

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE -22 MARCH 2003

DISABLED PARKING PROVISIONS, KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE

Report by the Executive Director of Development & Property Services

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the provision of disabled parking facilities within Kilmarnock town centre.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 29 June 2004, the Development Services Committee approved a new traffic Order to regulate waiting and loading and to introduce charges for on-street parking within Kilmarnock town centre. The Order contains provisions to assist disabled persons when parking in the town centre. The Pay & Display parking is scheduled to come into effect before the end of March 2005.
- 2.2 The Council's town centre car parks also offer facilities for blue badge holders.
- 2.3 In certain circumstances the Roads & Transportation Division will mark advisory disabled parking bays in residential areas.

**3 ON-STREET PARKING**

DESIGNATED DISABLED PARKING BAYS

- 3.1 Eleven designated disabled persons' parking bays have been provided within the new Pay & Display area of Kilmarnock town centre. Parking in these bays is restricted to Blue Badge holders only and is limited to a maximum stay of three hours. These bays ensure that parking facilities are provided for the sole use of disabled people and the time limit ensures that there is a turn over in the use of the spaces throughout the day. The locations of the bays are—

- John Finnie Street            4 bays
- John Dickie Street           3 bays
- Queen street                 3 bays
- Kirktonholm Street         1 bay

## PAY & DISPLAY PARKING BAYS

- 3.2 Blue badge holders are permitted to use the new Pay & Display parking bays in the town centre and are exempt from both the charges and the time limits in these bays.

## WAITING RESTRICTIONS

- 3.3 Blue badge holders are permitted to wait on double or single yellow lines where there are no loading restrictions so long as they do not cause an obstruction. There is no limit on the length of time a disabled person's vehicle can be left in this way.

## LOADING RESTRICTIONS

- 3.4 Disabled Persons' Vehicles are not permitted to wait where there is a loading restriction. Within the town centre new loading restrictions have been provided at junctions and other key locations where it is essential to maintain clear sightlines in the interests of road safety.

## LOADING BAYS

- 3.5 Blue badge holders are prohibited from waiting in the new Loading Bays that have been provided around the town centre. These bays are reserved for commercial vehicles making deliveries to shops and it is essential that they are kept clear of other vehicles.

## 4 OFF-STREET PARKING

### DISABLED PARKING IN CAR PARKS

- 4.1 Designated disabled persons' parking bays are provided within the Council's town centre off-street car parks. The number of designated disabled persons' parking bays in each car park is as follows—

- East George Street 10 bays
- Foregate Multi-Storey 2 bays
- Foregate North 8 bays
- Foregate South 2 bays
- Fowlds Street (Iceland) 1 bay
- Portland Road 3 bays
- Queen Street (M&S) 2 bays
- St.Marnock Street 3 bays
- Sturrock Street East 2 bays
- Sturrock Street West (BHS) 11 bays
- Titchfield Street 2 bays

- 4.2 As with the on-street spaces, parking in these bays is restricted to Blue Badge holders only and ensure that parking facilities are provided for the sole use of disabled people, however in the car parks there is no time limit. Elsewhere in the car parks, blue badge holders are permitted to use the Pay & Display parking bays, where they are exempt from both the charges and the time limits.

## **5 RESIDENTIAL DISABLED PARKING BAYS**

### **ADVISORY BAYS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

- 5.1 The Roads and Transportation Division will consider providing an advisory disabled persons' parking bay in residential areas, subject to the applicant meeting certain criteria. In general, a bay will be provided if the disabled person lives at the property and the property does not have off-road parking, or where off-road parking could not be readily provided.
- 5.2 The applicant must be a blue badge holder and should be either the driver of the vehicle or a passenger who cannot be left unattended. Road safety considerations are also taken into account when determining an application for a residential disabled bay.
- 5.3 These bays are purely advisory and are therefore not enforceable by the Police or the Council. Applicants are advised that they should not consider the bays as being for their sole use.

## **6 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the content of this report.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: None**

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