

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 6 MARCH 2007

TO INTRODUCE WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON VARIOUS STREETS, LOANHEAD AREA, KILMARNOCK

Report by Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is : -

- a) To ask the Committee to determine the proposed Waiting Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order without a Hearing.
- b) To consider the objection which has been received to the Waiting restrictions proposals on various streets in the Loanhead Area, Kilmarnock.
- b) To seek approval to introduce the Waiting restrictions proposals on various streets in the Loanhead Area, Kilmarnock.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 During the business day, extensive indiscriminate parking is taking place on various streets in the Loanhead area causing severe congestion and delay, especially at school start / finish times. Parking by residents, parents and members of the public seriously impairs access to some streets and particularly affects bus movements to the three schools in the area. The introduction of waiting restrictions at corners and junctions will improve traffic flow and improve road safety for all road users.

2.2 Previous proposals for waiting and loading restrictions in the Loanhead area were published in the Kilmarnock Standard giving members of the public an opportunity to object to the proposals. Following the publication of the proposals, 5 formal objections were received initially. Due to the significant local opposition, the proposals have been amended to omit the loading restrictions. In addition to the omission of the loading restrictions, a section of waiting restrictions on Dick Road will only be in force at school start and finish times. One objection has been maintained, as detailed in Section 4.4.

3 PROPOSALS

3.1 Prohibition of Waiting, Various Streets Loanhead Area, Kilmarnock – It is proposed to introduce waiting restrictions on various streets in the Loanhead Area, Kilmarnock 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 Order are listed in appendix 2. The Chief Constable had no objections to the draft Order and no objections or adverse comments were received from any of the consultees.

4.3 **Publication of Proposals** – The amended traffic Order for waiting restrictions in the Loanhead area was published in the Kilmarnock Standard on the 19th January 2007. Full details of the proposals with plans were available for inspection at

- Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock
- The Roads & Transportation Division, Holmquarry House, Holmquarry Road, Kilmarnock
- East Ayrshire Council, Kilmarnock Collecting Hall, 19 John Dickie Street, Kilmarnock

4.4 Formal Objections – Waiting Restrictions, Loanhead Area

There has been only one maintained formal objection to the amended proposals as advertised on 19th January 2007:-

Objector 1, Rennie Street, Kilmarnock

Objector 1 has objected to the waiting restrictions being outside their property and that people parking in the area will be forced off Dick Road and onto Rennie Street. The Objector also suggests the introduction of residents parking permits and a one way system.

5 CONCLUSIONS

- (i) Residents parking permits are generally only provided in controlled parking zones where there is no unrestricted on-street parking available for use by residents.
- (ii) It is proposed to introduce no waiting restrictions, at any time, at the junctions in the area to accommodate the safe and efficient movement of traffic in the area at all times. Nonetheless, motorists will be allowed to stop for a short-time, in accordance with the terms of the order, for the purpose of loading/unloading their vehicle. There will remain significant areas of unrestricted street parking for the use of residents and other motorists if the order is implemented.

It is further proposed to prohibit parking on the western side of Dick Road between Old Mill Road and Rennie Street, between 0800 and 0900 and between 1500 and 1600, Monday to Friday, to accommodate two way flow on Dick Road at the start and the end of the school day and to reduce congestion. Motorists will be able to park in this restricted area outwith these times and on the other side of Dick Road without restriction at all times.

- (iii) Proposals are currently being considered for a one way system in the Loanhead area which will improve traffic flows and reduce congestion. These proposals will be the subject of separate consultations in due course.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The costs of the waiting restriction plates, poles and associated lining will be met by existing Council budgets

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

The Committee may, having considered the objection, if they think fit cause a Hearing to be held. Hearings are held in public by an independent Reporter appointed from a list compiled by the Scottish Executive.

8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The waiting restrictions in the Loanhead area will contribute to the Government's policies to reduce road casualties and Council policies to improve safety for all road users

9. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The waiting restrictions in the Loanhead Area will contribute to improving community safety.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- a) Agrees to determine the proposed waiting restriction Order without a Hearing;
- b) Considers the objection as detailed in paragraph 4.4 above; and
- c) Approves the proposal for Waiting Restrictions proposals on various streets in the Loanhead Area, Kilmarnock as set out in paragraph 3.1 as advertised.

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LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Plan showing the extent of the waiting restrictions
Appendix 2 – List of parties consulted

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1 The East Ayrshire Council (Various Roads, Loanhead Area) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order_____

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

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

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Consultation List – Waiting Restrictions

The following organisations, representative groups and individuals were consulted during the preparation of the draft Order –

Strathclyde Police
Strathclyde Fire Brigade
Ayrshire & Arran Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Ayrshire & Arran Primary Care NHS Trust
Scottish Ambulance Service
Strathclyde Passenger Transport
Freight Transport Association Ltd
The Road Haulage Association Ltd
Stagecoach Western Buses & A1 Service
Shuttlebuses
Rowe's Coaches
Liddel's Coaches
Royal Mail
Scottish Power
Transco
British Telecom
Scottish Water
Royal Automobile Club
The Automobile Association Ltd
C.T.C
Cycling Scotland
Kilmarnock Forum on Disability
Scottish Taxi Federation
East Ayrshire Taxi Trades Council
Piersland & Bentick Community Council
Chair, Development Services Committee
Councillor G Cree
Chair, Kilmarnock Central Local Committee
Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council
Executive Director of Development and Property Services
Chief Engineer (Operations)
Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services
Executive Director of Corporate Support
Executive Director of Educational and Social Services