

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 13 NOVEMBER 2018

VARIATION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE

ABSTRACT

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

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to the promotion and making of Traffic Regulation Variation Orders to effect changes to current waiting restrictions in Angus as set out in this report.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan Locality Plans:

PLACE

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities.

3. INTRODUCTION

3.1 Locations where new, and alteration to existing waiting restrictions where considered to be appropriate are listed below, giving brief reasons and the proposed alterations.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 THISTLE STREET CARNOUSTIE

4.1.1 A resident of Thistle Street has raised concerns regards access/egress to and from the cul de-sac to the east end of the street due to parking of vehicles close to and across from the junction to the cul-de-sac. The resident's concern is that certain manoeuvres cannot be made to and from the cul-de-sac due to parked vehicles and raised further concerns over how emergency services vehicles would gain access to the cul-de-sac. The Highway Code states that vehicles should not park within 10 metres of a junction or directly across from a junction.

4.1.2 A meeting was arranged on site with the resident, attended by a local member and an Angus Council Roads officer. Arising from this meeting, the local member agreed that the provision of additional waiting restrictions in the vicinity of the junction was justified in the interest of traffic safety and free traffic flow. Police Scotland officers also viewed the situation separately and agreed that waiting restrictions were appropriate.

4.1.3 Informal consultation has been held with the other local elected members, who did not attend the site meeting and both do not support the proposals. One has concerns that it would set a precedent for the introduction of waiting restrictions on other similar narrow streets in the town such as Maule Street, Terrace Road, Millar Street, etc. and the other did not support the proposal on the basis that he did not see the justification for making a change to the current situation.

4.1.4 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 1** to this report. The proposed restriction is No Waiting at Any Time.

4.2 ORCHARDBANK FORFAR

- 4.2.1 A number of reports of concerns have been received from businesses within the overall Orchardbank Business Park, and Industrial Estate regarding on-street car parking on the bend of Orchard Loan, particularly near St Margaret's House/William Wallace House and requesting the introduction of additional waiting restrictions in order to maintain free traffic flow.
- 4.2.2 Several site visits were carried out by Roads officers to observe the situation on various days, at various times of day, and at these site visits, significant parking of vehicles on the road bend was observed. It was observed that much of the traffic travelling along Orchard Loan is large vehicles of commercial/industrial in nature as well as local bus services.
- 4.2.3 The current on-street parking which is chiefly being generated by the adjacent Angus House/St Margaret's House/William Wallace House campus is causing difficulties for traffic passing along this section of Orchard Loan due to the extent of the parking which in turn restricts forward visibility for drivers and creates congestion.
- 4.2.4 Xiom Scotland Ltd, which is located on Orchard Loan, have requested the introduction of additional waiting restrictions outside their premises as delivery vehicles are having difficulty accessing their premises due to parked vehicles.
- 4.2.5 A planning application for a petrol filling station with ancillary retail facility and café/restaurant has been granted consent on land south of Silvie Way opposite Angus House with vehicular access from Silvie Way. The consent includes a condition that 'prior to commencement of development a Traffic Regulation Order shall be made to restrict parking on Silvie Way, in accordance with a scheme that has been approved in writing by the Planning Authority'. A scheme to restrict parking in order to maintain access to and from the new development has since been agreed which comprises of additional 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on the north side of Silvie Way infilling between existing restrictions between Orchard Loan and the access to Angus House.
- 4.2.6 In addition to the above, the Council Digital Reprographics Unit located in Silvie Way have requested the introduction of additional waiting restrictions outside their premises as delivery vehicles are having difficulty accessing premises due to parked vehicles.
- 4.2.7 The overall situation was considered by the Traffic Co-ordination Group, which agreed that the area required attention in order to relieve the congestion. It was also agreed that any localised restrictions would simply decant the problem further along Orchard Loan and Silvie Way and as such the introduction of more widespread waiting restrictions within the overall Estate was necessary and justified in order to maintain traffic flow and in the interest of traffic safety.
- 4.2.8 Informal consultation has been held with the local elected members. Whilst the members have concerns over these proposals as there is no alternative parking for overspill from offices etc, the road safety issues were noted and members agreed the proposals.
- 4.2.9 A plan indicating the current proposal is shown in **Appendix 2** to this report. The proposed restriction is No Waiting at Any Time.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated cost of implementing the proposals is £1,700 which will be met from the 2018/19 Roads Traffic Revenue Budget. Additional maintenance costs will amount to £350 per annum and this will require to be met from future years' Revenue Budgets.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Place, the Head of Finance and Legal and the Local Police commander of Tayside Division were consulted in the preparation of this report.

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.

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List of Appendices - **Appendix 1** – Plan of Thistle Street.
Appendix 2 – Plan of Orchardbank