

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: **Environment, Planning and Infrastructure**

DATE: **6th November 2012**

DIRECTOR: **Gordon McIntosh**

TITLE OF REPORT: **Various small scale traffic management and development associated proposals (New Works)**

REPORT NUMBER: **EPI/12/230**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to advise Committee of the need for various small scale traffic management measures identified by officers, residents, local members, emergency services, etc and verified as necessary through surveys by officers. It also brings forward proposals associated with new developments as part of the development management process. In addition to these measures, this report also includes proposals for individual parking spaces for Blue Badge holders which now require to be progressed through the normal legal process for the required Traffic Regulation Order.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

1. Approve the proposals in principle.
2. Instruct the appropriate officers to commence the necessary legal procedures of preliminary statutory consultation for the traffic regulation orders required as described in this report. If no significant objections are received, then progress with the public advertisement and report the results to a future meeting of this Committee.
3. Instruct the appropriate officers to commence the combined statutory consultation for the traffic regulation order for the list of Blue Badge parking spaces and report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The current Five Year Business Plan has identified savings from the Road Safety and Traffic Management budget. There has also been a comprehensive review of the Capital Plan which will result in proposals having to await funding for implementation.

Budget	Implementation costs (£)	Additional maintenance costs (£) after 5 years	Comments
(●) Cycling, Walking, Safer, Streets (Scot Gov grant-funded)	2650	1875	If budgets are not currently available locations will be placed on a priority list for when future funding becomes available
(❖) Developer financed	-	8950	Maintenance of these works generally falls to the council maintenance budget when they are on-street restrictions
(➤) Disabled Parking	3300	4000	Some of these spaces will require to be relined approximately every 10 years at a cost of £100 per space and some will require removal before this time at a cost of £108 per space.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There is a risk that any approved traffic regulation orders may have to re-enter the legislative process if they are unable to be implemented within the statutory implementation time of 2 years from the start of public consultation if funding is insufficient.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

There are 7 traffic management proposals for locations brought forward during the course of routine examination of road safety and traffic flows and 3 proposals resulting from requests from developers.

Key:

- Funded from the Cycling, Walking, Safer Streets grant funded budget
- ❖ Funded by the developer
- Funded from the current Disabled Parking revenue budget
- No funding required

- **The following proposals will be funded from Cycling, Walking, Safer Streets budget**

- **Braeside Place** – Proposed “One-way” restriction from north to south

Braeside Primary school has, over an extended period of time, been used to house primary schools temporarily whilst new accommodation was being built. The one-way was required as pupils were being driven from their old school to Braeside primary (busses/private cars) and Braeside Place was considered too narrow to accommodate the increased traffic around the school.

A temporary One-way was arranged and has been in place for some time now. However during this period it was indicated to officers that some residents would prefer the one-way restriction to become permanent although others were keen to see the temporary restriction returned to the original two-way system.

A questionnaire was delivered to all the residents of Braeside Place asking them to indicate their preference. The returns were conclusive with the majority (almost 2-1) in favour of maintaining the one-way system.

This proposal is submitted for approval to start the legal process to make the One-way a permanent restriction.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £nil

Estimated additional maintenance cost – no additional costs

Ward (11) – Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee

Elected members – Taylor, Townson, Yuill

- **Garvock Wynd** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

Follow reports from the City Wardens covering that area detailing the parking patterns now regularly in place, it is clear that waiting restrictions are now required to allow access, both pedestrian and vehicular, along this narrow street. Previously vehicles would only park on one side however they are now parking on both sides and totally blocking the footway on the north side.

It is now proposed to put “At any time” waiting restrictions along the full length of the north side to maintain pedestrian access to the footway.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £750

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £750 every 5 years

Ward (8) – George Street/Harbour

Elected members – May, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison

- **Girdleness Road** – Proposed relocation of “School Keep Clear” zig-zags

Currently there are two sets of “School Keep Clear” zig-zags outside Tullos Primary school with a small unrestricted length of kerbside between them, and a set of zig-zags associated with the Zebra crossing adjacent to the school.

There is a short section of carriageway where two sets of zig-zags are overlapping that requires to be tidied up and the short section of unrestricted kerbside between the School Keep Clear zig-zags is being used by parents/carers to park on whilst the pupils are being taken into the school. This parking is not welcome at this location and it is proposed to relocate one set of “School Keep Clear” zigzags to cover this gap and also tidy up the restrictions adjacent to the zebra crossing.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £600

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £500 every 10 years

Ward (12) – Torry/Ferryhill

Elected members – Allan, Dickson, Donnelly, Kiddie

- **Maberly Street / George Street** – Proposed loading restrictions; Mon – Fri, 7:00am to 9:00am and 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Maberly Street is a relatively narrow street which takes a large volume of traffic at peak times, both vehicular and pedestrian, and is a street regularly used by the emergency services.

On the corner of Maberly Street there is a Public House which takes regular weekly deliveries of beer/drinks that takes some considerable time to complete. The lorry making these deliveries consistently parked adjacent to the stop line associated with the traffic signals. They also carried this activity out during the peak traffic flow times, generally 7:00 – 7:30am, creating a dangerous situation.

The delivery company was advised by Grampian Police to deliver outwith the peak vehicle flow times, which are generally 7:00am to 9:00am and 4:00pm to 6:00pm at this location, or to off-load their goods from George Street and trolley them to the cellar entrance.

The company adhered to this advice for some time however, they have recently reverted to their previous practice which is not acceptable in any way.

Currently there are “At any time” waiting restrictions on all roads leading from this junction, however it is now proposed to implement a loading ban, mainly on Maberly Street but also into George Street a short distance, to allow the City Wardens to keep these delivery vehicles away from the signaled junction.

The extent of the proposals is indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £800

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £300 every 10 years

Ward (8) – George Street/Harbour

Elected members – May, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison

- **Maryville Place** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

Some time ago drivers of the waste collection vehicles reported that residents’ vehicles were being parked in the turning head of this small cul-de-sac and causing the refuse vehicles to reverse into the cul-d-sac from North Anderson Drive and along the length of the road. This is not an ideal situation from a road safety point of view.

Letters were delivered to these properties asking that they cease from this practice especially on bin collection days and for a period of time the situation improved. However, the parking has now recommenced and we now proposed to put “At any time” waiting restrictions around the turning head to resolve this issue.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £350

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £350 every 10 years

Ward (10) – Hazlehead/Ashley/Queens Cross

Elected members – Corall, Greig, Stewart, Thomson

- **Union Street / Crown Street junction** – Proposed alteration to Traffic Regulation Order to exempt winter maintenance vehicles from the right turn restriction

It has recently been highlighted that the Traffic Regulation Order, restricting the right-turn movements for all vehicles except buses from Union Street into Crown Street, does not have within it an exemption for winter maintenance vehicles to allow access to clear snow/grit etc. during periods of adverse weather.

These snow clearing and gritting operations are mainly carried out overnight or in the early hours of the day when traffic is very light, especially in these conditions.

The alternative route for these operations is not reasonably accessible and could, in practical terms, result in a reduced frequency of visits over that section of carriageway.

It is therefore proposed that winter maintenance vehicles be exempt from the right-turn restriction (as the buses currently are) in order to carry out these road safety operations.

Implementation cost - £nil

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £nil

Ward (12) – Torry/Ferryhill

Elected members – Allan, Dickson, Donnelly, Kiddie

- **Westburn Road** – Proposed extension of “At any time” waiting restrictions

It has been reported, and subsequently confirmed, that the visibility to the right when exiting the eastern-most access to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, could be improved.

It is therefore proposed to remove two Pay and Display parking spaces, approx 10m) from the north side of Westburn Road and replace them with “At any time” waiting restrictions. Visibility should be noticeably improved with this modification.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £150

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £50 every 5 years

Ward (7) – Midsocket/Rosemount

Elected members – Cormie, Forsyth, Laing

The following proposals will be funded by the developer

- ❖ **Earlspark Avenue** – Proposed 20mph with speed tables.

As a result of a further residential development proposal to the north of Earlspark Avenue, a condition was set within its planning consent that residents were to be consulted on a proposal to install traffic calming speed tables on Earlspark Avenue.

This survey was carried out and the result revealed that the overwhelming majority of residents who replied were in favour of the traffic calming measures being promoted.

It is therefore proposed that a 20mph speed restriction be promoted with traffic calming speed tables incorporated.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £nil

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £150 every 5 years

Ward (9) – Lower Deeside

Elected members – Boulton, Malik, Malone

- ❖ **Mugiemoss, Davidson Mills** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions, “One-way” restrictions, “No right turn”, “No left turn” and “No U-turn” restrictions, “disabled parking bays” and “Stopping up” orders.

As a part of the planning application for this industrial/retail/residential development, several traffic movement and parking/waiting restrictions are required to be promoted for both safety and traffic management reasons.

The proposals are indicated on the plans below.

Plan 1 – Proposed “One-way”, “No right/left turn” and “No U-turn” restrictions

Plan 2 – Proposed “Stopping up” (1)

Plan 3 – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

Plan 4 – Proposed “Disabled parking bays”

Implementation cost - £nil

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £5000 every 5 years

Ward (1) – Dyce/Bucksburn/Danestone

Elected members – Crockett, Lawrence, MacGregor, Samarai

- ❖ **Wellington Road, Cove** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restriction, “One-way” restriction, “No right/left turn” restriction, and “Prohibition of Driving” order

As part of the Planning application for this residential development, traffic movements and waiting restrictions are required to be promoted for both road safety and traffic management reasons

The proposals are indicated on the plans below.

Plan 1 – Proposed “At any time” waiting restriction, “One –way” restriction and “No right/left turn” restriction

Plan 2 – Proposed “Prohibition of driving” restriction

Implementation cost - £nil

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £3800 every 5 years

Ward (13) – Kincorth/Loirston

Elected members – Cooney, Finlayson, McCaig

The following proposals will be funded from the Disabled Parking Revenue budget

➤ **Disabled parking bays to be provided through the Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009**

There is one application to be considered at this meeting.

(Plans are not included as, under normal circumstance, are located close to the properties.)

On-street parking – 28 spaces

27 Berrywell Gardens	26 School Drive
62 Gladstone Place, Harlaw	121 School Drive
11 Osborne Place	89 Bankhead Avenue
29 Hilton Terrace	95 Bankhead Avenue
105 Western Road, Woodside	14 Sunnyside Gardens
8 Kepplehills Drive	85 Crown Crescent, Culter
9 Swannay Road	448 North Anderson Drive
5 Seaton Road	14 Faulds Wynd
240 Victoria Road	49 Tollohill Gardens
226 Victoria Road	16 Seaforth Road
11 Manor Walk	38 Dulnain Road
175 Hilton Avenue	442 Clifton Road
14 Bedford Avenue	21 School Terrace
33 Aboyne Road	Duff Street

Off-street parking – 12 spaces

Mugiemoss, Davidson Mills – 7 spaces	3a Kings Crescent
1 Overhills Walk	3 Craigielea Avenue
34 Garnitehill House, Marchburn Drive	13 Findon Ness (o/s No 17)

6. IMPACT

This report meets with the local Community Plan objectives to continually improve road safety and maximise accessibility for pedestrians and all modes of transport.

The proposals are in line with the Councils Transportation Strategy to improve safety for all road users by continuing to reduce the number of casualties in traffic collisions.

This report is likely to be of interest to the public in the streets affected by the proposals.

There is no Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment required as this report only recommends that these proposals progress to the Statutory Consultation process therefore there will be no changes effected as a result of the recommendations being approved by the Committee

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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Consultees comments

Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee

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Councillor Yvonne Allan – has been consulted

Councillor Kirsty Blackman – has been consulted

Councillor Marie Boulton – has been consulted

Councillor David Cameron – has been consulted

Councillor Scott Carle – has been consulted

Councillor Neil Cooney – has been consulted

Councillor John Corall – has been consulted

Councillor Bill Cormie – has been consulted

Councillor Steve Delaney – has been consulted

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Councillor Alan Donnelly – has been consulted

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Councillor Andrew Findlayson – has been consulted

Councillor Fraser Forsythe – has been consulted

Councillor Gordon Graham – has been consulted

Councillor Ross Grant – has been consulted

Councillor Martin Greig – has been consulted

Councillor Len Ironside – has been consulted

Councillor Muriel Jaffrey – has been consulted

Councillor James Kiddie – has been consulted

Councillor Jenny Laing – has been consulted

Councillor Graeme Lawrence – has been consulted

Councillor Neil MacGregor – has been consulted

Councillor M Tauqeer Malik – has been consulted

Councillor Aileen Malone – has been consulted

Councillor Andrew May – has been consulted

Councillor Callum McCaig – has been consulted

Councillor Jean Morrison – has been consulted and has no comments

Councillor Nathan Morrison – has been consulted

Councillor Jim Noble – has been consulted

Councillor John Reynolds – has been consulted

Councillor Gill Samarai – has been consulted

Councillor Jennifer Stewart – has been consulted

Councillor Sandy Stuart – has been consulted

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Council Officers

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