

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	<b>Communities, Housing and Infrastructure</b>
DATE	<b>19 May 2015</b>
DIRECTOR	<b>Pete Leonard</b>
TITLE OF REPORT	<b>Garthdee/Kaimhill – Proposed Controlled Parking Zone (Stage 3 – Public Advert)</b>
REPORT NUMBER:	<b>CHI/15/176</b>

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report deals with the proposed Garthdee/Kaimhill Controlled Parking Zone Traffic Regulation Order at the final statutory stage; that is to say, the main statutory advertisement period is now over in respect to this order and this report presents the objections received. The public notice, letter to residents and the letters of objection are shown in the appendix of this report.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended this Committee:-

- i. over-rule the objections where the proposals have not been amended.
- ii. approve the amended proposals (as shown in Appendix 5 of this report), in response to the objections received from the businesses on Ruthrie Terrace and Ruthrie Road.
- iii. instruct Officers to make “The Aberdeen City Council (Garthdee / Kaimhill Area, Aberdeen) (Zone YY) (controlled parking and waiting restrictions) Order 201(X)” with amendments and commence implementation of the Controlled Parking Zone.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of the CPZ is to be financed by the Robert Gordon University (RGU) as per the legal agreement associated with the consent for the new Riverside East building at the Garthdee Campus.

The legal agreement associated with the planning permission requires the University to pay for all costs incurred by the council in relation to the implementation of a controlled parking zone in the presently uncontrolled area bounded by Auchinyell Road, Garthdee Road and

the A90 South Anderson Drive. Following implementation, and annually thereafter for a period of ten years, the University has agreed to make payments of; a maximum of £2000 contribution for the administration of resident's permits, a maximum of £2000 contribution for the administration of non-residents permits and an annual payment of £13,000 in relation to the costs of enforcing the controlled parking scheme.

Following implementation, and annually thereafter to the 30 September 2025, Robert Gordon University has agreed to make payments to Aberdeen City Council to cover the cost of the administration and provision of resident's permits. Up to two permits, one fixed (specifying vehicle registration number registered to residents address) and one flexible (for use on any vehicle) will be available to every household at nil cost until 30 September 2025.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The current legal agreement states that implementation of the scheme (if finally approved) is required before the end of November 2015. If the final approval is not agreed at this time there is a concern that the implementation of the CPZ will not meet this tight deadline.

#### 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

- 5.1 At the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee on the 18 March 2015 a report on the results of the Initial Statutory Consultation for a proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Garthdee and Kaimhill area was considered. After deliberation of the report, it was resolved to instruct officers to commence the public consultation process.
- 5.2 The public consultation was carried out from the 24 March 2015 to the 14 April 2015. As well as the statutory obligations of a public consultation, which consisted of advertisement in the Evening Express and site notices (appendix 1), each resident in the area received a letter which provided information on the public consultation. 452 no. letters were delivered to properties in the area. A copy of the letter is shown in appendix 2 of this report. The letter also included a copy of the site notice, and plan as shown in appendix 3. Two 'drop-in' sessions were also organised to give members of the public the opportunity to view the proposals and discuss further with Officers from the Traffic Management Team.
- 5.3 The 'drop-in' sessions were held at Inchgarth Community Centre on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 1pm – 5pm and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 6pm – 8pm. Three (3 no.) residents attended on the Wednesday and seven (7 no.) on the Thursday evening. Four (4 no.) residents made appointments to speak to Officers at Marischal College and one (1 no.) resident was provided with the plans and further details via email.

Officers were surprised by the low turn-out as 452 letters were delivered to properties in the area. It could however be reasonably assumed that this was due to the offer by Robert Gordon University to provide permits until 30 September 2025 at nil cost to residents and the public advertisement detailing this information.

#### Objections raised in response to the proposal

- 5.4 Twenty objections to the proposals were received during the statutory public consultation stage, with two of the objections received from the same household on Ruthrie Terrace. Four objections were received from the business on Ruthrieston Road and Ruthrie Terrace. The objections are shown in appendix 4 of this report.

The objections covered the following themes:

- 5.5 Eight out of the twenty objections raised questioned the requirement of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and eleven objectors highlighted that parking was not an issue. It was noted however that the majority of the objections received came from residents where student parking is currently an issue. The proposals for the CPZ have been put forward to negate the problem with parking (in particular by patrons of the recently expanded RGU campus). The purpose of the CPZ is to encourage commuters associated with the Robert Gordon University Campus to use sustainable transport modes, while protecting on-street parking amenity for residents, and mitigating possible increases in traffic volume on residential streets surrounding the RGU campus and likewise on distributor roads leading to the campus. The CPZ would formalise the parking in the area, protecting parking for residents between the hours of 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday. On-street surveys were carried out on the streets proposed for inclusion and the findings are outlined in a report to the Urgent Business Committee on 27 November 2014.

Residents objections:

- 5.6 From the objections received by residents 10 out of 16 objected to the fact that residents may be expected to pay for permits after 30 September 2025 should further funding not be found. Although Robert Gordon University has agreed to further discussions in year 8 (should the CPZ be implemented) there is no guarantee that residents permits will continue to be at nil cost following the aforementioned date. Whilst RGU are funding the cost of the CPZ there will be no direct costs to this council in relation to the administration of permits and enforcement of the parking restrictions. If following 30 September 2025 the cost of administration and enforcement is passed in full to this council, it is considered that given the current financial constraints that the costs associated with the issue of permits and enforcement it would be necessary to introduce charges for residential permits. It would

therefore be assumed that if further funding was not found that the CPZ would be charged in-line with the other CPZs within the city.

- 5.7 Two objectors included in their response that Aberdeen City Council would be the main beneficiary of the CPZ. It should be noted however that if implemented, any income received goes towards maintaining, administrating and enforcing the CPZ it is considered unlikely that a peripheral CPZ of this type would ever generate any surplus income when taking the aforementioned costs into account.
- 5.8 One resident raised that it was unacceptable to charge people attending a funeral at the Kaimhill Funeral Home on Kaimhill Road. It would however be detrimental to the main aim of the CPZ of protecting parking for residents should 'free' parking along Kaimhill Road and Kaimhill Circle be introduced. To allow for ease of payment within this area, 2 no. 'pay and display' parking meters would be provided. 'Vouchers', 'pay by phone' parking and residents permits would also be able to be used in the bays on the North side of Kaimhill Circle and on Kaimhill Road.
- 5.9 It was also raised by the same resident that households with more than two cars would be penalised. Officers would be in strong opposition of a third permit for households as this could set a precedent in the other controlled parking zones in the city. The number of properties with three vehicles would be small overall and Officers would be concerned that a third permit may be abused by a third party. By allowing third party parking within the area, the CPZ would not be achieving the goal of protecting residential parking and encouraging sustainable transport options. It should be noted that as the proposed CPZ will only be active from 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday, It would be unlikely that all three vehicles would be parked within the CPZ during these times. The flexible permit could therefore be shared between vehicles.
- 5.10 Three residents included in their objection that the controlled parking zone did not guarantee a parking space near to their home. It would however not be possible to protect designated on-street parking spaces for all residents. The purpose of the CPZ is to protect residents parking within the area. By discouraging commuter parking, this will free up parking space for residents throughout the day. Two objectors also raised that the parking available would be reduced by the parking restrictions to be imposed. "At any time" waiting restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) have only been proposed where they are required. This is in line with the guidance set out in The Highway Code, which advises that drivers do not park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction. Waiting restrictions have been formalised within the proposals, however where a vehicle would not be causing an obstruction, the restrictions have been relaxed to allow for increased parking. It is also proposed to introduce lengths of parking without individually marking bays as it has been found in other CPZs in the city this layout increases the number of vehicles that can park within an area.

- 5.11 Four residents highlighted they were against the CPZ as their visitors would have to pay to park. The CPZ would not only protect parking for residents but also their visitors by ensuring on-street parking places were not occupied by long stay commuters. Visitors could either use a flexible permit provided by the person they were visiting or pay for on-street parking by way of the voucher option or 'pay by phone'. Contractors are eligible to purchase an annual permit which costs £550 and covers all on-street parking in Aberdeen City.
- 5.12 It was stated by in one objection received that the CPZ would "limit the freedom of residents". Although the CPZ would be restrictive in terms of the number of vehicles that a resident could park on-street at nil charge, it is proposed that, cross boundary parking would be permitted in the existing Garthdee CPZ and the proposed CPZ. This would allow residents to park anywhere in the Garthdee and Kaimhill areas using their residents parking permit. The zones would be kept separate for administrative reasons only.
- 5.13 Objections to the provision of parking provided by RGU within the campus were raised by eight of the residents and two of the business owners. As part of the planning conditions, RGU were only permitted to provide parking in accordance with the 'Scottish Planning Policy - Transport and Planning Maximum Parking Standards' set by the Scottish Government. A cap on the number of parking spaces allowed for new developments is to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes as well as mitigating possible increases in traffic volume on residential streets surrounding the RGU campus and on the distributor roads leading to the campus. It was also raised that students were only present for 6 months of the year. It is recognised that there are certain times of the year when the majority of students are not present, however the university continues to be operate throughout the year. If the CPZ was only active during term time, the Traffic Regulation Order would become onerous and confusing to residents and their visitors. Signage would be required to be changed on a yearly basis due to differing term times and there would be little benefit to residents as a yearly permit would still require to be applied for.
- 5.14 An objection was received in regard to street furniture clutter. It is inevitable that not all residents will be happy with the outcome however every effort has been made in the design to reduce the amount of street furniture required to adequately implement the scheme thereby minimising the impact upon the street environment.
- 5.15 Concern over parking for the use of the shops at the corner of Kaimhill Road and Garthdee Drive was highlighted by one objector as it was felt that the CPZ would make parking at the convenience store and post office more difficult. In response the CPZ would be active between the hours of 10:00 and 16:00. Four (4 no.) 20 minute parking spaces have been allocated in the proposals which would allow anyone to use the

post office or shop for a time period of 20 minutes without having to purchase a voucher or display their permit. Permits can also be used in the existing Garthdee CPZ allowing residents' to use the facilities in either area without having to purchase a voucher.

- 5.16 One objection was received from residents of a property on Broomhill Road which is located on the outskirts of the proposed CPZ. Concern was raised that vehicles displaced from the proposed CPZ would be detrimental to road safety, in particular when accessing and egressing the driveway of their property if parked cars were found along the frontage. By introducing the CPZ it would be expected that a number of vehicles would be displaced to streets on the periphery of the zone, however it would be envisaged that the current number of commuter vehicles would be reduced due to the walking distance to and from the campus. For road safety reasons 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions have been proposed at the junction of Broomhill Road and Auchinyell Road to restrict parking. The Traffic Management team will also monitor the periphery of the CPZ, if implemented, and introduce traffic management measures if required.

Business objections:

- 5.17 Four objections were received from businesses on Ruthrie Terrace and Ruthrieston Road (Objection numbers 3 to 6 as shown in Appendix 4).

The main themes of the objections, which have not already been addressed in this report, are highlighted in bold:

- 5.18 **Businesses were being penalised as they would be charged for permits** – The aim of the CPZ is to protect on-street residential parking whilst reducing the amount of commuter traffic to the area. To charge the patrons of the RGU but not the other business commuters to the area could be seen as unfair. If permits were set at 'nil' cost to businesses this could set a precedent for other CPZs especially Foresterhill and Old Aberdeen which are both outside the city centre. An objection also highlighted that there was inadequate provision of parking permits for business owners. Similar to the residential permits the number of permits allocated is capped at 2 no. per business. If businesses were allowed to purchase further permits this would be against the commitments set out in the Local Transport Strategy, to encourage commuters to use sustainable modes of transport, and again could set a precedent for other CPZs.
- 5.19 **The CPZ would be detrimental to businesses as there would be no free parking for clients** – In response to the objections it is recommended to committee that the original proposals for residents and visitors parking bays be replaced with a length of '2 hour no return for 1 1/2 hours'. This would enable a reasonable time for visitors to attend appointments at no cost. There are no residential property frontages onto the lengths of road covered by the 'timed' parking bays.

5.20 **A CPZ is not required as students do not park in this area** - At the time the original proposals were being considered, the area including Ruthrie Gardens, Ruthrie Road, Ruthrie Terrace and Ruthrieston Road was swithered on, as at present the surveys show a low number of non-residents vehicles parked in these streets. Nevertheless, if a new Zone was introduced that terminated at the junction of Kaimhill Circle with Ruthrie Terrace, there was on-going concern that vehicles associated with Robert Gordon University (RGU) would displace to these streets. An example of this can be seen with the existing Garthdee CPZ and the streets on the periphery of the zone; Pitmedden Crescent, Garthdee Drive (west), Pitmedden Terrace, Auchinyell Gardens and Auchinyell Terrace which have a high density of non-residents parking. Another concern that can compound the aforementioned issue of displacement is where there are charges for residents permits, and residents instead of purchasing a permit, simply shift their vehicle to the nearest un-restricted street during the operational hours of the Zone. Of course RGU have now given a commitment to fund Residents Parking Permits until 30 September, 2025, however the aforementioned possibility of displaced residents remains a real possibility should charges ever be introduced in the future.

5.21 A meeting between council officers and business owners from the Ruthrieston Road/Ruthrie Terrace business units was held on Monday 20 April to discuss their objections to the CPZ. Amended proposals (appendix 5) were provided prior to the meeting and to allow Officers to determine if these would alleviate any of their concerns. These proposals removed Ruthrieston Road from the proposed CPZ and introduced a length of '2 hour no return within 1.5 hours' parking on Ruthrie Terrace and Ruthrie Road in front of the business units.

5.22 Following the meeting, although the business owners were still opposed to the CPZ in principle, they were in agreement that the amended proposals would alleviate some of their concerns and should be included in the recommendations to committee.

5.23 Officers are aware however that the parking on Ruthrieston Road is currently used by residents and visitors to the sheltered housing. It would be proposed to monitor the street and if parking did become an issue for residents in the future, there is the possibility that this street would be added to the CPZ.

## 6. IMPACT

6.1 Within the Local Development Plan (LDP) the existing Garthdee and Kaimhill areas are zoned as residential. The land upon which the RGU expansion has taken place is zoned as an existing community facility. The Local Transport Strategy (LTS) and the Supplementary Guidance to the LDP aim to minimise single occupancy use of the private car in

favour of more sustainable modes of travel. The aim of introducing a CPZ is to protect on-street residential parking, to discourage patrons of the RGU from using private vehicles and to reduce the volume of traffic on the distributor roads leading to the campus and on the residential streets surrounding the campus. The implementation of the proposed CPZ is considered to adhere to these policies.

- 6.2 The content of the report meets with the Local Community Plan objectives to continually improve road safety and maximize accessibility for pedestrians and all modes of transport.
- 6.3 The proposals are in line with the Council's Transportation Strategy to improve safety for all road users by continuing to reduce the number of casualties in traffic collisions.
- 6.4 The contents of this report link to the Community Plan vision of creating a "sustainable City with an integrated transport system that is accessible to all".

The projects will contribute to the delivery of the Smarter Mobility aims of Aberdeen – *The Smarter City*: "We will develop, maintain and promote road, rail, ferry and air links from the city to the UK and the rest of the world. We will encourage cycling and walking", and "We will provide and promote a sustainable transport system, including cycling, which reduces our carbon emissions."

- 6.5 This project supports the 5 year Corporate Business Plan which includes an aim of delivering a fully integrated transport network to support movement and economic growth.

## 7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Where the recommendations of this report are not accepted there is the risk that road safety levels and traffic management could be compromised, thereby resulting in on-going public concern, negative media reporting, and reputational damage.

If it is not agreed for the implementation of the CPZ to go ahead at this time, there would be a point in the future that it could not be realistically expected that the Robert Gordon University cover the cost of a CPZ scheme. If at this point the issue of parking becomes a greater problem for the residents, any work carried out would become a burden on the council's budget. To implement the scheme would also take a minimum of nine months, due to the legal processes involved.

## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Draft minutes of C,H&I Committee 18 March 2015.

<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=503&MId=3454&Ver=4>

Report presented to the C,H&I Committee 18 March 2015  
<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s45278/Garthdee%20-%20Proposed%20Controlled%20parking%20Zone%20-%20Extension%20Initial%20Statutory.pdf>

Report presented to the Urgent Business Committee 27 November 2014  
<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s42585/Garthdee%20CPZ.pdf>

Minutes of Urgent Business Committee 27 November 2014  
<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=334&MId=3576&Ver=4>

Legal agreement dated 6 and 21 July 2010 between Aberdeen City Council and Robert Gordon University in relation to the consent to planning application P091761.

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## Appendix 1

### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

#### THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL (GARTHDEE/KAIMHILL AREA, ABERDEEN) (ZONE YY) (CONTROLLED PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 200(X)

- Aberdeen City Council proposes to make "The Aberdeen City Council (Garthdee/Kaimhill Area, Aberdeen) (Zone YY) (Controlled Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Order 200(X)" in terms of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- The effect of the order will be to introduce a mixture of residential parking and voucher parking arrangements on certain roads in Garthdee/Kaimhill. However, it is important to note that, as well as residential and voucher bays (usually both, but not always), all of the streets affected will also be subject to the introduction of certain lengths of prohibition of waiting at any time.
- The table below indicates the main set of parking controls for each affected street. Exact descriptions cannot be fitted onto a statutory advertisement of this kind, but the table will allow members of the public to see each category of restriction intended for each of the streets affected.
- The legislation provides for the issue of residential exemption permits. These would be relevant only to the kerbside areas intended for 'resident permit' parking and 'voucher & resident permit' parking. *Although the exclusively residential bays, where in place, may be the more obvious place for residents to contemplate using their permits, they are entirely free to use them in the voucher areas, and are entitled thereby to park in those areas free of all charges and time limitations.* Accordingly, there is no substantive distinction between the significance of an exclusively residential bay and a voucher bay, since, in the nature of the intended strategy, the Council would expect voucher bays to be largely unoccupied as a result of the deterrent effect of the charging system.
- Residential permits will be limited to two per household. Of those, one must be car specific but the other can be non-car-specific. These permits will be available free of charge for residents, with the annual cost being set at 'Nil' from the moment the Zone comes into operation. However, the Council will reserve the right to vary the charge and it is expected after 30 September, 2025, a charge, that is in-line with other controlled parking areas in Aberdeen City, would be introduced. The aforementioned period where residential permits will be available free of charge is the result of financial support from the Robert Gordon University that takes into account the administration, enforcement, and maintenance costs associated with the Zone. If two permits are taken up, one must be of the car specific type while the other can be (but need not be) of the non-car-specific type. It should be noted that someone who does not wish to hold two permits but prefers to have only one is free to hold either of the two types.
- Permits are, of course, not relevant in respect of any prohibition of waiting, whether existing or proposed.
- As regards the voucher requirements, the charges for those who do not hold residential permits or business permits (see below) would be £1.50 for two hours, and £4.50 for the (maximum) period of six hours. For clarity, voucher parking is parking by virtue of a voucher or vouchers displayed in a conspicuous position behind the glass of a vehicle's windscreen. These vouchers may be purchased in Garthdee at L & J's Newagent, 66 Garthdee Drive, and at E I Mackie Pharmacy, 7 Ramsay Crescent. They may also be purchased at the Aberdeen City Council Marschial College Service Centre. The vouchers are in the form of a 'scratch card' on which the day, date, month and intended period of stay can be highlighted by scratching out the appropriate panels.
- There will also be a "telephone payment parking system" that will allow for the purchase of an "electronic" voucher. That is to say a person will be able to use a mobile phone to pay the appropriate charge associated with a voucher parking bay. Accordingly, a voucher is not actually displayed in the vehicle and instead an "electronic" voucher is stored in a handheld device carried by City Wardens. The aforementioned allowing a City Warden to confirm an appropriate payment corresponds with the registration of a parked vehicle. There will be at least one sign with clear instructions regarding the park and phone method of payment within reasonable walking distance of each voucher parking bay.
- A vehicle displaying a disabled persons' blue badge, being properly used, is exempt from voucher or residential permit requirements.

- Also, a person may apply for a permit if he or she is the representative of a business trading at one of the qualifying addresses, and if the permit being sought is to be associated with a specific single identifiable vehicle of which the registration number can be entered on the permit. There is a clear limit of two business permits per address. A business permit will cost £500.00 for a period of 12 months, £260.00 for a period of 6 months, or £135.00 for a period of 3 months.
- While the central provisions of the order are indicated above and in the table. The order also contains a provision for introducing time-limited parking on certain lengths of Garthdee Drive and Pitmedden Terrace. These particular restrictions will operate between the hours of 10am and 4pm on any day, except Saturday and Sunday, and will limit parking to a maximum stay of 20 minutes, with no return within 30 minutes.
- The penalty charge for parking in contravention of any of the provisions brought into effect by this order would be £60.00. A vehicle parked in contravention of the provisions could also be removed by the Council.
- Full details of the proposals are to be found in the draft order, which, together with maps showing the intended measures and an accompanying statement of the Council's reason for promoting them, may be examined during normal office hours on weekdays between Tuesday, 24 March, 2015, and Tuesday, 14 April, 2015, in the offices of the Traffic Management Team at Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen.
- It is recommended that anyone visiting Marischal College to view the documents should make an appointment to do so, in order that a member of staff can be present to offer an explanation if necessary. The telephone numbers are 01224 522308 or 01224 522319.
- Anyone wishing to object to the proposed order should send details of their grounds for objection, along with their name and address, in writing to the undersigned, or by e-mail to [trafficmanagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:trafficmanagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk), during the statutory objection period which runs from Tuesday, 24 March, 2015, to Tuesday, 14 April, 2015, 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 e-mail addresses, telephone numbers and signatures removed from this correspondence.

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Street	Permit Holders Only, 10am - 4pm, Mon-Fri	Voucher / Permit Parking, 10am - 4pm, Mon-Fri	Prohibition of waiting at any time ['double yellow' lines]
Auchinyell Gardens	✓	✓	✓
Auchinyell Gardens (Insert Rd)	✓	✓	✓
Auchinyell Road	✓	✓	✓
Auchinyell Terrace	✓	✓	✓
Broomhill Road			✓
Garthdee Crescent	✓	✓	✓
Garthdee Drive	✓	✓	✓
Garthdee Gardens	✓	✓	✓
Garthdee Terrace	✓	✓	✓
Kaimhill Circle	✓	✓	✓
Kaimhill Gardens	✓	✓	✓
Kaimhill Road	✓	✓	✓
Kaimhill Road (Insert Rd)			✓
Pitmedden Crescent	✓	✓	✓
Pitmedden Terrace		✓	✓
Ruthrie Road		✓	✓
Ruthrie Gardens		✓	✓
Ruthrie Terrace		✓	✓
Ruthrieston Road		✓	✓

## **Appendix 2**

Our Ref. DJR/VR/KD  
Your Ref.  
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23 March 2015

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Dear Sir / Madam

As previously indicated in our letter to you dated 19 November 2014, there are proposals to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in your area. Following committee approval to proceed to statutory consultation, I am writing to inform you that a public consultation for a proposed controlled parking zone in the Garthdee and Kaimhill areas will run from Tuesday 24 March, 2015 to Tuesday 14 April, 2015. A copy of the relevant press/street notice is attached.

All parties, e.g. resident, business and visitor etc. are now given the opportunity to comment on/object to the proposed CPZ. The details of the proposals are available to view during normal office hours on weekdays from 24 March, 2015, to 14 April, 2015, at Marischal College, Aberdeen. I would recommend that if you wish to visit Marischal College to view any of the documents you should make an appointment to do so, in order that a member of staff can be present to provide further information if necessary.

During the public consultation there will be 'drop-in' sessions where Council Officers will be available at Inchgarth Community Centre, Aboyne Place, Garthdee, to answer any queries on the proposals. These sessions will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 1pm to 5pm, and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 6pm to 8pm. Plans of the proposals will also be displayed during these times.

For clarity, Robert Gordon University will pay for the administration of both residents parking permits (fixed/flexible) at no charge up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Thereafter a

charge would be introduced and set in-line with other CPZs within the city at this time.

There will be a cost associated with business permit's that is currently set at £500 annually up to a maximum of two per qualifying business address.

Disabled 'Blue Badge' holders would be exempt from displaying a CPZ permit as long as a current 'blue badge' is clearly displayed within the vehicle. While residents who have their own driveway/private car park, and choose to utilise it, will not have to display a voucher or parking permit; unless parked on-street.

Should you have any concerns or require further clarification please do not hesitate to get in touch with an officer from the Traffic Management team on Tel. 01224 522319 / 522308 or via e-mail to [TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

**Katherine Duncan**  
Technical Officer (Traffic Management)





**Objection 1**

**From:** GAVIN DAVIDSON

**Sent:** 24 March 2015 21:14

**To:** TrafficManagement

**Subject:** Proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

I refer to the recent notification regarding the proposed CPZ in the Kaimhill area. I wish to lodge my objection to this proposal on the following grounds:

1. In my opinion there is not a parking problem in Kaimhill Gardens and surrounding streets. There has been no difference since the last time you asked for residents opinions.

2. I personally am disgusted that people attending funerals at Kaimhill Funeral Home will have to pay to park.

3. Although the permits will be provided for the first 10 years, after this time residents will ultimately have to pay for the pleasure of living in a residential area. I feel this is wholly inappropriate bearing in mind they will have to pay the same as people living in the City Centre.

4. Households with more than 2 cars will be penalised. In the current financial climate young people tend to live longer in the family home due to the lack of affordable housing therefore there can be 3 cars plus.

I hope my objection will be considered and look forward to an end to this preposterous idea.

Gavin Davidson  
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**Objection 2**

**From:** B CRAMB

**Sent:** 26 March 2015 11:43

**To:** TrafficManagement

**Subject:** Re: Proposed Controlled parking zone CPZ

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to object to the proposed order on the grounds that it is unnecessary in our area. In our street we never have problems with student parking & even if we did it would only occur during the day when everyone is working & only for approximately 6 months in the year when the students are studying. Therefore parking restrictions in our area would actually cut down available spaces to people visiting us and be of no benefit to us as we still would not be guaranteed a parking spot either way.

Yours faithfully

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**Objection 3**

**From:** Alan Lyons

**Sent:** 02 April 2015 14:04

**To:** 'TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk'

**Subject:** CPZ Garthdee & Kaimhill

**Importance:** High

Dear Sirs,

Further to your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> March regarding the proposed CPZ for Garthdee & Kaimhill I am writing to strongly oppose the principle of charging small local business owners like myself £500 per annum for the privilege of parking outside our office.

As far as I am aware there has been an agreement between RGU and the Council to provide free permits for local residents within the area. Why should we as business people be penalised ( on top of our rates and other charges ) for both the RGU and Councils failure to provide adequate parking facilities for both staff and students on Campus ?

I understand that the premise during the development of the RGU site was to restrict parking spaces to encourage people to take public transport or walk. This policy has obviously failed or this CPZ proposal would not be on the table. Again this is not our fault and we should not be penalised.

I would be grateful if you could reply to my email to confirm receipt and advise if there is any other avenue for myself and other business owners to air our views to the relevant parties.

Just a bit of additional information about our business. As our name suggests we are an office furniture supplier and we have an office and showroom at Rurhrieston Rd.

As well as members of our own staff coming and going from our premises we have clients and suppliers visiting the showroom on a regular basis. The permit and parking costs previously discussed would have a detrimental effect on our business.

Best Regards Alan

Alan Lyons

Director



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Balmanno House, Ruthrieston Road, Aberdeen, AB10 7JR

## Objection 4



9 April 2015

Communities, Housing and Infrastructure  
Aberdeen City Council  
Traffic Management Team  
Business Hub 10, Level 2 South  
Marischal College  
Broad Street  
Aberdeen  
AB10 1AB

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Proposed CPZ around Ruthrie Terrace/Ruthrieston Road**

It has recently been brought to my attention that there is a proposal for a Controlled Parking Zone around Ruthrie Terrace and Ruthrieston Road in Aberdeen.

I am a self-employed yoga teacher running a small yoga studio on the corner of Ruthrie Terrace and Ruthrieston Road and very much rely on the fact that my students can arrive to a class at my studio without having to pay for parking or in fact have any kind of trouble parking in this area.

I strongly object to any kind of parking restrictions being brought to this area. If you do so, I will without a doubt go out of business. Is that really what the Aberdeen City Council wants for this area – to decimate small businesses?

The Yoga Spot has been here since August 2007 and there have never been any problems in that time for people parking – the residents and other small businesses are also very supportive of my business and I have never had to deal with complaints.

It is hard to comprehend that students of RGU will park their cars in this area and therefore no need for the CPZ to be brought here.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Yours faithfully,

Michele Ross Dickinson

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## Objection 5

145 Broomhill Road  
Aberdeen.  
AB10 6JQ  
06/04/15

Communities, Housing and Infrastructure  
Aberdeen City Council  
Traffic Management Team  
Business Hub 10, Level 2 South  
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### PROPOSED CPZ INCLUDING RUTHRIESTON ROAD

\* Also  
10 Ruthrieston

I refer to the proposed Controlled Parking Zone of which I have recently been advised. As an owner of small business premises at 5 Ruthrieston Road I object to the inclusion of this section of Ruthrieston Road in the proposed CPZ on the grounds that it is totally unnecessary as proposed, and consequently an unnecessary burden on the two small business premises effected. Apart from the sheltered housing on one side of the first section of this road there are no other domestic properties on the entire length of the road as included in the CPZ.

I ran a small architectural practice and have owned the premises at 5 Ruthrieston road for nearly twenty years and there has never been any parking problems whatsoever on this section of road, in fact for the most part there are no cars at all park in the area from the sheltered housing complex to the old railway bridge and no housing or other premises are accessed from this part of the road either. It is therefore difficult to imagine who this part of the CPZ is intended to protect. It is certainly not the two small businesses which have never had any reason to complain about parking in the past and are now threatened with having to pay £1000 for two permits plus additional cost for staff & client parking all to fund a parking problem which presently does not exist, but is perceived to result in the future from the presence of Robert Gordon University and/or the actions of Aberdeen City Council.

If the Council consider it necessary to give additional protection to the sheltered housing, and the residents agree, then a section of (resident only) controlled parking could be installed along the frontage of the sheltered housing only, which has proved in the past to be sufficient to meet their needs and will, for the next 10 years at least, be funded by RGU.

This area is at the extreme end of the proposed CPZ and is now quite a considerable distance from the university. It is probably quite unlikely anyway that many students would be prepared to park this far away and walk the distance in all weather. Even if there was the odd hardy individual, this particular section of road could cope quite comfortably without complaints or compromise from any existing properties.

Yours Faithfully,

Ian D McPherson

## **Objection 6**

Ref: IR/ACC Parking  
Date: 11 April 2015



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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **PROPOSED CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ) IN KAIMHILL, ABERDEEN**

As the owner of Ian Rodger Architects, and in receipt of the letter dated 23 March from your department, I should wish to express my grave concerns – and lodge my statutory objection – to the above proposed extension of the CPZ into Kaimhill.

Six people work at Ian Rodger Architects. As a resident in Garthdee my car consequently has a parking permit in any case. One employee cycles the short distance to and from the office. The remaining four employees drive from outwith the city centre to work. At present there are no difficulties with parking around the office; with staff and visitors able to park on Ruthrie Terrace & Ruthrieston Road without even sitting in front of any residential properties. There is a relaxed & friendly relationship between the businesses (4No) in our block, and the local houses and sheltered housing; and we have no reason – and Aberdeen City Council has no evidence – to suspect this will change.

Instead, we can only assume (given the failure of Aberdeen City Council to explain the reasons behind their proposals) there is a worry that pressure of parking will be imposed on our business area by students of RGU.

My business is located within a residential area, out-with the city centre, which should not be treated differently from other similar areas in Aberdeen in terms of parking restrictions; especially if it comes down to a lack of suitable parking provision at the new RGU campus.

If only the clock could be turned back ..... If RGU provided free parking on campus for their students: RGU wouldn't have to pay the City Council monies towards residents' permits; and there wouldn't be any pressure on parking in Garthdee, let alone Kaimhill! And if ACC Planning ensured appropriate levels of car parking were imposed on RGU development proposals, we wouldn't be in this position!

As it is – with the current CPZ proposals of £500 per annum for a business parking permit, and limited to 2No per business address – Ian Rodger Architects will have to pay a sum of £1,000 per year, and two of my employees will be parking in amongst the houses in Morningside/Mannofield. And, let's face it, the RGU pupils will also be parking in that area, along with Deeside Gardens etc, in order to avoid the car parking costs imposed by both RGU and Aberdeen City Council. This is an unacceptable penalty to be faced by a small business – and the other businesses in this block – for the short-sightedness of RGU and ACC to anticipate the impact of their approach to parking at the campus.

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If both RGU and ACC can't work together to ensure there is an adequate parking provision for staff & students at the RGU campus – and those spaces are free to those users – then I can appreciate the extension of the CPZ to include Kaimhill (up to Kaimhill Circle & Garthdee Crescent); but I cannot imagine that the outlying area of Ruthrieston (Ruthrie Road, Ruthrie Terrace, and Ruthrieston Road) will be necessary for inclusion.

I trust that this letter can be viewed as a formal objection to the current CPZ proposals, and I should ask that you confirm receipt of this via email (as I'll also email a preview to your department).

Yours faithfully,

Ian Rodger

CC Local Councillors, via email:  
Angela Taylor  
Gordon Townson  
Ian Yuill

**Objection 7**

**From:** Pet Comforts

**Sent:** 06 April 2015 20:03

**To:** TrafficManagement

**Subject:** Re: Proposed Controlled parking zone CPZ

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to object to the proposed order on the grounds that we do not need it in our street . In our street where we live we never have any problem with student parking and if we did it would only happen during the day when most of the residents are working. Therefore parking restrictions could only cut down spaces available to ourselves and our visitors and would be of no benefit to us at all. Also the students are only here for half the year and we would be penalised for parking with the charges.

Yours faithfully

Dave Adam

6 Garthdee Gardens

Aberdeen

AB10 7JF

**Objection 8**

**From:** CHRISTINE CALDER

**Sent:** 13 April 2015 13:04

**To:** TrafficManagement

**Subject:** Proposed Controlled Parking Zone Garthdee/Kaimhill Area

For the attention of Jane MacEachran

Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Aberdeen City Council, Town House, Aberdeen AB10 1AQ

Dear Madam,

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Aberdeen City Council (Garthdee/Kaimhill Area, Aberdeen)

(Zone YY) (Controlled Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Order 200(X)

I wish to object to the proposed Order referenced above on the following grounds:

1. There is no formal or binding guarantee that Robert Gordon University (RGU) will continue to fund Controlled Parking in this area until 2025, during which time there will be both staff and policy changes at the University. In any case, by the year 2025, the permit costs could be considerably more. Have we not already paid in Council Tax for the roads outside our homes?
2. Having a permit does not guarantee you (or a utility vehicle providing services to your home) a space near to your home. The parking zone street markings will also reduce the amount of space generally available, especially in a small cul-de-sac, such as Garthdee Gardens. To date, we have had no problems with parking, largely due to neighbourly respect for others.
3. Friends and relatives will have to pay for the privilege of coming to visit you by car, assuming they are able to find a space at all. An extended visit will be even more costly.
4. RGU obviously made a serious miscalculation when estimating the number of car parking spaces required for students (in particular), staff and visitors at the building planning stages. The University should be encouraged to consider other options, such as a one-to-three storey parking facility, or incentive schemes to leave your car at home, before rushing into controlled parking in the Garthdee/Kaimhill area.
5. The main beneficiary of the proposed controlled parking would appear to be Aberdeen City Council.

Yours faithfully,  
Christine M. Calder (Ms)

5 Garthdee Gardens  
Aberdeen  
AB10 7JF

**Objection 9**

**From:** Pauline Gordon

**Sent:** 04 April 2015 18:21

**To:** TrafficManagement

**Subject:** Objection to extension of parking zones (Garthdee/Kaimhill area)

Wilma Gordon

31 Kaimhill Road  
Garthdee  
Aberdeen  
AB10 7JJ

4<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Dear Jane MacEachran,

Please accept this letter as my objection to the Kaimhill parking zone plans.

In my opinion introducing parking zones in the Kaimhill area would limit the freedom of residents and cause more difficulty for friends and relatives when visiting the area. For these reasons I strongly feel the plans are unnecessary and would not wholly benefit the residents of Kaimhill.

Yours Sincerely

Wilma Gordon

Wilma Gordon

## **Objection 10**

**From:** sandra leslie  
**Sent:** 10 April 2015 08:27  
**To:** TrafficManagement  
**Subject:** car parking zones garthdee/kaimhill

To whom it may concern,

I write yo you with regards to the proposed parking zones for the above.

For months I have supported Paul Connor and Gordon Townson and many others in this flight to stop charges in our home streets. As a resident of Garthdee for over 50 years, I along with my neighbours enjoy the peace and tranquility that Garthdee once was, however since the arrival of RGU and various expanded stores this has changed and traffic is a nightmare.

My street alone has seen the death of two pets run over ( I dread to think if it had been a child ! ) or an elderly person and with the extra traffic for football games and students it is sometimes impossible to get parked at my own front door !!!  
Not so long ago I had to have workmen carry a new door along the street with their tools to complete my job ( I do not have the luxury of a driveway ) as the council many years ago put pipes in my garden and did not leave plans as to where they were. !

As a council paying member of the community I do not feel that a residential area should have to pay for parking permits especially ones that do not guarantee parking outside my own front door.

RGU I feel should have had a multi storey car park built within their grounds to cover the participants of it's money making premises and we the residents should not be endured to anymore false promises by them.

This is why I act now to say NO PARKING CHARGES IN GARTHDEE FOR RESIDENTS !!!! Charge the students who are so 'poor ' !!!! and get them to park where they study !!!!!

Regards

Sandra and Chris Leslie  
18 garthdee crescent  
Aberdeen  
Ab107hp

## **Objection 11**

I would like to object to the parking restrictions proposed for the Garthdee/Kaimhill area.

I live in Kaimhill and there is a very busy corner shop/post office and primary school adjacent to me which is the hub of our community here.

I can't see how this is going to benefit the community at all as if everything is to go ahead where are people going to park to get to the shop? It will ruin the valuable local shop, none of the disabled or elderly will be able to get to the post office let alone anyone else. You really haven't thought this through and what an inconvenience you are causing to our close knit community. The council are supposed to serve communities not wreck them.

Surely it would be better to use your wardens to stop the students parking where they shouldn't and blocking all the available parking there is left in Garthdee. You have known about this problem for years so why are we the residents being held to ransom by RGU. it's not fair and what will the charges be once we reach 2025?

Most families here will not be able to afford it.

What has happened to our city council who want to burden their residents with more charges? It's all very financial these days and I for one wonder what kind of city this is becoming.

I formally object to this proposal.

Regards  
Sonia Thomson  
33 Kaimhill Road

## **Objection 12**

**From:** sandra.cruickshank  
**Sent:** 06 April 2015 15:06  
**To:** TrafficManagement  
**Subject:** Garthdee/Kaimhill parking zone

I'm am writing to object to the future parking charges that will be incurred by yourselves from 2025. Garthdee and Kaimhill is a residential area, not in the centre of town, so should not be subjected to any charges. I fortunately have a drive that I can park my car in but I do not want my family and friends to have to pay to come and visit me. Aberdeen City Council are only planning on charging us because of the University in our district. Why should we be penalised for this reason ? We pay enough in council tax which, in my opinion, should cover all aspects of services that the council provide. We should not have to pay and charges which I'm sure will end up being extortionate.

I'm am really hoping that this e-mail, along with other residents e-mails and letters of objection, be read and considered.

Regards,

Sandra Cruickshank,  
4 Pitmedden Crescent, Garthdee.

**Objection 13**

**From:** moira still

**Sent:** 13 April 2015 23:19

**To:** TrafficManagement

**Subject:** Garthdee controlled parking zone extension.

I wish to object to having a controlled parking zone in my area. i have lived in this street for almost 30 years, and have watched the area being ruined by reckless planning and building, particularly by RGU. We never had parking problems in Garthdee before this was allowed to take place. RGU should never have been given the go ahead to build without proper provision in place for parking. I am aware that the Scottish Office would not allow a multi - storey car park to be built by RGU, and surely if sensible planning rules were being adhered to, the extension of RGU would not have gone ahead.

I have no interest in any of my visitors being expected to pay to park in my street.

I also require that my street is not defaced by line markings, or any other signs to do with parking zones.

I am appalled that the council has the nerve to waste time and money on this when there are people in the city surviving on handouts from poorly stocked food banks.

I look forward to your comments on the above. Thank you.

Moira C. Still

Garthdee Resident (Address redacted)

**Objection 14**

124 Garthdee Drive,  
ABERDEEN,  
AB10 7HX

Jane MacEachran,  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services,  
Aberdeen City Council,  
Town House,  
ABERDEEN.  
AB10 1AQ

10 April 2015

Dear Ms MacEachran,

**Rezoning of parking in Garthdee**

I wish to register that I DO NOT consent to the above and would appreciate if the councillors deciding on how this will impact on the older residents would take a minute to put their own older relatives in this position. Visitors do not only come at weekends and evenings when I imagine people can park anywhere. How can older residents expect visitors to either pay for parking or risk getting a parking ticket. When I have visitors there are often a few cars which would mean asking them to pay to visit me, this is certainly one way of isolating older folk.

The Council is the only one benefitting from this extra income as there is very little money spent on the Garthdee area.

It's a pity the Council did not listen to the residents of Garthdee when the RGU wanted to move into the area.

Yours faithfully,

Aileen Taylor (Mrs.)

**From:** aileen  
**Sent:** 10 April 2015 12:42  
**To:** TrafficManagement  
**Subject:** Rezoning of Parking in Garthdee

I am very much against the plan to extend the parking restrictions which will encompass my home in Garthdee Drive. This will be a great inconvenience to any visitors who might wish to visit during daytime hours and will certainly not enhance my life in any way, in fact it will cause problems if more than one person decides to visit. It will not make any difference to the amount of cars parked outside, only that they will have to pay and therefore only the Council will benefit. I wish to register my view AGAINST the rezoning of parking and hope the Councillors for once actually listen to the people of Garthdee and not just ride roughshod over them.

Aileen Taylor (Mrs)

Objection 15

1 Ruthrie Terrace  
Aberdeen  
AB10 7JY

Aberdeen City Council  
Communities, Housing & Infrastructure  
Traffic Management Team  
Business Hub 10, Level 2 South  
Marischal College  
Broad Street  
Aberdeen  
AB10 1AB

14 April 2015

Dear Sirs

**CPZ KAIMHILL, ABERDEEN (PROPOSED)**

I am writing to you regarding the above proposed parking restrictions within my neighbourhood.

I have in fact replied to a questionnaire previously, but doubt that this would be taken into consideration as an objection, so here goes:

I do strongly object to the parking charges being levied on the residents of Kaimhill. The reasons given are weak and smack of daylight robbery incognito. It is customary for a Planning application to have taken into account the amount of parking required for a new building. The fact that Aberdeen City Council Planning department passed the plans for a building/s of the size at the Garthdee campus without stipulating that there should be adequate parking for the staff and students (free) is beyond reckless and naïve. To then ask the residents of the surrounding area to stump up to park outside their own doors, as they have been doing all their lives is incredulous.

The parking on Ruthrieston Road will be stretched if the proposal goes ahead as I believe that this presently is not on the radar. My own house backs onto Ruthrieston Road, which is a no-through road, and I will watch closely at the potential mayhem and possible disruption to the elderly residents of Ruthrieston Court.

Please do take this letter as a firm statutory objection to this proposal.

In laymans terms what we have here is another almighty cock up from Aberdeen City Council Planning Department, then having the audacity of asking us, the residents to pay. We are all disgusted with this.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Lynn Trykowski  
Objection 16

GRAHAM MCLEAN,  
97 GARTHDEE DRIVE,  
ABERDEEN.

AB10 7HT.

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JANE MACEACHRAN,  
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES,  
ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL,  
TOWN HOUSE,  
ABERDEEN.  
AB10 1AQ.

Dear JANE MACEACHRAN,

I am writing to object formally to the proposed extension of the GARTHDEE/KAIMHILL PARKING ZONE. It is a disregarding of the views of the local community that no formal consultation letter has been issued.

There is quite serious discontent, even anger that the city council is seeking to establish a parking charge - even if it is proposed to delay it until 2025. Basically, the city council in its historical agreement with RCU made an inadequate arrangement. It is now proposed to place the costs of that inadequate arrangement on the local population - albeit from 2025. This may be technically legal but the disregard of local people is unwise. The costs of the inadequate historical arrangement with RCU should be borne by the council itself which made that arrangement.

Yours sincerely,



Objection 17

From: Donnah Blake

Sent: 13 April 2015 18:45

To: TrafficManagement

Cc: Marie Ingram

Subject: Objection - extension of Garthdee Kaimhill parking zone

> Dear Mrs MacEachran

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> We would like to object against the extension of the Garthdee/ Kaimhill parking zone to outside our home 330 Broomhill Road.

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> Our driveway is very close to the bend where Morningside Road meets Broomhill Road. It is precarious at the moment reversing in and driving out when cars come round the blind corner.

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> If a parking zone is made and there are parked cars on either side of the driveway the access to the driveway will be extremely dangerous. To access our driveway the car will have to be in the middle of the road to reverse in. Vision will be obstructed when driving out due to parked cars. This will be extremely dangerous when cars travel round the corner, especially at speed.

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> We look forward to hearing from you.

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> Your sincerely

> Donnah Blake & Margaret Hutchinson & Marie Ingram

Objection 18

**From:** David Bruce

**Sent:** 14 April 2015 14:47

**To:** TrafficManagement

**Subject:** Garthdee – Proposed Controlled Parking Zone objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed controlled parking restrictions in the Garthdee/Kaimhill area. Whilst I understand that there is a need to protect certain areas to ensure that residents are given street priority over students I feel as though the proposal is disproportionate to the problem.

I live at 15 Ruthrie Terrace, AB10 7JY and thus I would become subject to the new parking restrictions. In the 10 years that I have lived at this property I have completed a degree, worked a shift based job and I am currently completing a second degree. This irregular working pattern means that I often have days at home during university term time. During those 10 years I have never seen an issue with students using our street to park on. This includes the surrounding streets up as far as Kaimhill Circle, Kaimhill Road, Auchinyell road and Headland Court. The walk from these areas to the main campus of RGU is a minimum 20 minute walk at an average walking pace. Simply put it would be more beneficial to students to take the bus than it would be to park and walk.

I understand that RGU have agreed to subsidise the parking fees for residents for a fixed term however I feel this is an inadequate compromise. When that time period lapses and residents are forced to pay for their own parking it becomes an unfair tax. Currently there is no issue getting parked on or around our street at any point of the day. To be taxed for the luxury of ensuring you can park on an unoccupied street is absurd.

I believe that it is the councils responsibility to put the welfare of it's residents ahead of the commercial gain of businesses. A fair resolution to this would be to have RGU indefinitely fund the parking restrictions, to issue the parking passes free of charge paid for from council tax or to refuse RGU further expansion until they provide adequate parking facilities for the quantity of buildings they wish to have.

Promises were made when RGU was first built. I believe that in order for this council to adhere to the democratic values that entrusted them with the power to make this decision they must refuse to implement this unfair parking tax. The vast majority of people or groups that were asked to offer an opinion during the committee meeting on the 18th of March refused to do so. The vast majority of residents that will be affected by the restriction have remained vocal. Walking along the streets you are flooded by the posters in the windows objecting to these ludicrous restrictions. I implore you, for the sake of common sense and democracy, to refuse these proposed restrictions, to hold RGU accountable for failing to ensure it has the necessary infrastructure to maintain it's expansion and to avoid making this already expensive city even more expensive for ordinary people.

I hope the voices of the people are heard over commercial gain.

Yours faithfully

David Bruce

Objection 19

**From:** Vivien Bruce

**Sent:** 14 April 2015 13:57

**To:** TrafficManagement

**Subject:** Garthdee - Proposed Controlled Parking Zone

I wish to object to the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) being proposed for Garthdee.

I have lived in Ruthrie Terrace since 2005 and during that time we have never had an issue with patrons of RGU parking and then walking to the campus. I firmly believe we are too far away for anyone to park and then walk to the campus.

I work in the city centre and we are encouraged not take our cars but to utilise public transport which I do. I pay my council tax, road tax, I have a yearly bus pas and now, potentially, would have to pay either for the privilege of parking outside my own home or paying to park in the city centre! To say I am unhappy with the proposed scheme is an understatement.

As RGU continue to expand the campus at Garthdee, they should ensure that there is adequate parking for the needs of the patrons.

If the proposal goes ahead (and I feel that it will despite the protests of the people it will affect!) I think a scheme should be put in place whereby residents can register their cars and are given free parking permits. This information could be held on a database and City Wardens patrolling the areas would have access to this data base and would know which cars were entitled to be there and which were not.

As I said at the start of my email I object strongly to this CPZ being put in place.

Kindly acknowledge safe receipt.

Yours sincerely

**Vivien Bruce**

Objection 20

**From:** Colin Cran

**Sent:** 14 April 2015 21:54

**To:** TrafficManagement

**Subject:** Fwd: Garthdee/Kaimhill parking zone.

Colin Cran  
29 Auchinyell Gardens  
Garthdee  
AB10 7DS

Dear Sir/Madam,

Just a quick note to let you know I strongly disagree with the parking charge after the 10 period comes to an end, please feel free to use my Council tax charge for this. I see this a cynical ploy to extract funds through this charge rather than a rise in Council tax, I'll also bet that the £80 and £120 charge will rise at the first possible occasion.

Regards,

Colin.

# Appendix 5

## Amendments to Ruthrie Road, Ruthrie Terrace and Ruthrieston Road

