrew their objection.

4.6 The original and revised Traffic Order proposals are shown detailed on **Appendix 1**.

4.7 The footway widening is unchanged from the proposals agreed in Report 333/14.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

5.1 Promotion of a traffic orders for the amended parking with associated signage and road markings along with the footway changes in Castle Street is estimated to be £7,000 which will be met from the 2015/2016 Communities Roads Division (Traffic) Revenue Budget. The overall maintenance costs will remain unchanged.

6. CONSULTATION

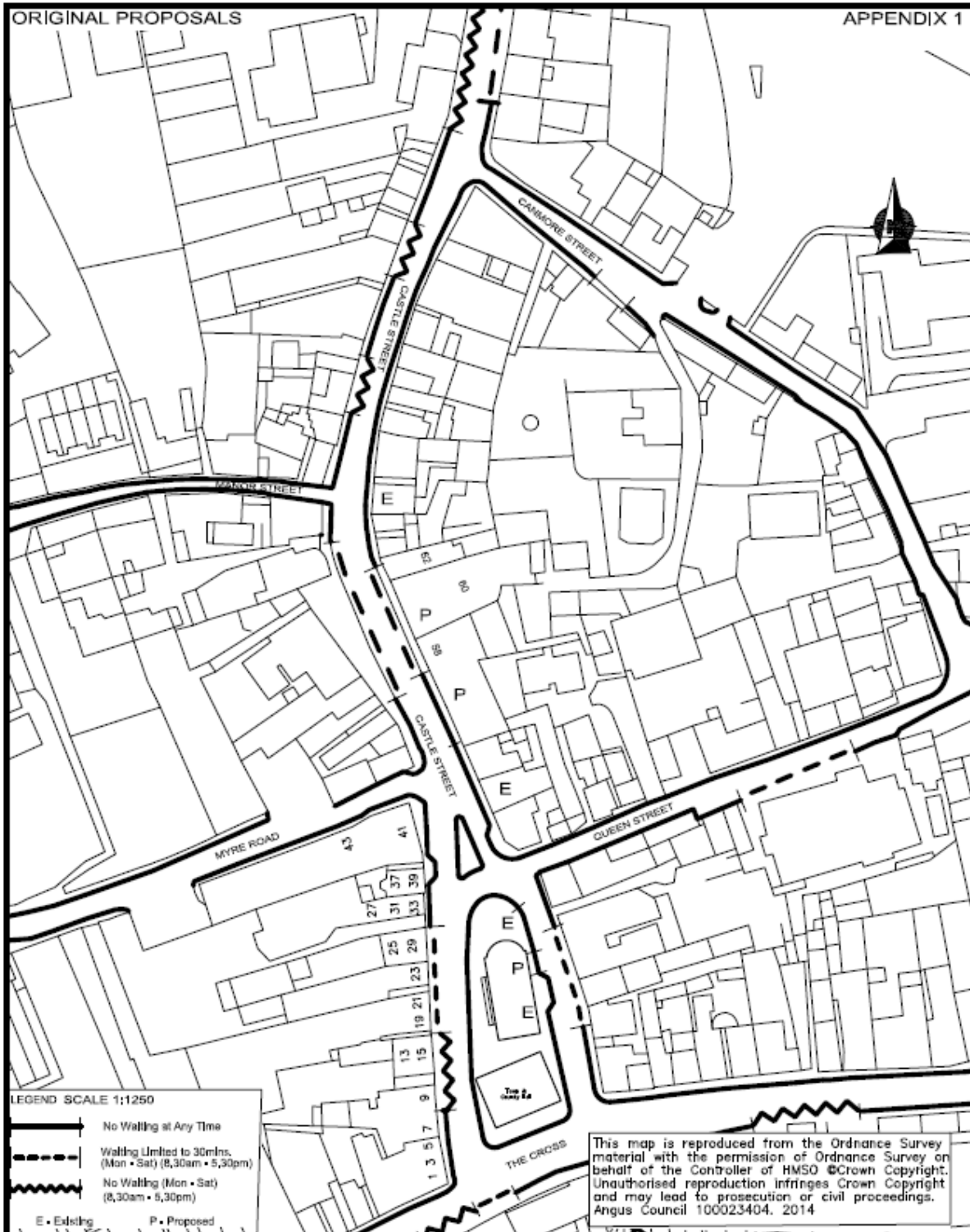
6.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Resources, the Head of Corporate Improvements & Finance, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Local Police Commander of Tayside Division were consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: The following 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 :-

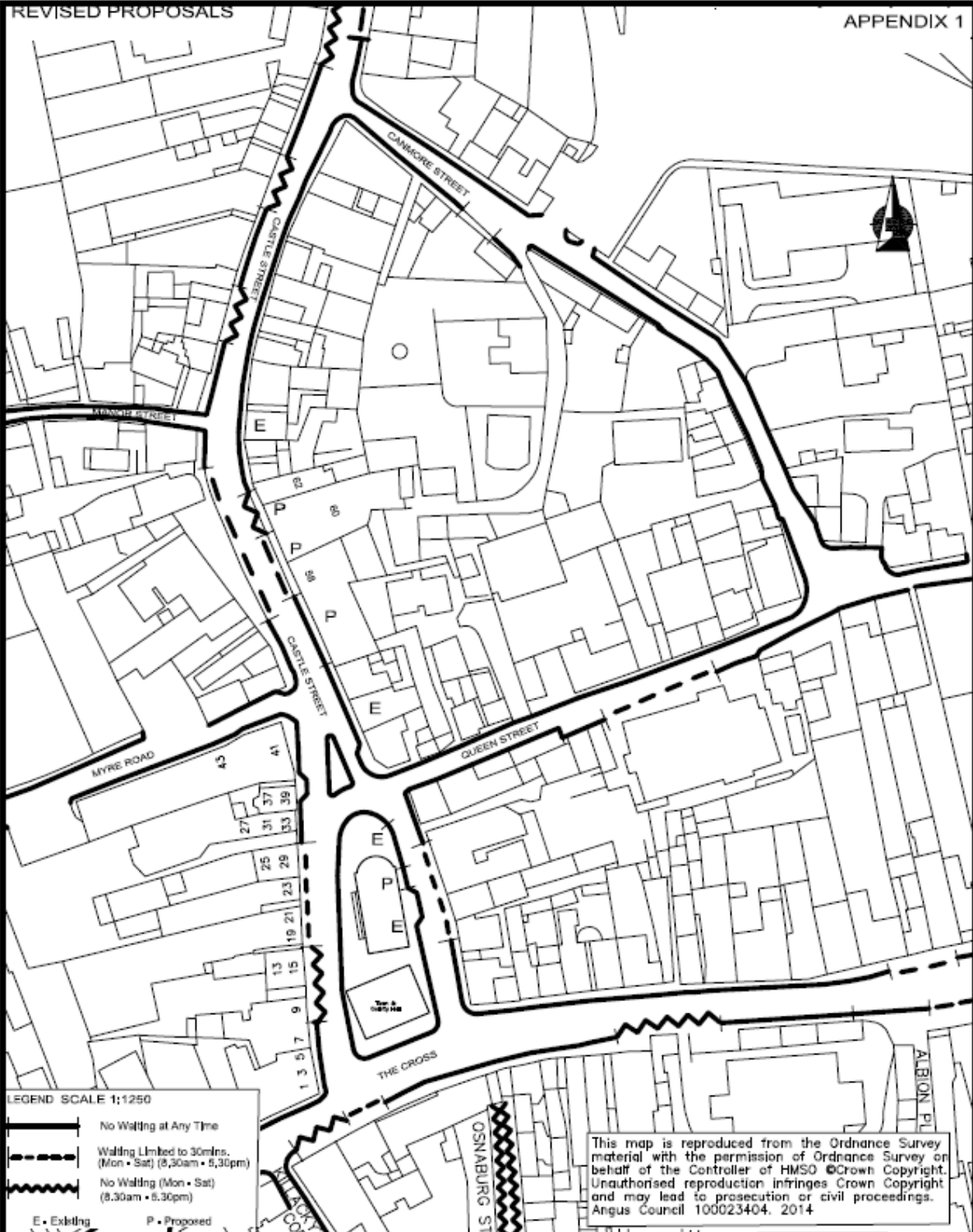
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Appendix 1 – Original and Proposed Restrictions

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LEGEND SCALE 1:1250

No Waiting at Any Time
 Waiting Limited to 30mins. (Mon - Sat) (8.30am - 5.30pm)
 No Waiting (Mon - Sat) (8.30am - 5.30pm)

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