

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET– 23 FEBRUARY 2011

PROVISION OF “NO WAITING AT ANY TIME” RESTRICTIONS ON PORTLAND ROAD PORTLAND PLACE & SPRINGHILL GARDENS, KILMARNOCK.

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval to provide “no waiting at any time” restrictions on both the north and south kerblines of Portland Road at the approach to the signalised junction with North Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Parked vehicles on Portland Road close to its junction with North Hamilton Street contribute to extensive queuing during peak traffic periods on the approach to the town centre. Traffic queues have been observed to extend back to Beech Avenue at the beginning and end of the school day, when pupils are walking to and from Grange Academy and Annanhill Primary School and when buses and cars are travelling to and from the schools. This situation could prejudice safety for child pedestrians along with other vulnerable road users and causes delays for traffic. The proposed extension to the waiting restrictions will ease the flow of traffic and reduce queuing on the approach to the traffic signals.
- 2.2 The presence of parked vehicles on the south side of Portland Road at its junctions with Portland Place and Springhill Gardens obstruct visibility splays and impair safety for traffic emerging from the side roads. The proposed restrictions will improve sightlines at the junctions, deter indiscriminate parking and enhance road safety for vulnerable road users in the area.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is proposed to introduce “no waiting at any time” restrictions on the north kerb line of Portland Road at the east-bound approach to the traffic signals at the junction of Portland Road/North Hamilton Street, and on the south kerb line of Portland Road from the junction of Springhill Gardens to the junction of Portland Place as shown in Appendix 1.

4. PROCEDURES

- 4.1 The draft Order has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

4.2 Consultation – the organisations, representative groups and individuals consulted during the preparation of the notices are detailed in Appendix 2. Local residents were informed about the proposals using flysheets which were delivered to each residence. Notices were also placed on lighting columns on Portland Road.

4.3 Publication of Proposals – The draft Order was advertised in the Kilmarnock Standard on the 29th October 2010 with a 28 day period for objections. Full details of the proposals with plans and Statement of Reasons were available for inspection at the following locations:

- Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock.
- Roads & Transportation Service, Holmquarry Road, Kilmarnock.

4.4 Formal Objections

Two letters of objection were received. Response letters were sent answering their queries and outlining the reasons for the introduction of the waiting restrictions with a request that if they wished to maintain their objection they were to confirm in writing within 14 days of receipt of the letter. No objections were maintained.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The promotion of the Order has been in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None

7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The associated costs in making and implementing the Order will be met from existing budgets.

8 COMMUNITY PLAN / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The waiting restrictions will contribute to the Improving Community Safety theme of the Community Plan.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Community safety benefits will not be realised if the waiting restrictions are not implemented as proposed.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- (i) Approves the proposal to introduce “no waiting at any time” restrictions on both north and south kerblines of Portland Road at its junctions with North Hamilton Street, Springhill Gardens and Portland Place, Kilmarnock.

- (ii) Otherwise notes the content of the report.

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LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – **Portland Road, Kilmarnock**. Plan showing the extent of the proposed waiting restrictions.

Appendix 2 – List of consultees.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1 The East Ayrshire Council (Portland Road, Springhill Gardens & Portland Place, Kilmarnock) (Waiting Restrictions & Amendment) Order _____

Copies of the above named draft Order are available from the Head of Roads & Transportation.

For further information on the contents of this report please contact Keith Orton on 01563 555714

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APPENDIX 1

APPENDIX 2

CONSULTED BY LETTER

1. Chief Constable
2. Strathclyde Fire & Rescue
3. NHS Ayrshire & Arran
4. Scottish Ambulance Service
5. SPT
6. Freight Transport Association
7. Road Haulage Association
8. Stagecoach Western (incl A1 Service)
9. The Postmaster
10. Scottish Power
11. Scottish Gas Networks
12. British Telecom
13. Scottish Water
14. Cycling Scotland
15. C.T.C (Formerly Cyclists' Tourist Club)
16. Scottish Taxi Federation
17. East Ayrshire Access Panel North District
18. Kilmarnock Town Centre Manager
19. Bonnyton Community Council
20. Grange/Howard Community Council
21. Cllr D Reid
22. Cllr I Linton
23. Cllr R Keohone
24. Cllr T Cook
25. Cllr R McDill – Spokesperson for Environment & Regeneration
26. Cllr J Buchanan – Spokesperson for Environment & Regeneration
27. Chief Executive
28. Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services
29. Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support
30. Executive Director of Educational and Social Services
31. Operations Manager- Roads and Transportation Service
32. Head of Planning & Economic Development