

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE **Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure**

DATE **27th October 2009**

DIRECTOR **Gordon McIntosh**

TITLE OF REPORT **Various, Small Scale Traffic Management and Development Associated Proposals (New Works)**

REPORT NUMBER **EPI/09/061**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to advise Committee of the need for:

1. Various small scale traffic management measures identified by officers, residents, Local members, emergency services etc and verified as necessary through survey by a Roads Safety and Traffic Management Officer and any proposal associated with new development as part of the development management process.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

1. Approve the proposals in principle
2. Instruct the appropriate officials 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. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for progressing the proposals in this report, other than developer associated, through the legislative process will come from the "Non-housing Road Safety and Traffic Calming 2009/2010 capital budget".

Developer associated traffic management proposals are included in this report once the developer or their agent has agreed in writing to fund the costs of the legislative process.

When the legislative process has completed, and the appropriate Committee has approved the Traffic Regulation Order, it is the developer who implements and funds the scheme.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

This report is in accordance with the administration's Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking, under the heading of Transport and highlighted in Paragraph 7.

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

Enforcement of any new traffic management measure, as referred to in the Single Outcome Agreement-National Outcome No 9, whether waiting, parking or speed restrictions by either the parking Office or the Police requires a Traffic Regulation Order. The Traffic Regulation Order is the end result of the obligatory legislative process of consultation with the Statutory Consultees and members of the public. This report seeks the Committees approval to start the initial stage of the legislative process and therefore links with the above agreement

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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.

There are safety risks associated with each of the areas if these Traffic Regulation Orders are not processed in due course. However, there is no significant risk to carrying out these proposals.

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.

6. REPORT

There are proposals at five locations brought forward as traffic management measures identified during the course of routine examination of road safety and traffic flows and one proposal resulting from a planning application:

KEY:

- Funded from the Non-housing Road Safety and Traffic Calming 2009/2010 capital budget
- ❖ Funded by developer

- **Schoolhill area** – loading restrictions

There has been an on-going issue with vehicles parking around the Robert Gordons School to drop off and pick up school pupils at school start/finish times. There has been a reluctance to implement blanket restrictions around the school and there have been various attempts to work with the school to mitigate the congestion and dangerous manoeuvres witnessed over the years. However, these attempts have failed year on year and it is now proposed to implement loading restrictions on Blackfriars Street, the Schoolhill triangle, Schoolhill and St Andrews Street.

The extent of these restrictions is indicated on the attached plan.

- **Wellington Road** – speed limit reduction to 40mph

There is currently a proposal being progressed for a reduction of speed to 50mph over the section of Wellington Road from the Charleston flyover to the roundabout at Langdykes Road.

We now intend to abandon this proposal in favour of a new proposal to further reduce the speed restriction to 40mph.

The additional reduction is in response to a recent agreement to install traffic signals at the junction with the A 956 and a further junction proposed opposite the link road to the C8K (Old Wellington Road).

The reduced speed limit will also mitigate the need for crash barrier protection to existing direction signage and street lighting on this A-class route.

If approved it is intended that it will be implemented on a phased basis but within the two year window allowed for implementing approved restrictions.

The extent of the proposed 40mph speed reduction is indicated on the plan below.

- **Holburn Street** – 15 min waiting restrictions

The Holburn Street Post Office is to move location from No 625 Holburn Street to the Holburn Pharmacy at No 560 Holburn Street. There has been a request from the Community Council to provide short-term parking adjacent to the new Post Office.

There are at present 2 unregulated spaces outside the premises.

It is proposed to replace these spaces on Holburn Street with parking bays, with an additional 2 bays on Ruthrieston Place. These parking bays will allow 15 min of parking with no return within 1 hour and the operation hours of these bays are to be Monday to Saturday, 9:00am to 5:00pm. These bays will return to public parking outwith these times.

These locations of the bays are indicated on the attached plan.

- ❖ **Arran Avenue** – waiting restrictions

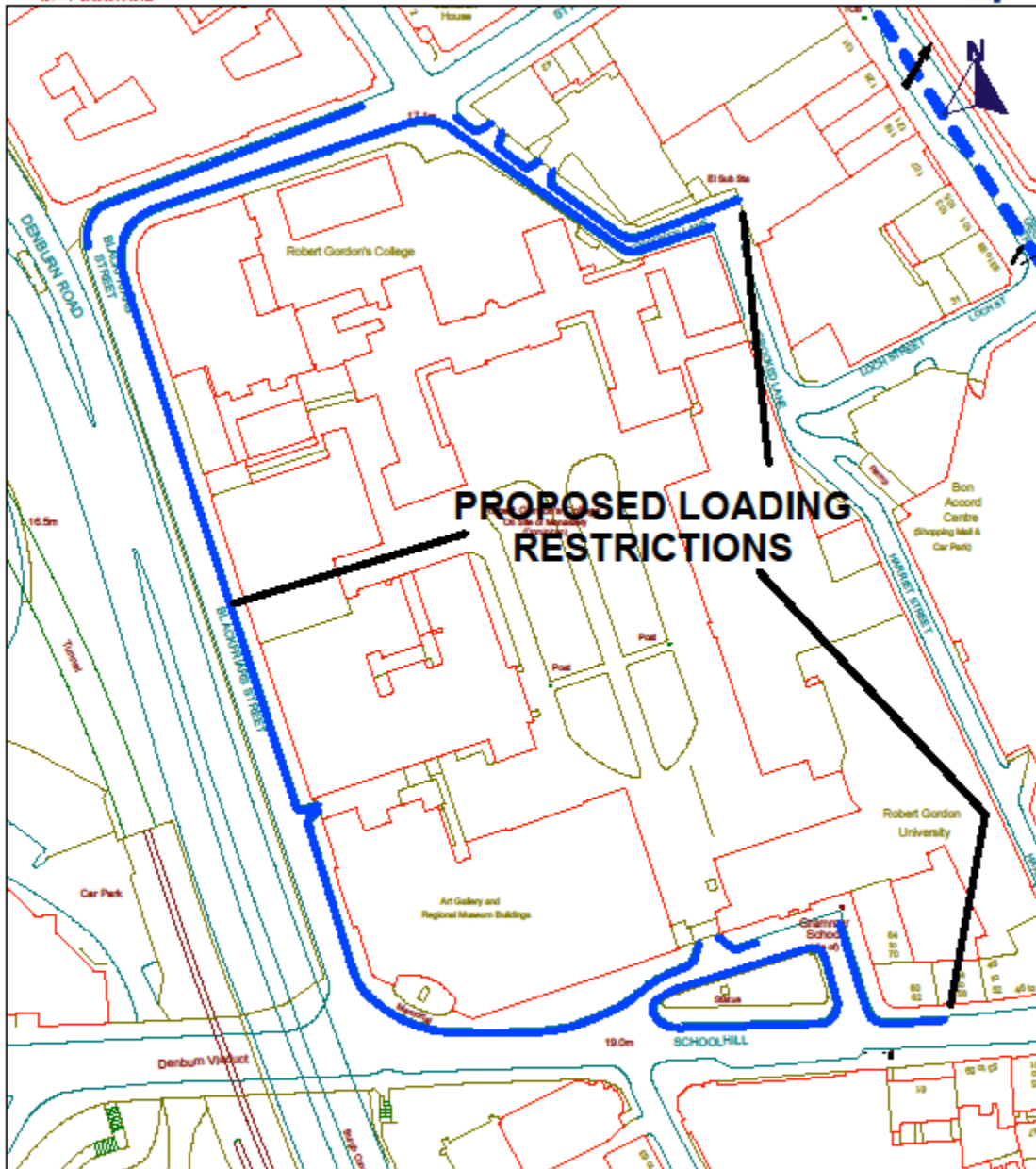
As part of a planning application for the development of the former Cockers Roses site, there are proposals for waiting restrictions on Arran Avenue and at the entry to the internal road for the development.

It is therefore proposed to promote the “At any time” waiting restrictions at the locations indicated in the plan below.

- **Schoolhill Area**



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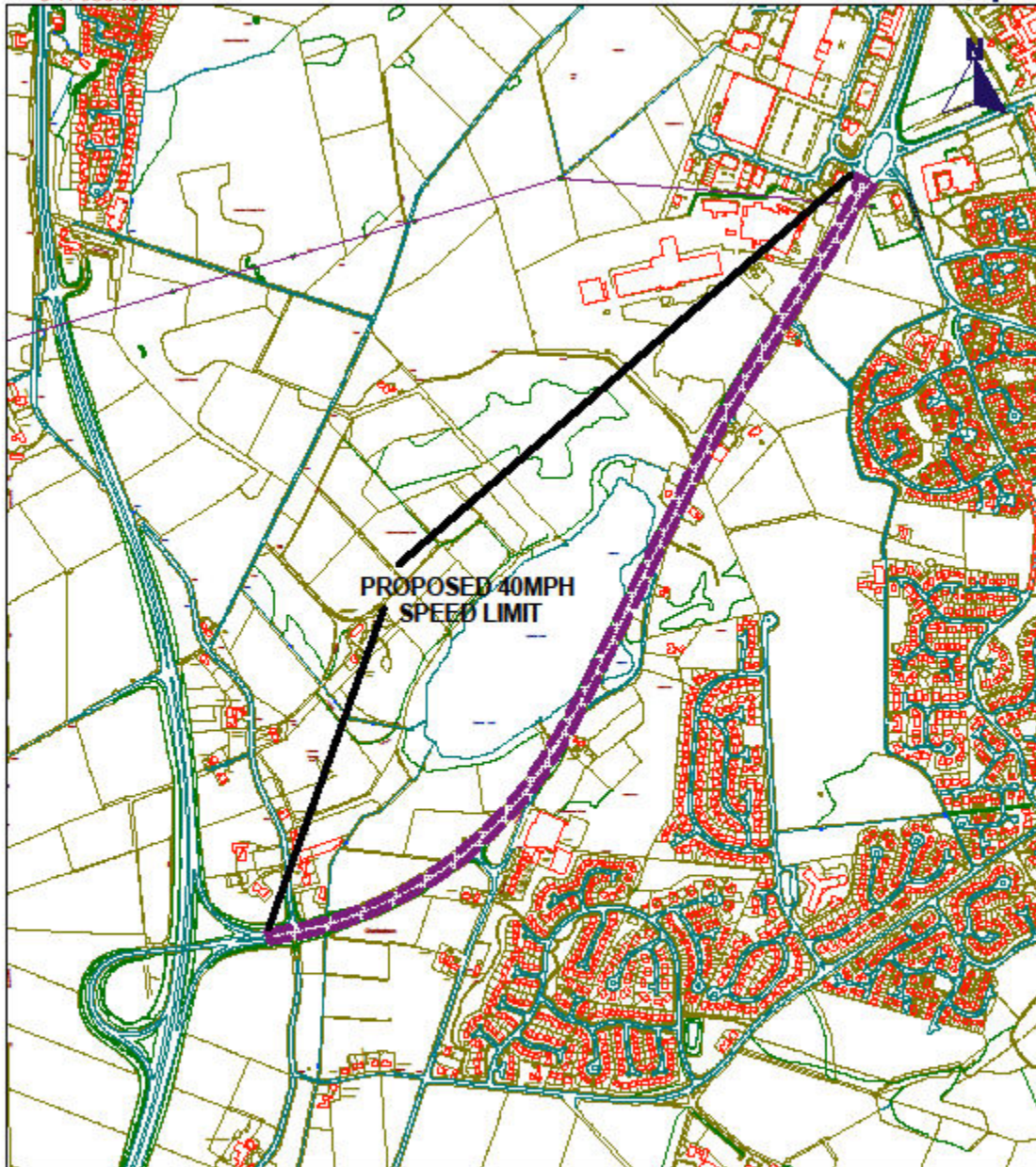
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- **Wellington Road**



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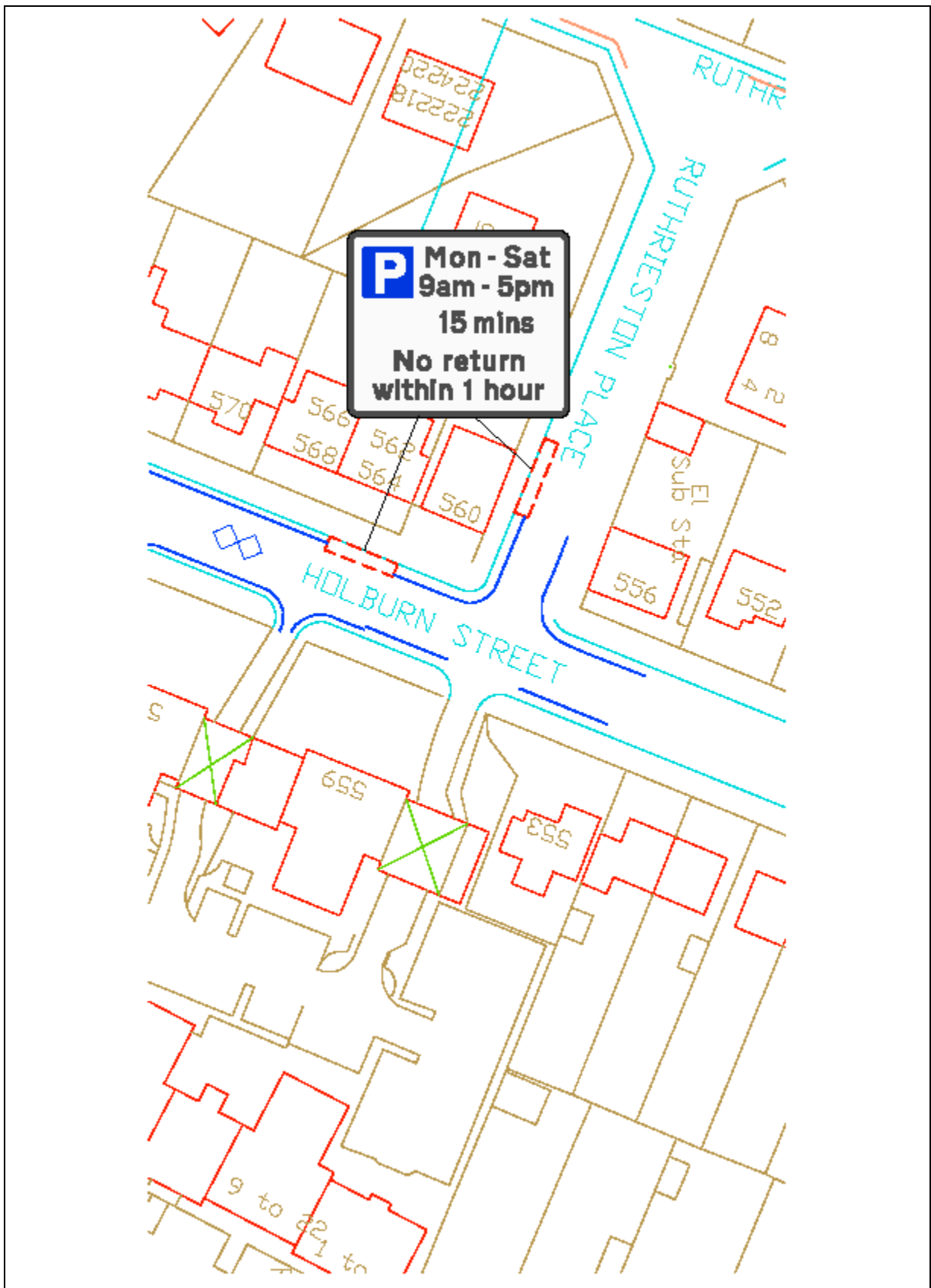
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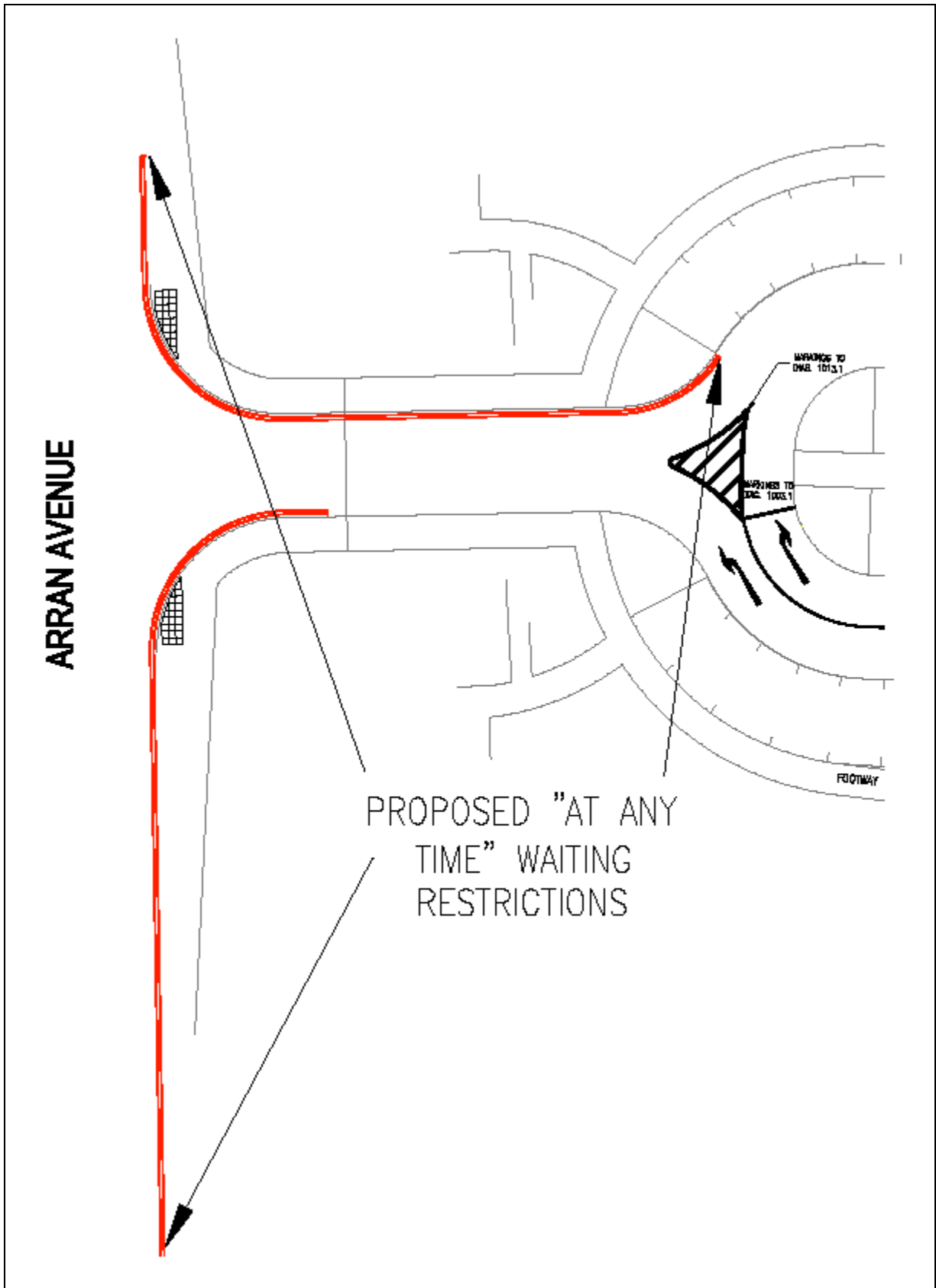
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- Holburn Street



❖ Arran Avenue



Consultees comments

Council Leader – Councillor John Stewart - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee

Convener: Councillor Kate Dean - *has been consulted and requested assurances that, on Wellington Road, the 30mph sections from the previous proposal would remain within the current proposal and these assurances have been given. Councillor Dean also queried the means of communicating the event details to the general public at Allan Park football pitch. We have been unable to get conclusive legal advice to date and this proposal will now be deferred to a future Committee meeting.*

Vice Convener: Councillor Callum McCaig - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Local Members

Councillor George Adam - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Marie Boulton - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Ronald Clark - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor John Coral - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Bill Cormie - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Barney Crocket - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Martin Greig - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Muriel Jaffrey - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Alan Milne - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor George Penny - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Kevin Stewart - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Neil Cooney - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Scott Cassie - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Jillian Wisely - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Ian Yuill - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Yvonne Allan - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor James Kiddie - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Irene Cormack - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Alan Donnelly - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Andrew May - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Jim Hunter - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor John Stewart - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Norman Collie - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor James Noble - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Richard Robertson - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Len Ironside - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Councillor Wendy Stuart - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Lord Provost Peter Stephen - *has been consulted and made no comment;*

City Chamberlain - Susan Cooper – *has been consulted and has no comment to make on these proposals*

City Solicitor - Jane MacEacheran - *has been consulted and made no comment.*

Corporate Director - Gordon McIntosh – Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure - *has been consulted and has no comment to make on these proposals;*

Head of Service - Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure - Margaret Bochel - *has been consulted and has no comment to make on these proposals*

Roads Manager - Mike Cheyne – *has been consulted and made no comment;*

Community Safety Manager – Margaret-Jane Cardno - Neighbourhood Services North - *has been consulted and made no comment*

Community Safety Manager – Neil Carnegie - Neighbourhood Services Central - *has been consulted and made no comment*

Community Safety Manager – Colin Walker - Neighbourhood Services South - *has been consulted and made no comment*

Head of Service, Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure - Hugh Murdoch - *has been consulted and requested that the proposal to ban the left-turn manoeuvre from Beach Esplanade into Accommodation Road be removed from this report for further consideration. This proposal has now been removed.*

Head of Service, Office of Chief Executive – Ciaran Monaghan - Continuous Improvement - *has been consulted and made no comment*

7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A