

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Communities, Housing and Infrastructure
DATE	20 January 2015
DIRECTOR	Pete Leonard
TITLE OF REPORT	A96 Park & Choose and Dyce Link road (Stage 1 – Traffic Management)
REPORT NUMBER	CHI/15/330
CHECKLIST COMPLETED	Yes

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Committee of the proposed restrictions associated with the ongoing construction of the A96 Park and Choose car park which require to be progressed through the legal process for the required Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended by officers that:-

1. The Committee note the proposed traffic management restrictions and the proposed parking restrictions within the car park.
2. Instruct Officers to commence the necessary legal procedures of statutory consultation for the various Traffic Regulation Orders required as described in this report. If not significant objections are received, to then progress to the public advertisement stage and report the results back to a future meeting of this Committee.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for this project has been identified within the current capital budget laid out by Council for this specific scheme, which allows for an estimated £15.2M expenditure. The various traffic management proposals contained within this report will be minimal and form part of the overall scheme costs.

The above estimated expenditure does not include the purchase and installation of an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) unit and

that for a bus lane enforcement camera, which is estimated to be between £60,000 - £85,000 and £25,000 respectively. The costs of these machines will require to be prioritised within the 2016/2017 Bus Lane Enforcement Expenditure programme.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

#### 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

- 5.1 The A96 Park and Choose site is scheduled to open in mid-2016 and will offer a competitive alternative to car travel for those travelling to and from the City from the north-west of Aberdeen, with benefits in terms of reducing congestion, improving air quality, and encouraging healthier and more sustainable lifestyles.

This project also incorporates a new 3 lane dual-carriageway Link Road between the A96 and Dyce Drive / Argyll Road junction. This will allow easier access to and from the A96 and, once open, the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR).

- 5.2 At its meeting on 19 May 2015 the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee considered a report in which officers presented 5 options for managing the usage of the A96 Park and Choose car park once the site becomes operational. It was recommended Committee agrees the implementation of the preferred option outlined by officers and to commence the necessary statutory Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process.

Committee resolved to approve the recommendation by officers, which is to have the parking at the site free but time-limited to 36 hours using ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) technology to regulate. Those using the site for longer than the maximum duration stated will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

#### 5.3 **Traffic Management Proposals**

In addition to the proposed parking restrictions within the Park and Choose site, there is further traffic management restrictions that also require to complete the necessary legal process within the site and the surrounding area in order for this new amenity to operate effectively. All proposals / restrictions can be seen within the Appendix 1.

- 5.4 A speed limit of 40mph is to be introduced on the new section of carriageway from its junction with the A96, northwards to its junction

with Dyce Drive / Argyll Road. There is a requirement to maintain free flowing traffic on this section of road and it is therefore proposed to introduce an 'Urban Clearway' on the aforementioned section of carriageway.

- 5.5 Within the Park and Choose site, it is proposed to introduce a section of 'prohibition of driving except for buses' within the central bus terminus, a 20mph speed limit and a short section of bus lane on the access road through the site.
- 5.6 Given the above it is recommended that the Committee instructs officers to progress with the necessary legal procedures for all restrictions associated with the new A96 Park and Choose and Dyce Link Road, as to be finalised upon completion of these works.

## 6. IMPACT

**Improving Customer Experience** – The content of the report meets with the local Community Plan objectives and as the recommendation is to approve the proposals, there will be a positive impact on current customer experience.

**Improving Staff Experience** – N/A

**Improving our use of Resources** – N/A

**Corporate** – The contents of this report links to the Community Plan vision of creating a “sustainable City with an integrated transport system that is accessible to all”, and will contribute to delivery of the Smarter Mobility aims of Aberdeen – The Smarter City: We will provide and promote a sustainable transport system, including cycling, which reduces our carbon emissions.

This will also assist in the delivery of actions identified in the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2013, in particular the Thematic Priority of Safer Communities (Safer Roads) and the Multi-lateral Priority – Integrated Transport (Aberdeen is easy to access and move around in).

**Public** – This report may be of interest to members of the public as it concerns the proposed management regime of a forthcoming asset that will be of benefit to many people living in and around Aberdeen.

An Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) has been prepared to accompany this report and noted no negative impacts are anticipated on protected groups.

A Privacy Impact Assessment has not been undertaken for the report as, although the report recommends the implementation of ANPR technology at this location, involving the capture of vehicle registration details from which personal information can be extrapolated, such

information will be handled in accordance with procedures already in place for the issuing of PCNs (Penalty Charge Notice) in response to parking offences and bus lane violations. There is an existing agreement where, following the issuing of a PCN, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) will release the name and address of the offender to the Council so that a letter can be issued requesting payment of the PCN. Once the PCN has been paid or cancelled, records must be purged to remove any personal information.

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## 7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

There exists a risk that not having the optimum car park management regime in place could result in abuse of the site, leading to reduced availability of car parking spaces for legitimate users. Abuse of the site, or a lack of attraction in the site amongst potential users, could lead to a continued/increase in car travel throughout the area, potentially

leading to a worsening of air quality and an increase in carbon dioxide emissions. The option being progressed for implementation, though not without risks, is believed to be the option which minimises these risks as much as possible.

In addition, the risks identified with the further traffic management proposals and the potential to impact negatively or positively on the decision required of the Committee it has been assumed that the risk is low. The introduction of the Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the A96 Park and Choose and the Dyce Link Road are necessary in order to regulate vehicular movements, speeds and parking within the vicinity.

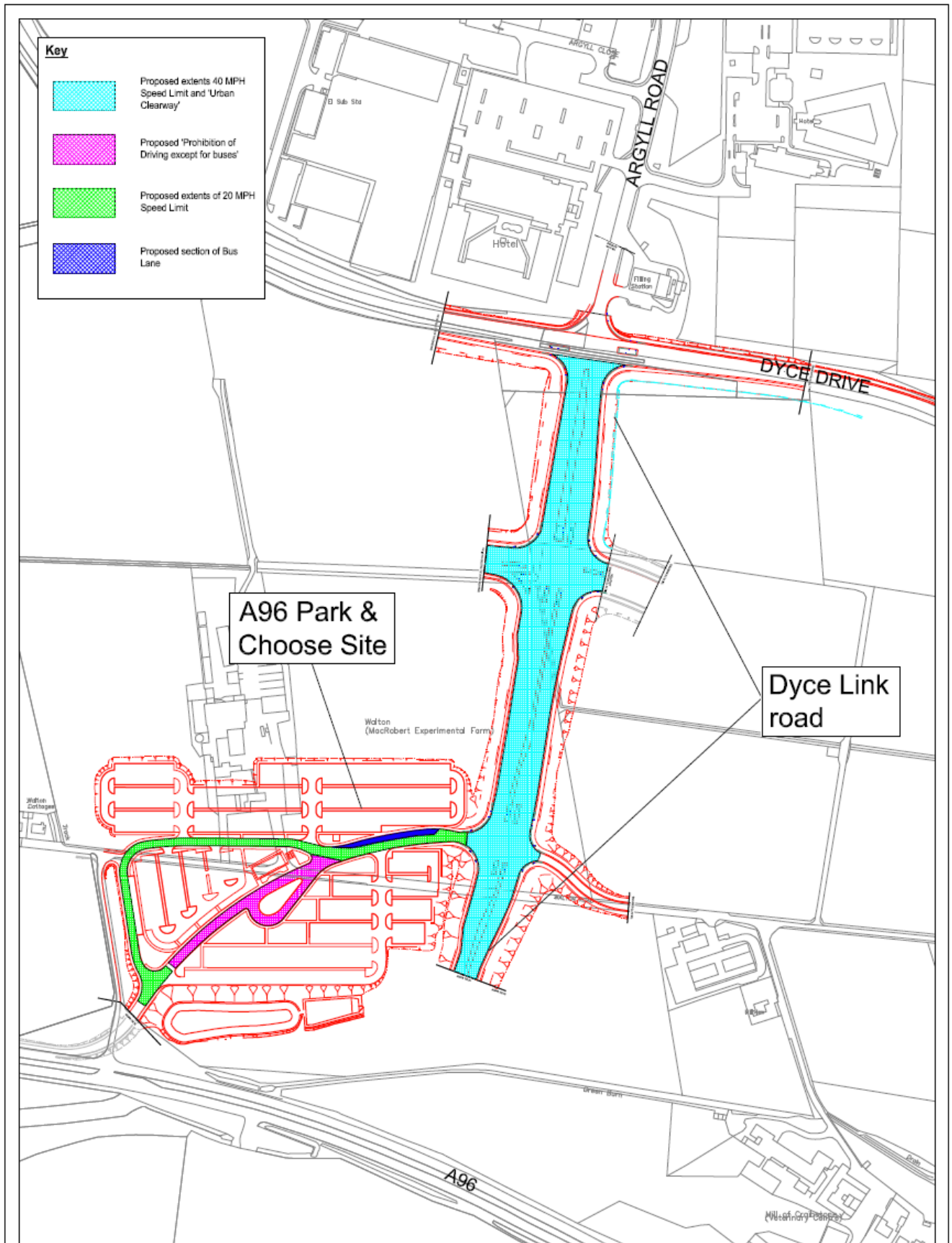
## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS


Report of 'CHI/15/141 – A96 Park and Choose Operation' submitted to Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee on 19 May 2015.  
<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/documents/s46583/A96%20Park%20and%20Choose%20Operation.pdf>

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# APPENDIX 1



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