

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Operational Delivery
<b>DATE</b>	13 January 2021
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Various Small-Scale Traffic Management and Development Associated Proposals (Stage 3 – Public Advert)
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	OPE/20/244
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Rob Polkinghorne
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<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	1.1.1

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Following completion of the statutory consultation process, this report considers objections that were submitted with respect to two proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). These objections were received timeously at the public advertisement stage.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended this Committee: -

- 2.1 Acknowledge the objections received in respect of the proposed TROs as a result of the statutory consultation.
- 2.2 Note the terms of the objections received and proceed to approve the order "The Aberdeen City Council (Morningside Lane, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 202(X)" as originally proposed.
- 2.3 Note the terms of the objections received and proceed to approve the order "The Aberdeen City Council (Northcote Avenue, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 202(X)" with the reduced 10 metre length as per officer's recommendation.

### 3. BACKGROUND

This report deals with two proposed TROs which, at the public advertisement stage, have received objections from members of the public.

This report presents the objections received and provides responses to any issues raised. Plans detailing each of the schemes in question are included within the first appendix to this report. Redacted copies of the letters of objection

received (Appendix 2) and the public notice for each of the proposed orders (Appendix 3) are also included.

### 3.1 **“The Aberdeen City Council (Morningside Lane, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 202(X)”**

#### 3.1.1 Proposal

It is proposed to install a length of prohibition of waiting at any time on the south-east side of Morningside Lane. Concerns were raised regarding heavy vehicles causing damage to the wall of number 1 Morningside Road. It has been reported that this wall has suffered damage from heavy vehicles 4 times in the past 3 years. To set the background, the bin and storage areas serving the retail units on Great Western Road are kept on Morningside Lane; there are also properties with frontages facing it. Consequently, large vehicles such as delivery trucks and bin lorries will occasionally drive through Morningside Lane.

The proposed prohibition of waiting at any time will eliminate the possibility of vehicles parking on the south-east side, which if this occurs and a vehicle is parked on the western side can block the lane entirely. This would force drivers to carry a reversal manoeuvre on a narrow lane.

A secondary benefit is the double yellow lines will highlight the edge of the carriageway and emphasise the need for care due to the proximity of the adjacent wall.

#### 3.1.2 Objection

An objection was received from a resident from Great Western Road. Their property backs onto Morningside Lane and they note many residents park on the lane. They are concerned the restrictions will remove parking for residents.

#### 3.1.3 Response

Morningside Lane is approximately 5.8 metres wide. This width means the lane cannot accommodate parking on both sides and still permit a vehicle to pass. The parking pattern is established on the western side, which is the side the properties back onto. Officers proposals do not remove any of the existing parking but merely formalise the parking ensuring it is always on the western side. Officers believe the resident may have misunderstood the proposal and thought both sides would become subject to restrictions which is not the case. A follow up email to the objection which explained the restriction and provided the plan have gone unanswered.

### 3.2 **“The Aberdeen City Council (Northcote Avenue, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 202(X)”**

### 3.2.1 Proposal

Concerns were raised to officers about vehicles parking in close proximity of the junction of Northcote Avenue and Craigton Road. Vehicles parked in such a manner cause difficulty for all road users by limiting visibility and obstructing safe pedestrian/vehicular movements at this junction. Vehicles which park in such a manner are doing so in contrary to guidance of the highway code. It was therefore proposed to introduce certain lengths of 'at any time' waiting restrictions to ensure the junction is kept clear, at all times. Officers had proposed 15 metres of junction protection at this location to ensure a nearby driveway did not have cars parking close to it.

### 3.2.2 Objection

Two objections were raised regarding this proposal during the statutory consultation period.

Both objections refer to the length of the proposed restrictions, with one of the objectors noting the highway code only states a driver should not park within 10 metres of a junction. The objectors also note they have not witnessed vehicles parking at this location.

### 3.2.3 Response

Officers have reviewed their initial proposal and would be confident that reducing the proposals to 10 metres would not negatively impact on road safety. As noted the Highway Code directs that no vehicle should park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252>.

## **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 These proposals will be funded through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Street budget.

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Should the recommendations of this report not be accepted and the proposals not progressed, any future request for restrictions at these locations would require officers to again undertake the steps outlined in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 to progress the necessary Traffic Regulation Order.

## 6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
<b>Strategic Risk</b>	Road safety levels and traffic management could be compromised if measures are not progressed, leading to continued public concern.	L	Officers propose measures that are deemed reasonable and appropriate to address the Road Safety and Traffic Management issues to reduce incidents of public objections.
<b>Reputational</b>	Proposals can be contentious and attract negative feedback.	L	Concerned parties would be provided thorough rationale as to the requirement for the proposal.

## 7. OUTCOMES

<b><u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u></b>	
	<b>Impact of Report</b>
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	The proposals in this report support the delivery of LOIP stretch outcome 15 by creating a safer environment on the road network. Road safety measures help reduce accidents and can help increase walking and cycling.

## 8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
<b>Impact Assessment</b>	Full impact not required
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required

## 9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

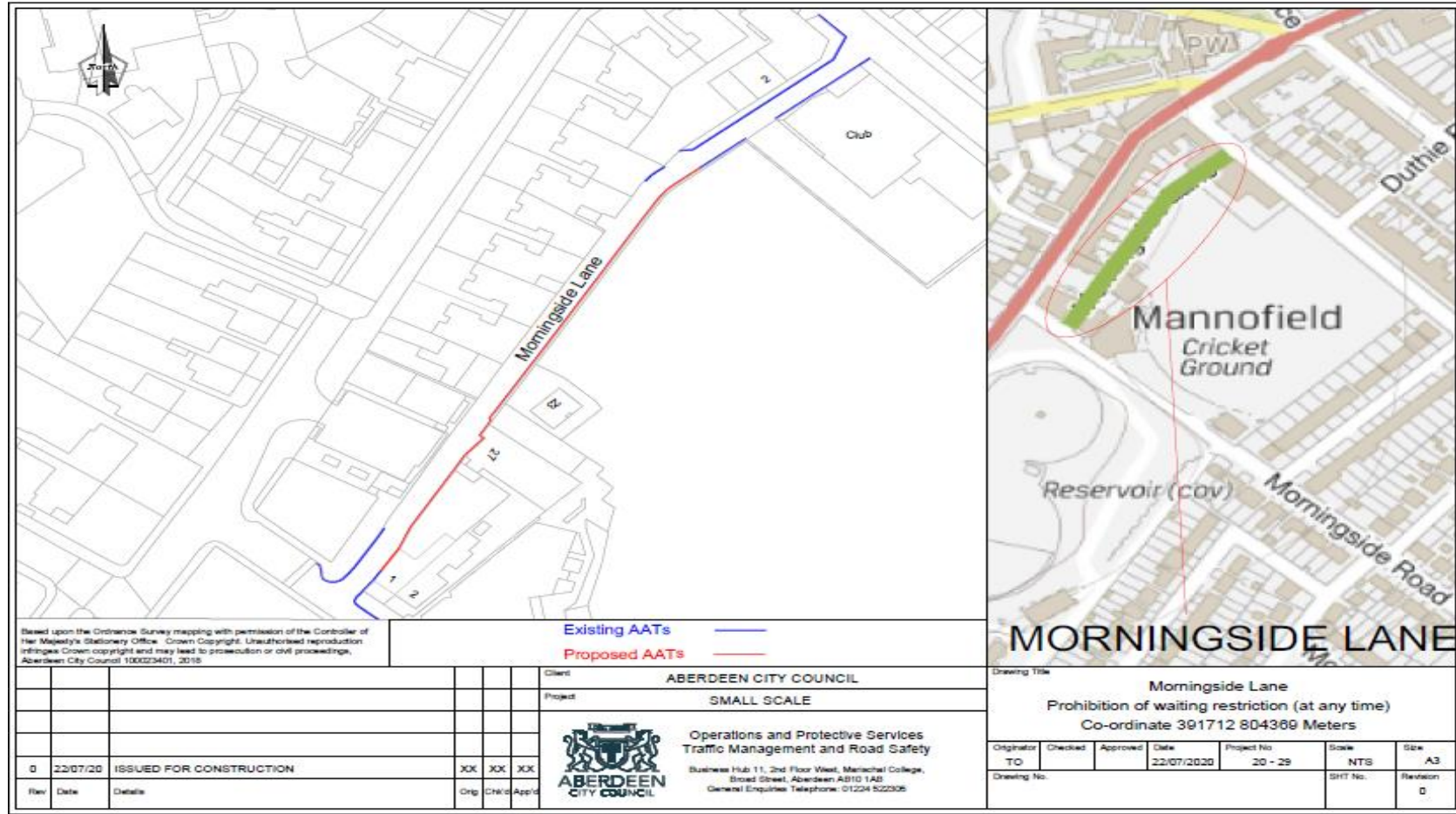
## 10. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Proposal Plans  
Appendix 2 - Redacted Objections  
Appendix 3 - Public Notices

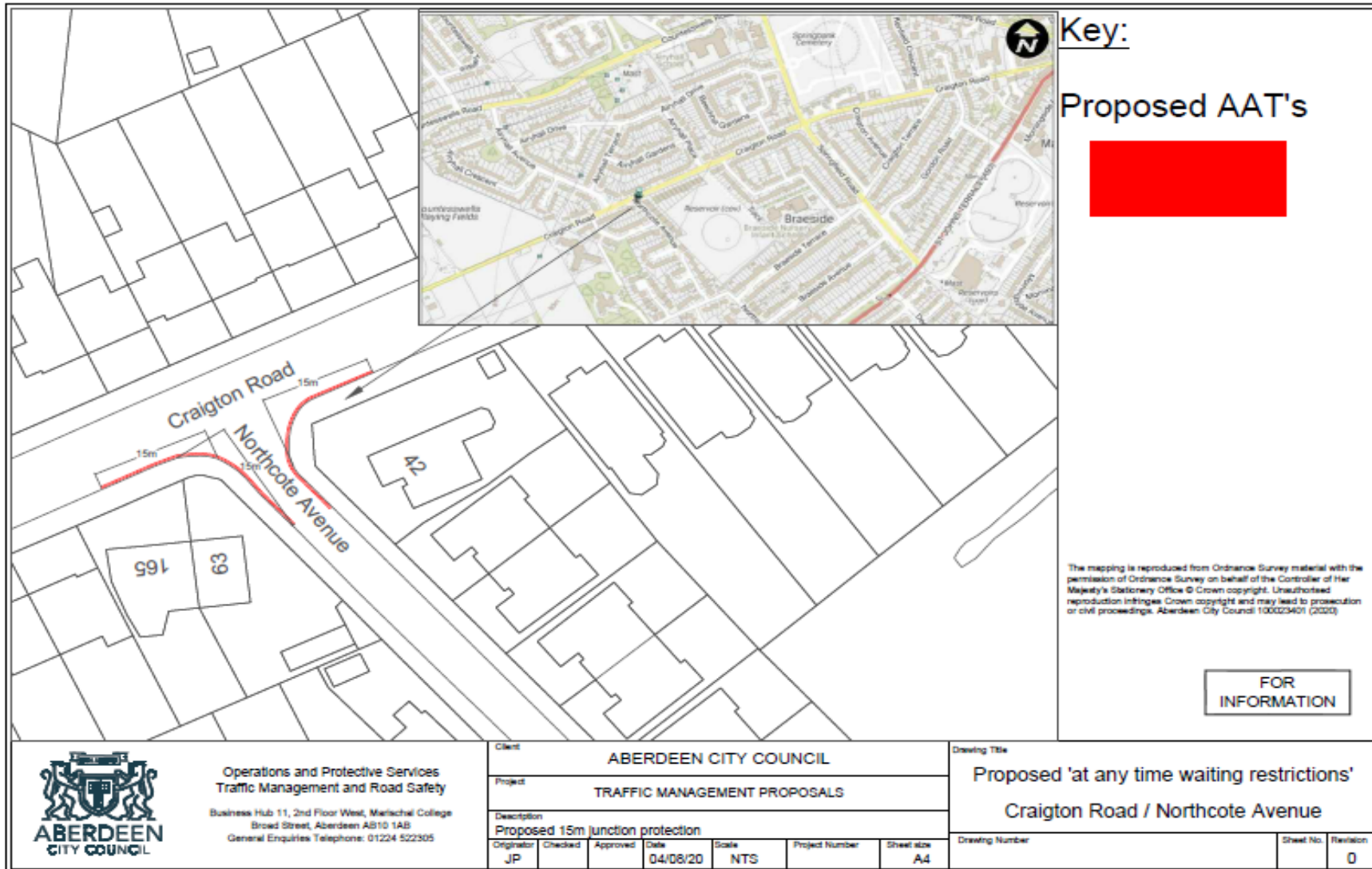
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# Appendix 1 – Proposal Plans



Morningside Lane - Proposed AAT's Plan



Craighton Road - Northcote Avenue Proposed AATS

## Appendix 2 - Objections

“The Aberdeen City Council (Morningside lane, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 202(X)”

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 23 November 2020 21:56  
**To:** TrafficManagement <[TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Parking restrictions on Morningside Lane

Dear Sirs

This is regarding a notice that has been put up on Morningside lane by Aberdeen City Council regarding making the lane a controlled parking area. There are several properties bordering this lane and the residents use Morningside lane for parking their vehicles- where are the residents going to park if restrictions are imposed?

I have owned my property since 2012 and purchased the property on the basis that parking is available on the lane.

I'm totally against any restrictions being imposed on the residents from parking their vehicles on Morningside lane

*Regards/*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Great Western Road



“The Aberdeen City Council (Northcote Avenue, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 202(X)”

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 09 November 2020 14:55  
**To:** TrafficManagement <[TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Aberdeen City Council prohibition of waiting order Northcote Avenue/[Craigton Road](#)

Dear Sirs

Firstly may I state that I have owned the property at [REDACTED] Northcote Avenue , the property mainly affected by proposal, for some 35 years and can categorically advise that I have not been aware of any "ongoing issues with parking" and the issue is not with me as my car is either parked in my garage or in driveway space.

The four properties all within the curtilage of the proposal use off street parking and anyone driving past the location at any time will not find vehicles parked in the area involved.

The Highway Code states that no vehicle shall be parked within 10 metres of a junction and I am confident that is sufficient.

There are two traffic management issues at the junction, neither of which relate to parking, one being vehicles cutting the corner and the other is the bushes/ trees at number 42 causing a blind corner.

To sum up, the proposed parking restrictions will have no impact on existing parking and will only achieve neighbourhood disharmony.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

> -----Original Message-----

> From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: 15 November 2020 21:43

> To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>

> Subject: Objection to proposed Prohibition of Waiting Order 202(X) -

> Northcote Avenue, Aberdeen

> We refer to the current consultation period regarding the above proposal and wish to register our objection. We stay at [REDACTED], which is slightly west of the Northcote Avenue junction. Both of us are unaware of any reasons for introducing this proposal - indeed there have been no cars parking in front of our house for the past 8-9 months due to the Covid restrictions other than an occasional delivery van. Also, in the 23 years of staying at this property, we have never seen any incident / accident at this junction.

The proposal to prevent cars waiting / parking for a distance of up to 15 metres from the corner is also excessive. This would take the restriction all the way across the front of our house including the majority of our driveway. I have checked other measures around corners at junctions in our area (where they exist) and many of them are significantly smaller.

For the above reasons, we wish to object to this proposal.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Aberdeen

## Appendix 3

**ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL (MORNINGSIDIE LANE, ABERDEEN)  
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 202(X)**

Aberdeen City Council proposes to make "The Aberdeen City Council (Morningside lane, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 202(X)" in terms of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of the order will be to impose a certain length of prohibition of waiting at any time on Morningside Lane, Aberdeen, as defined in the schedule below. Exemptions will apply as usual to the picking up or setting down of passengers, loading or unloading, blue badge holders not causing an obstruction, funeral vehicles, and vehicles parked with the consent of the Council in direct association with authorised roadworks or building works.

Full details of the above proposal are to be found in the draft order, which, together with a map showing the intended measures and an accompanying statement of the Council's reasons, may be examined online via the website listed below or by scanning the QR Code.

<https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/operations/traffic-management-and-developer-related-proposals>



The consultation will run between 26 October and 23 November 2020. Should you wish to view these documents in another way please contact us by e-mail (see below), or alternatively on Tel. 01224 522305, where we will endeavour to accommodate such requests.

Anyone wishing to object to the above order should send details of the grounds for objection, including their name and address, in writing to the address below, or, by e-mail to [trafficmanagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:trafficmanagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk) during the statutory objection period which also runs from 26 October and 23 November 2020, inclusively.

Any person who submits an objection to a road traffic order should be aware that any objection made will be available to members of the Committee, available for inspection by members of the public, distributed to the press, and will form part of the agenda pack which is available on the Council's website. To that extent, however, they are redacted, with names, addresses, telephone numbers and signatures removed from this correspondence.

**Traffic Management, Business Hub 11, Second Floor West, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1AB**

Morningside Lane

North-west side, from its junction with Morningside Road, north-eastwards for a distance of 19 metres or thereby.

North-west side, from its junction with Cranford Road, south-westwards for a distance of 58 metres or thereby.

South-east side, from its junction with Morningside Road, eastwards to its junction with Cranford Road.

**ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984  
THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL (NORTHCOTE AVENUE, ABERDEEN) (PROHIBITION OF  
WAITING) ORDER 202(X)**

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**Schedule**

(Prohibition of waiting at any time)

**Northcote Avenue**

Both sides from its junction with Criagton Road, southwards for a distance of 15 metres or thereby.

**Craigton Road**

South side, from its junction with Northcote Avenue westwards for a distance of 15 metres.

South side, from its junction with Northcote Avenue eastwards for a distance of 15 metres.