

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 11 JANUARY 2006

KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE PAY & DISPLAY CAR PARKS ORDER

Report by Executive Director of Development & Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the Committee's approval for the proposed East Ayrshire Council (Use of Off-Street Parking Places and Revocation) (Kilmarnock) Order.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The current East Ayrshire Council (Use of Off-Street parking Places and Amendment) (Kilmarnock) Order 1999 came into force in June 1999. The Order was amended twice in 2001 to incorporate the East George Street Car Park and introduce a monthly season ticket for the taxi spaces in Foregate (South) Car Park
- 2.2 Several areas of ground in and around the town centre, which were understood to be Council owned, had been identified as being worthy of investigation as possible sites for pay & display car parking. Appendix A indicates the various sites considered, the reasons why it is proposed to include the St Marnock Place and Waterside Street car parks in the Order and why no further action is proposed in respect of the sites at Morton Place and Princes Street for the time being.
- 2.3 In 2004, a letter was received from the manager of a retail outlet in Kilmarnock, indicating that his car park was being used by motorists for long stay parking which was reducing the parking opportunities for his customers. He requested that the Council consider taking over the management of his car park for short stay pay & display parking. In April 2005, enquiries were made to the landlords of several retail outlets with associated car parking around the town centre, including the above mentioned, on the possibility of the Council managing their car parks as pay & display car parks. No positive response was received from any of the landlords or tenants. Associated retail car parks were therefore not included in the Order, although this will be reinvestigated at a later date if required.
- 2.4 It was felt that the opportunity should also be taken to update the current Order.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The purpose of the proposed Order is to introduce parking charges and limit the period of stay to not more than 4 hours, in the proposed St Marnock Place and Waterside Street car parks. The introduction of charges in the two car parks will increase the parking turnover and provide more short-stay parking opportunities in the town centre to meet the needs of business users and shoppers.

3.2 Disabled drivers will be able to park free of charge and be exempt from time restrictions in the pay & display car parks provided a valid disabled persons badge is properly displayed on the vehicle.

4. PROCEDURES

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

4.2 Consultation – Organisations, representative groups and individuals consulted during the preparation of the Order are listed in the Appendix B, along with the copy of the consultation letter.

4.3 Publication of the proposals – the proposals were advertised in the Kilmarnock Standard on 9 September 2005 with a 21 days period for objections. The draft Order, plans and associated documentation were made available for public inspection during the objection period.

4.4 Objections – No objections to the proposals were received.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The procedures which have been followed in dealing with objections to the draft Order are in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- i) Approves the draft Order.

James Lavery
Executive Director of Development and Property Services
19 November 2005

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

For further information on the contents of this report please contact Keith Orton on 01563 576310.

Implementation Officer: Tom Allan

APPENDIX A

Morton Place

This is an existing council staff car park adjacent to the junction of Morton Place and Park Street. The former Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council made it available for public parking at the weekends. It is used by East Ayrshire Council employees from Monday to Friday, but could be used as a charging car park on Saturdays should there be sufficient demand. At this stage, it is proposed to not include this site in the Off Street Parking controls until the full effects of the new on street parking measures have been assessed to determine whether there is likely to be demand for the Morton Place car park.

St Marnock Place

This is an area of rough ground, at the junction of St Marnock Place and Nelson Street, adjacent to the wooden building used as a hall by the St Marnock Street Church. The ground which has been used as a dump is unsightly and is used as an ad hoc car park by various vehicles. Clearance and resurfacing of the area, which is owned by the Council, would allow controlled parking for at least 6 vehicles. This area should be included in the proposed Order.

Waterside Street

This is an area of ground adjacent to the Kilmarnock Water at the junction of Waterside Street with St Marnock Street. This area of once derelict ground was block paved by the Council in 2003. Part of the paved area was arranged as public seating, with the remainder marked off as a car park for 12 vehicles. This area should be included in the proposed Order.

Princes Street

This area is a mixture of surfaced and unsurfaced ground, off Princes Street to the rear of the Tesco Store, which also serves the rear of properties fronting the southern end of King Street. The ground is used for uncontrolled all day parking and concerns have been raised, by some shopkeepers, about access problems for loading and unloading. There are still a number of unresolved issues regarding land ownership and access. It is felt that this area should not be included in the proposed Order until these issues have been resolved.

APPENDIX B

Proposed Introduction of a Traffic Order
FORMAL PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS

SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

Location - **KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE**

Proposal - **UPDATING OF THE EXISTING ORDER CONTROLLING PAY & DISPLAY CAR PARKS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF PARKING CHARGES ON A FURTHER 2 AREAS OF GROUND IN KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE.**

REASON FOR PROPOSAL

It is considered necessary to introduce charges on 2 areas of ground, owned by the Council, to regulate parking and maintain capacity for short-term town centre parking needs. The opportunity is also being taken to update the existing Order covering off street pay & display car parks

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSALS

The two areas of ground on Waterside Street and St Marnock Place, as shown on the enclosed plan, will be incorporated into the Kilmarnock Town Centre Pay and Display Car Parking Scheme as short stay car parks with a maximum stay of 4 hours.

APPENDIX B

Contact : Tom Allan
Our Ref : T/8/3/8/TA05028
Date : Friday 8 July 2005

«Addressee»
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«AddressLine4»
«PostCode»

Dear «Dear»,

Proposed Introduction of a Traffic Order

Location - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE

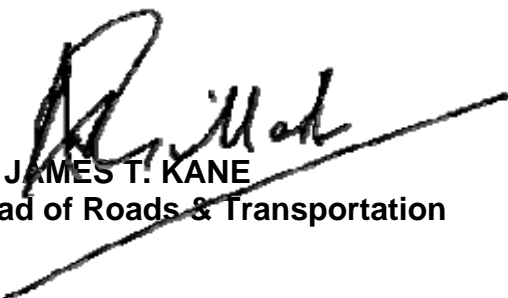
Proposal UPDATING OF THE EXISTING ORDER CONTROLLING PAY & DISPLAY CAR PARKS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF PARKING CHARGES ON A FURTHER 2 AREAS OF GROUND IN KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE.

East Ayrshire Council proposes to consider the introduction of a traffic Order as stated above and my purpose in writing to you is to undertake consultation, as required by the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, in advance of the publication of proposals.

If you wish to comment on the proposals outlined in the attached Summary of Proposals, I would be pleased to hear from you by Friday 5 August 2005, otherwise I will assume you have no comments to make at this stage. Should you require further information or clarification on any points arising from the proposals, please contact Tom Allan at the above address.

On completion of these consultations, if the Council decides to proceed with the promotion of the Order, a notice of proposals will be published locally as required by the Regulations, at which time you will have an opportunity to inspect the documents and, if necessary, lodge a formal objection.

Yours «Yours»,


pp JAMES T. KANE
Head of Roads & Transportation

APPENDIX B

CONSULTATION LIST

1. Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police
2. Strathclyde Fire Brigade
3. Ayrshire & Arran Acute Hospital NHS Trust
4. Ayrshire & Arran Primary Care NHS Trust
5. Scottish Ambulance Service
6. SPT
7. Freight Transport Association
8. Road Haulage Association
9. The Postmaster
10. Scottish Power
11. Transco
12. British Telecom
13. Scottish Water
14. RAC
15. AA
16. Scottish Taxi Federation
17. East Ayrshire Taxi Trades Council
18. Kilmarnock Forum on Disability
19. North East Ayrshire Access Panel
20. Kilmarnock Town Centre Manager
21. Kilmarnock Retail Traders Association
22. Bellfield Community Council
23. Bonnyton Community Council
24. Grange Howard Community Council
25. New Farm Loch Community Council
26. North West Kilmarnock Community Council
27. Piersland & Bentinck Community Council
28. Chair, Development Services Committee
29. Councillor Daniel Coffey
30. Councillor William Coffey
31. Councillor Douglas Reid
32. Councillor Gordon Cree
33. Councillor John Weir
34. Councillor Andrew McIntyre
35. Councillor Iain Linton
36. Councillor John Campbell
37. Councillor Ray Murray
38. Chair, Kilmarnock Central Local Committee
39. Chief Executive
40. Executive Director of Development & Property Services
41. Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services
42. Executive Director of Corporate Support
43. Executive Director of Education & Social Services
44. Chief Engineer (Operations), Roads & Transportation Division
45. Head of Planning & Building Control