

COMMITTEE **Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure**

DATE **20<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

DIRECTOR **Gordon McIntosh**

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

REPORT NUMBER **EPI/10/081**

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### **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 officials. It also brings forward 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**

Currently there is a rolling programme for the Non-housing Road Safety and Traffic Calming capital budget and, due to the length of time taken for the legal process required for the Traffic Regulation Order, funding for these schemes will come from the 2010/2011 "Non-housing Road Safety and Traffic Calming" capital budget or some other future budget.

Developer associated traffic management proposals are only 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 is 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.

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.

#### **5. 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.

#### **6. REPORT**

There are traffic management proposals for twelve locations brought forward during the course of routine examination of road safety, traffic flows and three proposals resulting from a planning application:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funded from the Non-housing Road Safety and Traffic Calming 2010/2011 capital budget</li><li>❖ Funded by developer</li></ul> |
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- **Albyn Terrace** – revocation of “At Any Time” waiting restrictions.

Representation was made by the businesses within Albyn Terrace requesting that the “At Any Time” waiting restrictions be removed from the short section at the exit from Albyn Terrace. The area was checked to ensure that refuse vehicles could still access these properties and, as this is still possible, we recommend that this short section be removed to allow additional parking within this privately maintained area.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Canal Road** – replacement of 30 cwt weight restriction to a 2.1m width restriction

The existing signage is not now prescribed and it requires to be removed. It could be replaced with a prescribed weight limit but, in discussions with Grampian Police, they intimated that a weight restriction is very difficult to enforce, as a vehicle’s weight is not immediately obvious and there are now limited public weighbridges within the City to check vehicle weights accurately.

Where the actual weight is not a real safety issue but is in place purely to remove HGVs from a particular road due to its layout (as in this case), a width restriction may be preferred as it can be checked and enforced instantly.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Dee Street** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions and “Pay and Display” parking

Following requests from local residents to try and increase the amount of on-street parking, three additional spaces have been acquired. Two Pay and Display bays that can be used at any time and one on the single yellow line (Mon – Sat; 8am – 6pm) that can be used after 6pm Mon – Sat and all day Sunday.

However, we have also had requests to have “At any time” waiting restrictions extended at the lower end of the street to cover driveways where the existence of sub-standard parking bays has meant that vehicles overhang their driveways making access to their property difficult.

It is proposed to extend these double yellow lines by a short distance to mitigate this practice and this will result in a net gain of two parking spaces over the length of the street.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Don Terrace** – Proposed waiting restriction; Mon – Fri. 8:00am – 5:00pm

The Road Safety and Traffic Management Team have received correspondence from the Waste Collection Team indicating that refuse vehicles could not negotiate the narrow section of Don Terrace between its junction with Don Street and its junction with Don Gardens due to parked vehicles on the carriageway. The Waste Collection Team requested that some form of parking restriction be implemented along this section to allow safe passage of refuse vehicles whilst carrying out refuse uplifts.

As a result, observational parking surveys were undertaken during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Two surveys were carried out during the afternoon and one after 7pm in the evening. The daytime surveys revealed that only one vehicle was parked in the section in question on both occasions. The evening survey showed six vehicles parked on the carriageway.

Following further discussion with the Waste Collection Team it was revealed that refuse vehicles do not typically access this area until after 8am, therefore it is proposed to implement waiting restrictions which will operate between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, thus maintaining the existing residential parking provision during the evening hours where there is most demand. Alternative on-street parking is available in Don Street and Don Gardens during the period when the proposed restrictions will be in force.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Esslemont Avenue** – Proposed revocation of “School Keep Clear” zig-zags and replacement with “Pay and Display” parking bay

The Aberdeen Grammar Parent Council recently questioned, via their local member Councillor Laing, the relevance of the “School Keep Clear” markings on Esslemont Avenue. The markings had been in place to provide for the eastern entrance to the Grammar School from Esslemont Avenue, which is now closed. The Headteacher has been contacted and has confirmed that this gate has been permanently closed and the road markings are now redundant. As a result, it is proposed to revoke these waiting restrictions and to reinstate “Pay and Display” parking bays.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Harriet Street** – Weight Limit Order to exempt refuse vehicles.

The current weight limit on Harriet Street was introduced because of the layout of the road and to prevent long vehicles becoming stuck at the sharp bends on Crooked Lane, an extension to Harriet Street.

It has been highlighted recently, through the Environmental Service, that there is no exemption within the Traffic Regulation Order to allow refuse vehicles access to Harriet Street. Although the refuse vehicles are HGVs they can easily negotiate Harriet Street and Crooked Lane and therefore it is proposed to include an exemption only for Aberdeen City Council HGV refuse collection vehicles to access these streets.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Holland Place** – Proposed revocation of “At any time” waiting restrictions and replace with “Pay and Display” parking

A local business in the area has queried the requirement for “At Any Time” waiting restrictions on both sides of Holland Place. A review of these restrictions would suggest that the provision of a short section of residents only parking would be permissible.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Powis Circle** – Proposed One-Way (clockwise direction)

Requests have been received from local residents, through their local councillor, for consideration to be given to making Powis Circle a one-way street. This would obviously have a benefit in that additional parking could be accommodated on-street and as the street is already traffic-calmed by means of speed reducing tables and so an increase in speeds should not be a side effect of this proposal.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Rubislaw Terrace** – Revocation of “At anytime” waiting restrictions and replace with “Pay and Display” parking

Recent proposals for the implementation of a section of one way on Rubislaw Terrace have been approved by this committee and these are now due to be implemented. An additional benefit of this proposal is the ability to allow parking on both sides of the carriageway, rather than the current allowance of one side only. It is therefore proposed to revoke a section of “At Any Time” waiting restrictions on the east side and to introduce “pay and display” parking bays.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Westburn Road (Drwg 1)** and the
- **Lane to the west of Loanhead Terrace (Drwg 2)** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions and timed (Mon to Sat; 8:00am to 6:00pm) waiting restrictions.

Following the recent implementation of the extension to the on-street parking controls zone M (Rosemount) it has been highlighted that there are two areas of unrestricted kerbside remaining within the area.

The southern side of Westburn Road on the approach to the Watson Street traffic lights is currently unrestricted. It is proposed to introduce a section of “At Any Time” waiting restrictions and a short section of “residents only” parking bay, this will allow unobstructed traffic flow at the signalised junction, whilst regulating the remaining kerbside for residential parking.

The unnamed lane to the west of Loanhead Terrace is a narrow lane allowing access to the garages at rear of Watson Street. Due to its limited width virtually any vehicle parking on the lane would obstruct vehicular movement. As a result, it is proposed to implement a daytime waiting restriction in line with the zone M operational hours (Monday to Saturday 8am – 6pm).

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Whitemyres Avenue** – Revocation Of “At Any Time” Waiting Restrictions  
A request was made from the occupier of retail unit to have the “At any time” waiting restriction removed from the front of the property as it was curtailing his business operations. The parking that once occurred there no longer impeded the business and there were no safety issues with the restrictions therefore it is now recommended that these restrictions be revoked.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- ❖ **Loanhead Terrace, Rutherford Church** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions and Pay and Display parking bays.

As part of the development at Rutherford Church a new access was formed with “At any time “ waiting restrictions proposed to protect access and visibility to this access. A short section of “At any time” waiting restrictions will be replaced by extending the Pay and Display parking

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

❖ **Union Square, Guild Street** – Proposed At any time waiting restrictions

As part of the Union Square planning application "At any time" waiting restrictions are required to keep the lanes and junctions clear of parked vehicles to maintain the flow of traffic in this busy area of the City.

The provision of a drop-off point for **Blue Badge holders only** visiting the bus station has been discussed with the Disability Advisory Group through Councillor Kiddie and Councillor Kevin Stewart and is proposed to be located between the entrances to the bus and train stations

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

❖ **Union Square, Palmerston Road** – Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions, timed waiting restrictions and waiting restrictions with exemptions for taxis.

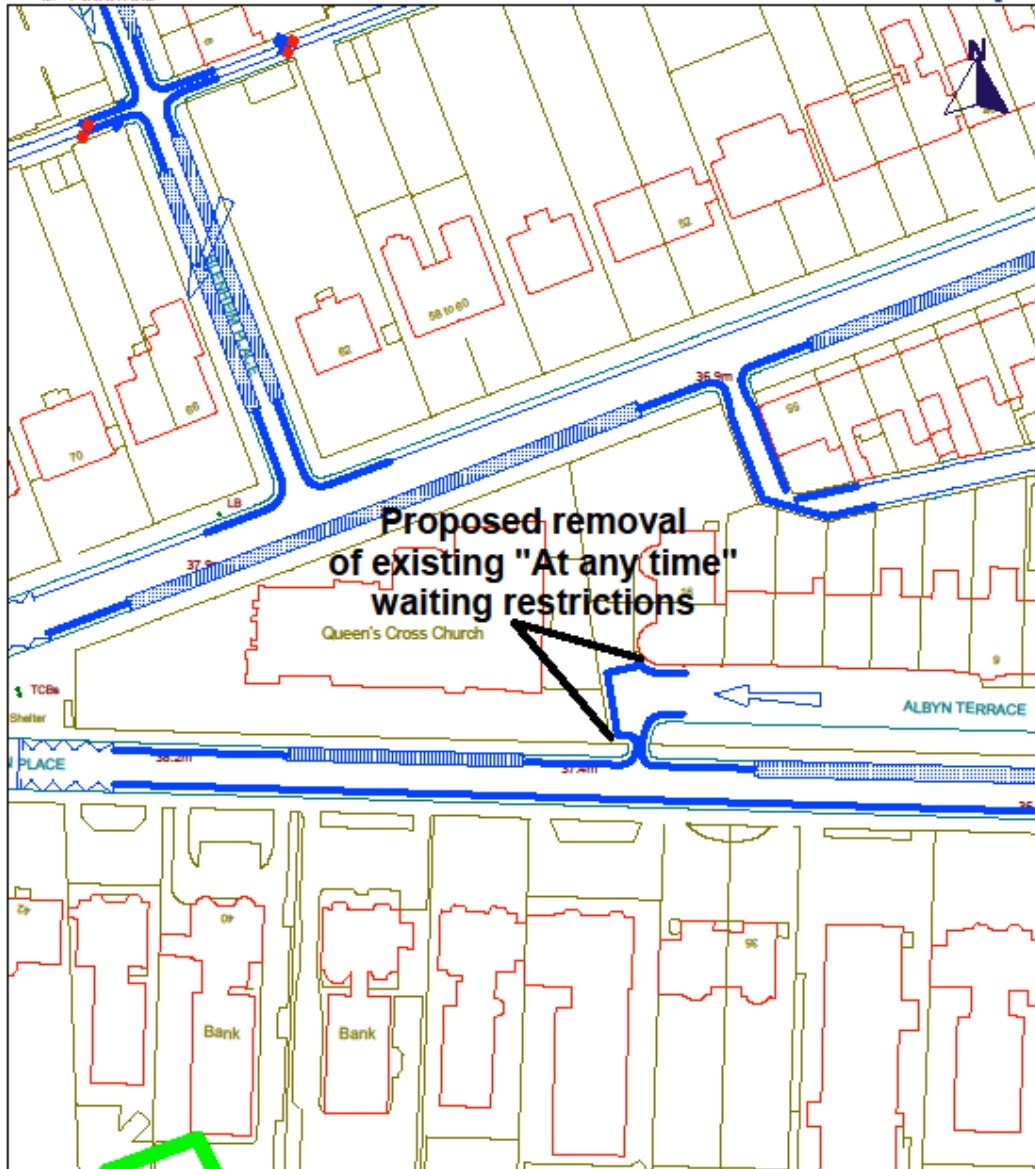
As part of the Union Square planning application these restrictions are proposed to maintain the flow of traffic surrounding the development and allow access to taxis serving the public.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

- **Albyn Terrace** – revocation of “At Any Time” waiting restrictions



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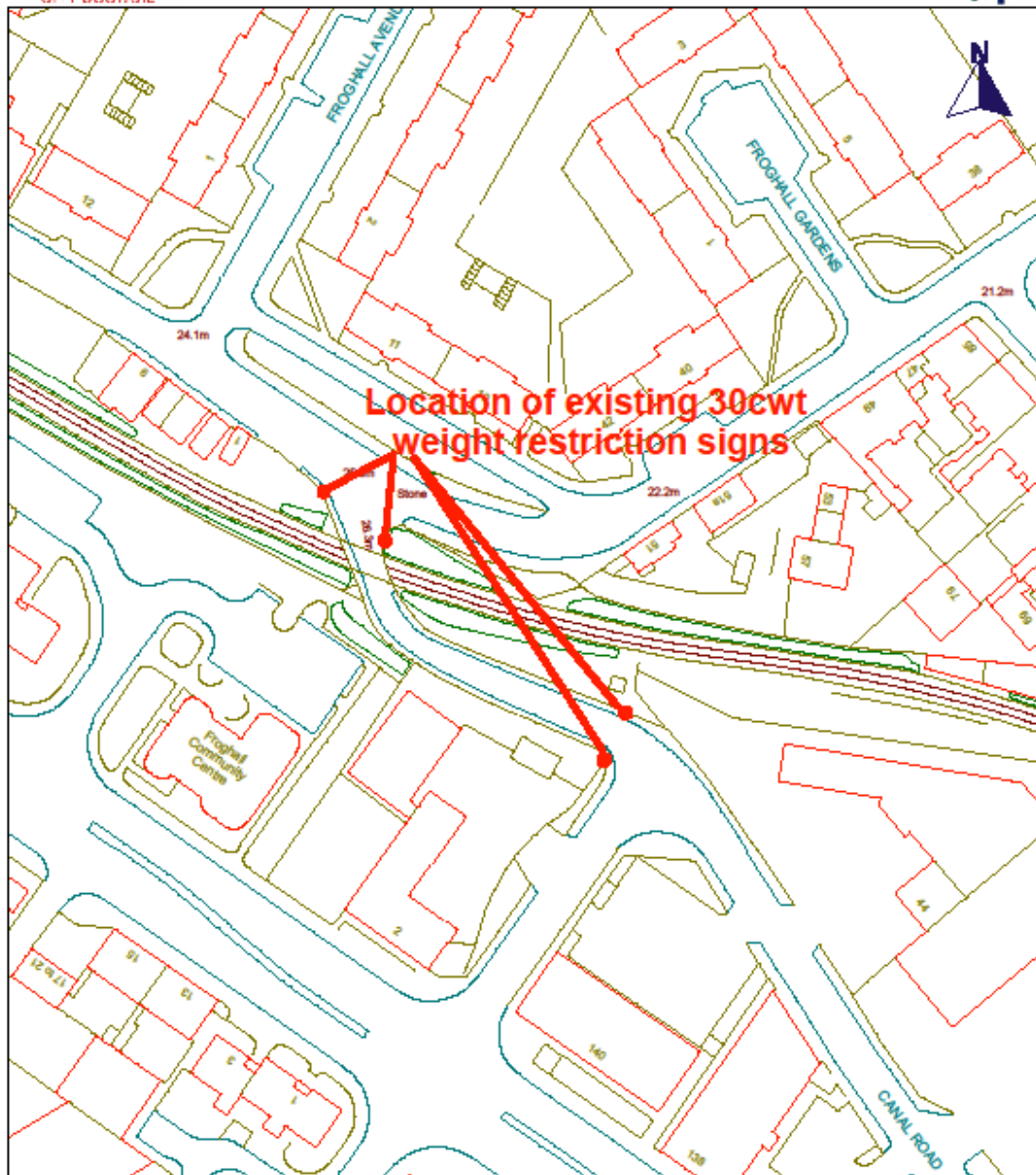
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- **Canal Road** – replacement of 30 cwt weight restriction to a 2.1 m width restriction



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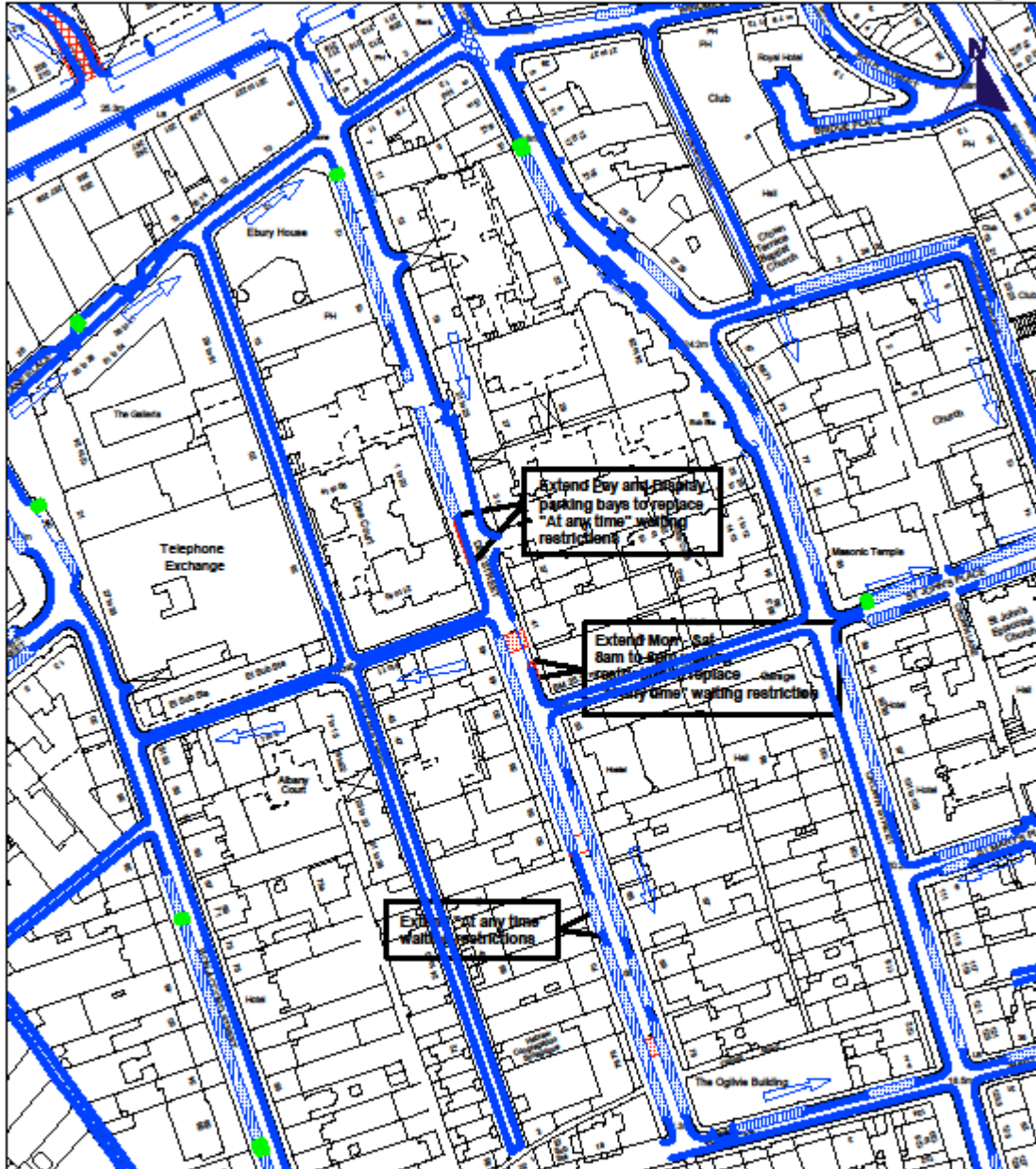
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**Dee Street** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions and consolidation of existing “Pay and Display” parking



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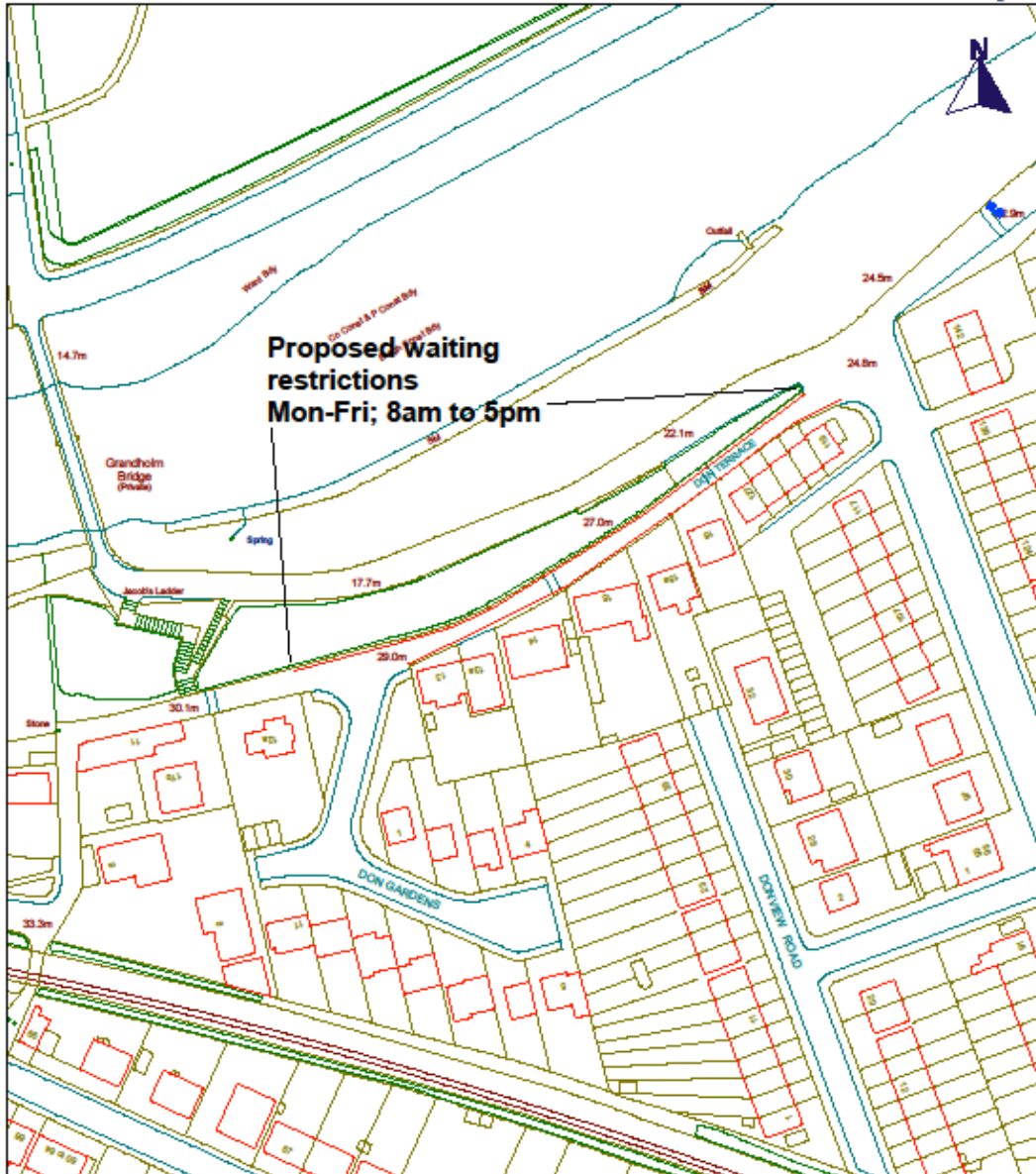
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- **Don Terrace** – Proposed waiting restriction; Mon – Fri. 8:00am – 5:00pm



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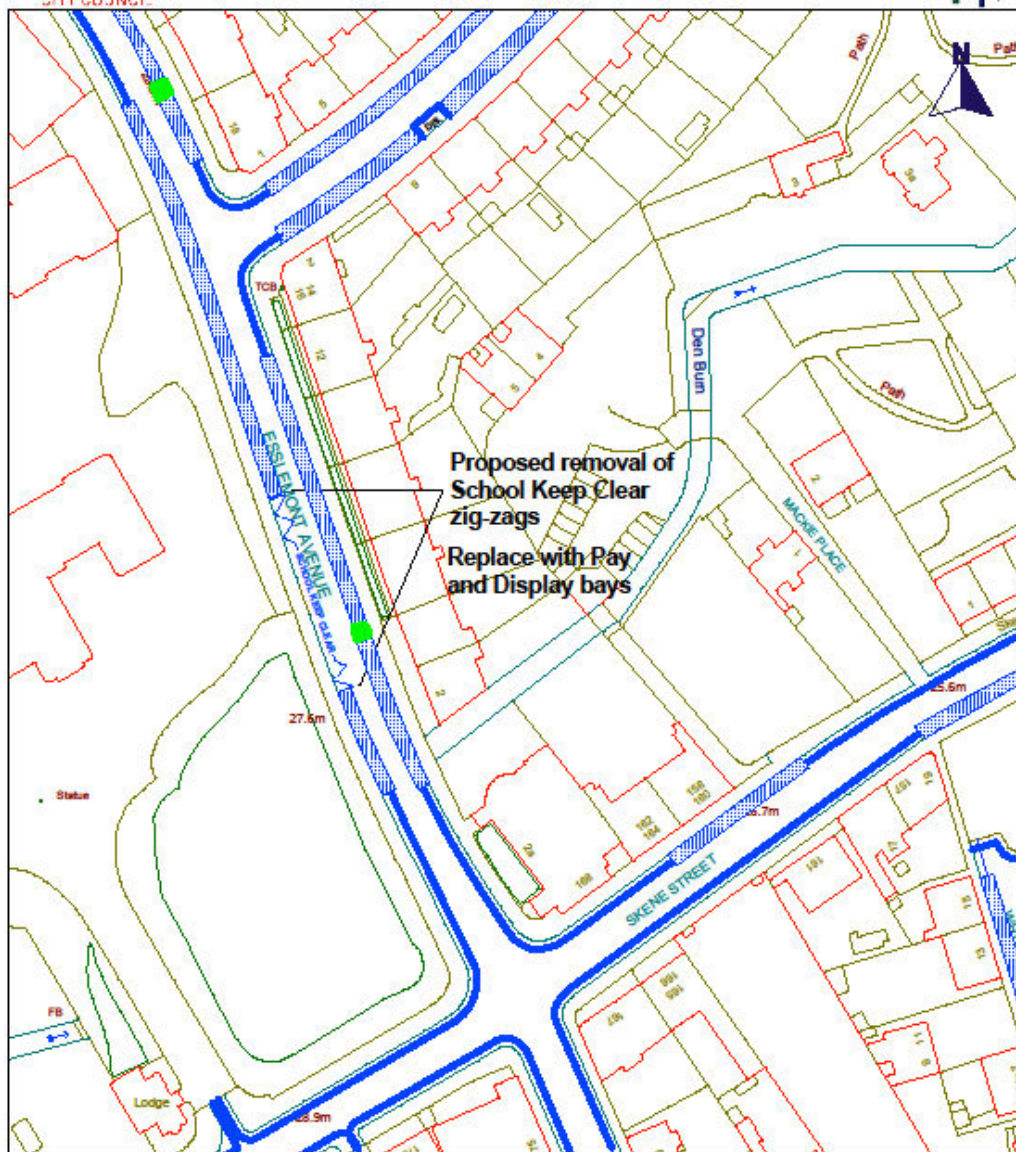
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- **Esslemont Avenue** – Proposed revocation of “School Keep Clear” zig-zags and replacement with “Pay and Display” bays



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**Title: PROPOSED REMOVAL OF SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR ZIG-ZAGS  
AND REPLACE WITH PAY AND DISPLAY BAYS**

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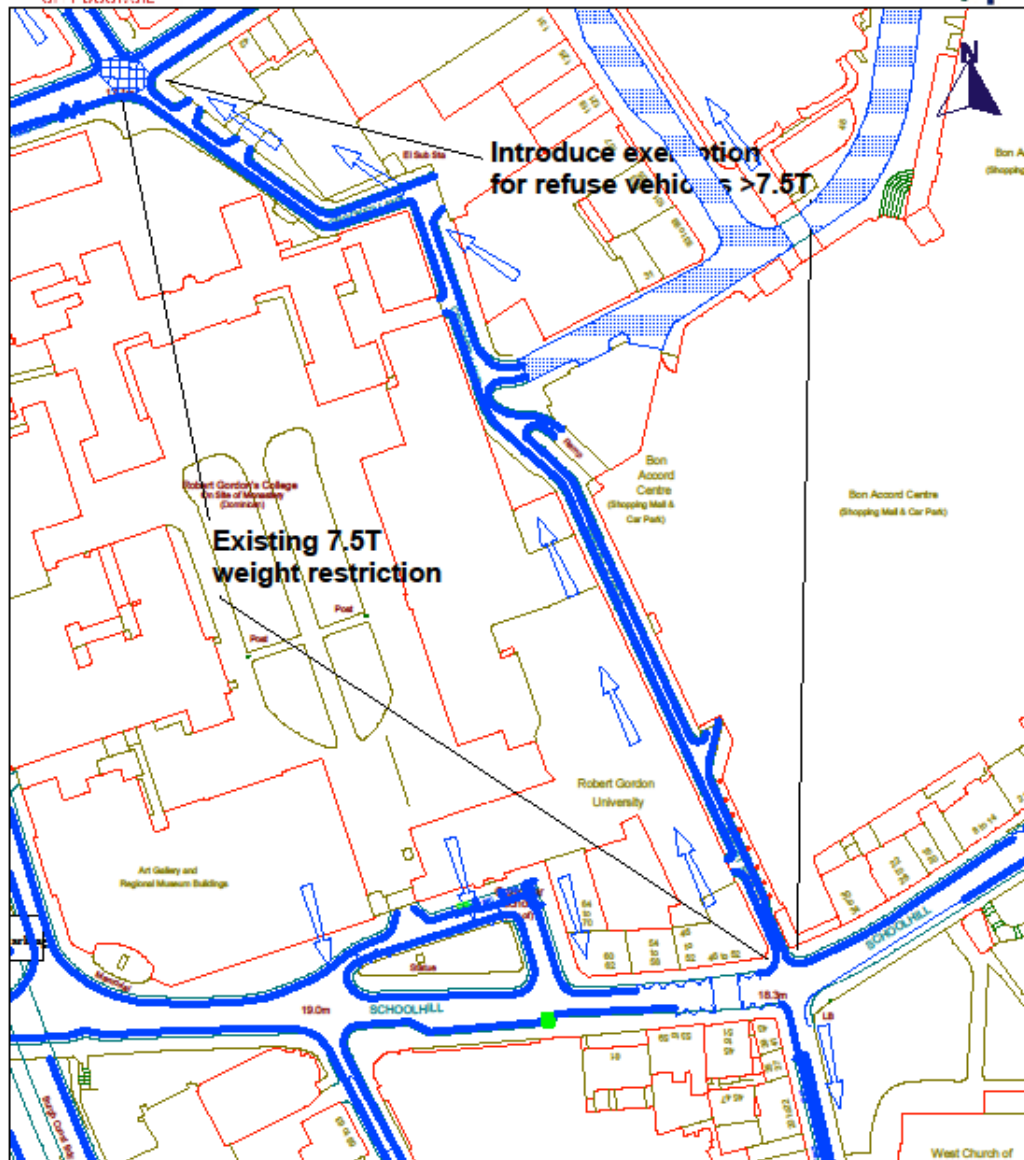
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- **Harriet Street** – Weight limit alteration to exempt refuse vehicles >7.5T



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**Title:** HARRIET STREET - proposed introduction of exemption for refuse vehicles >7.5T

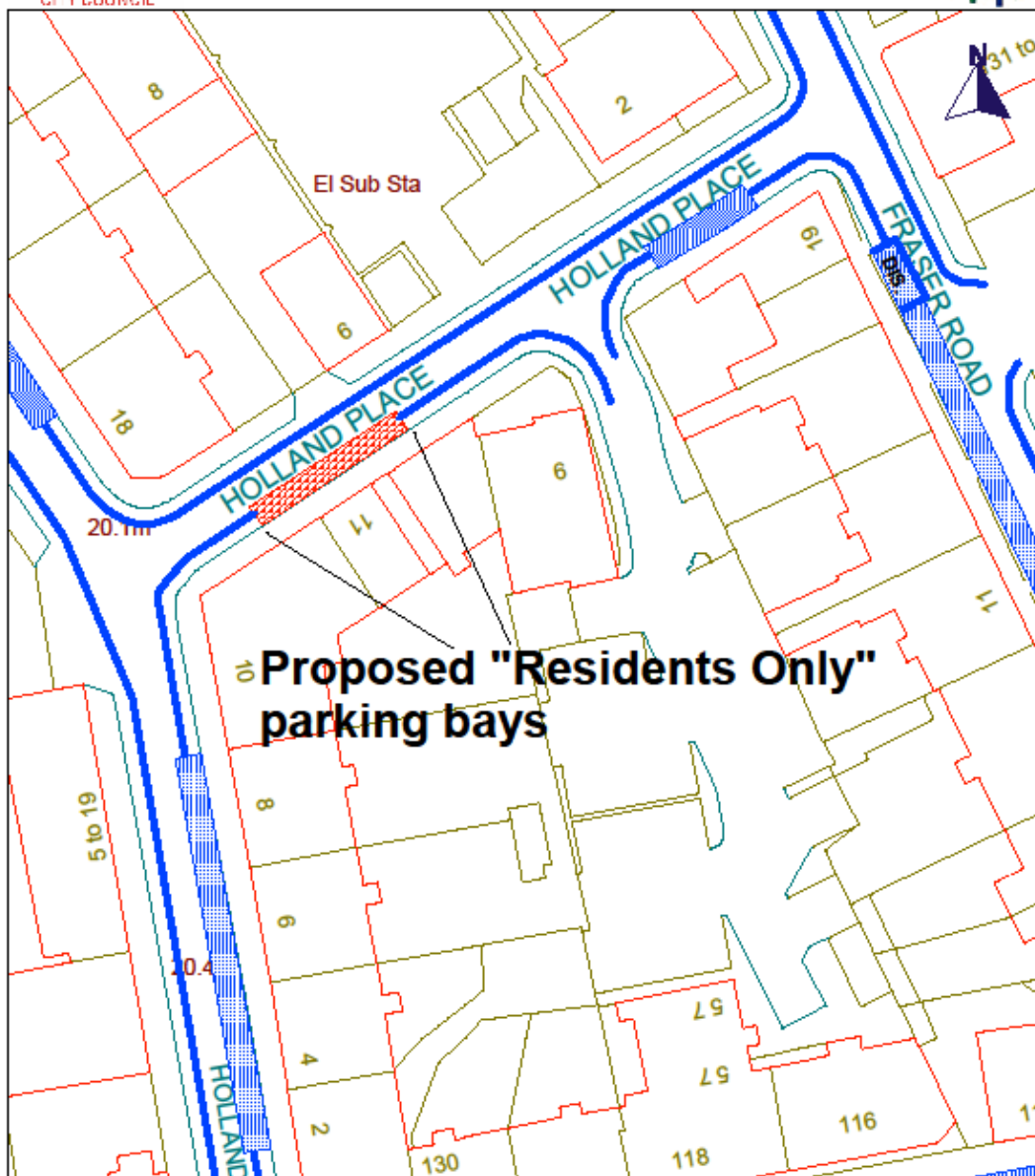
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- **Holland Place** – Proposed revocation of “At any time” waiting restrictions and replace with “Pay and Display” parking



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**Title:** HOLLAND PLACE - Proposed Residents Only parking bays

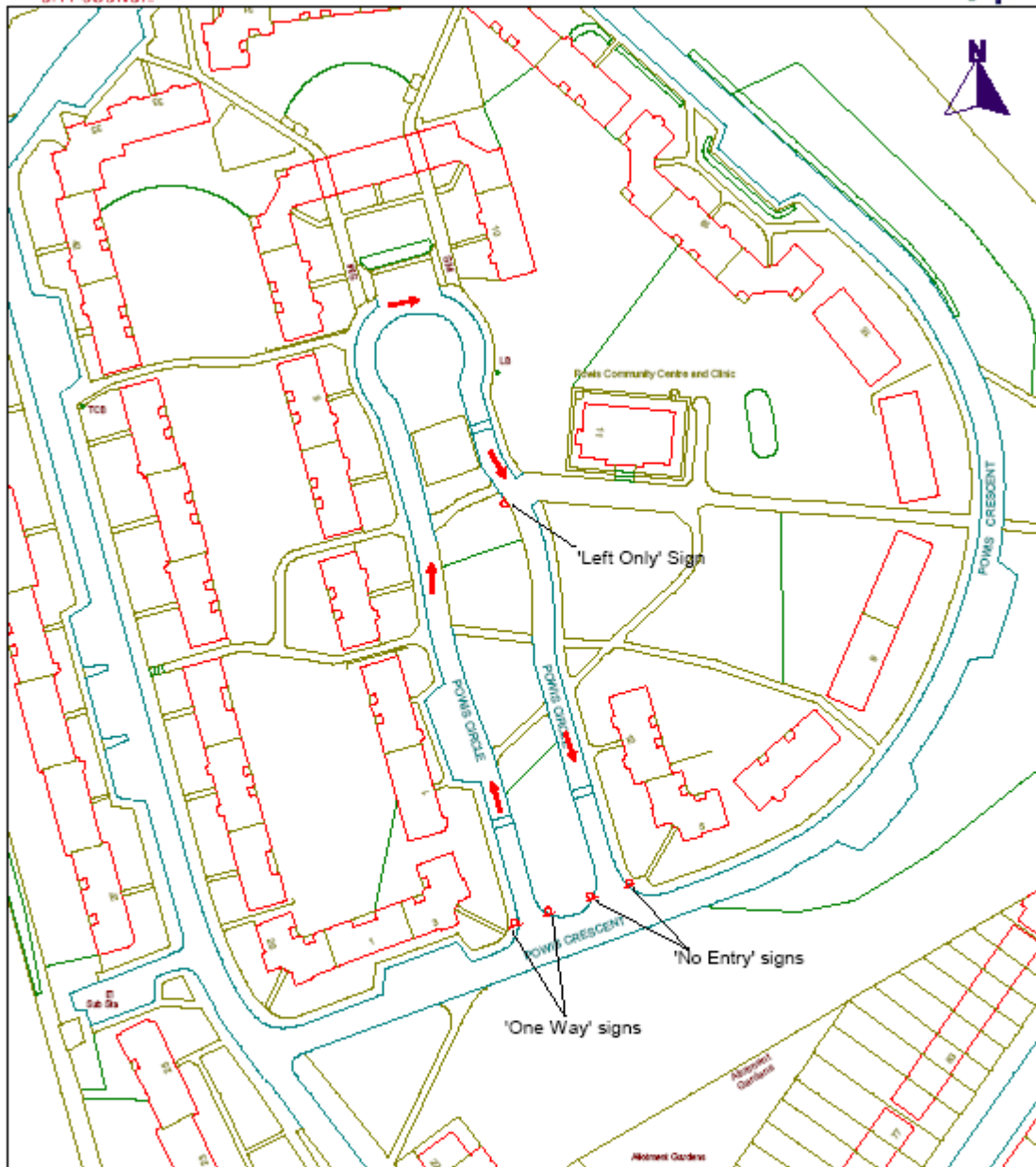
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- **Powis Circle** – Proposed One-Way (clockwise direction)



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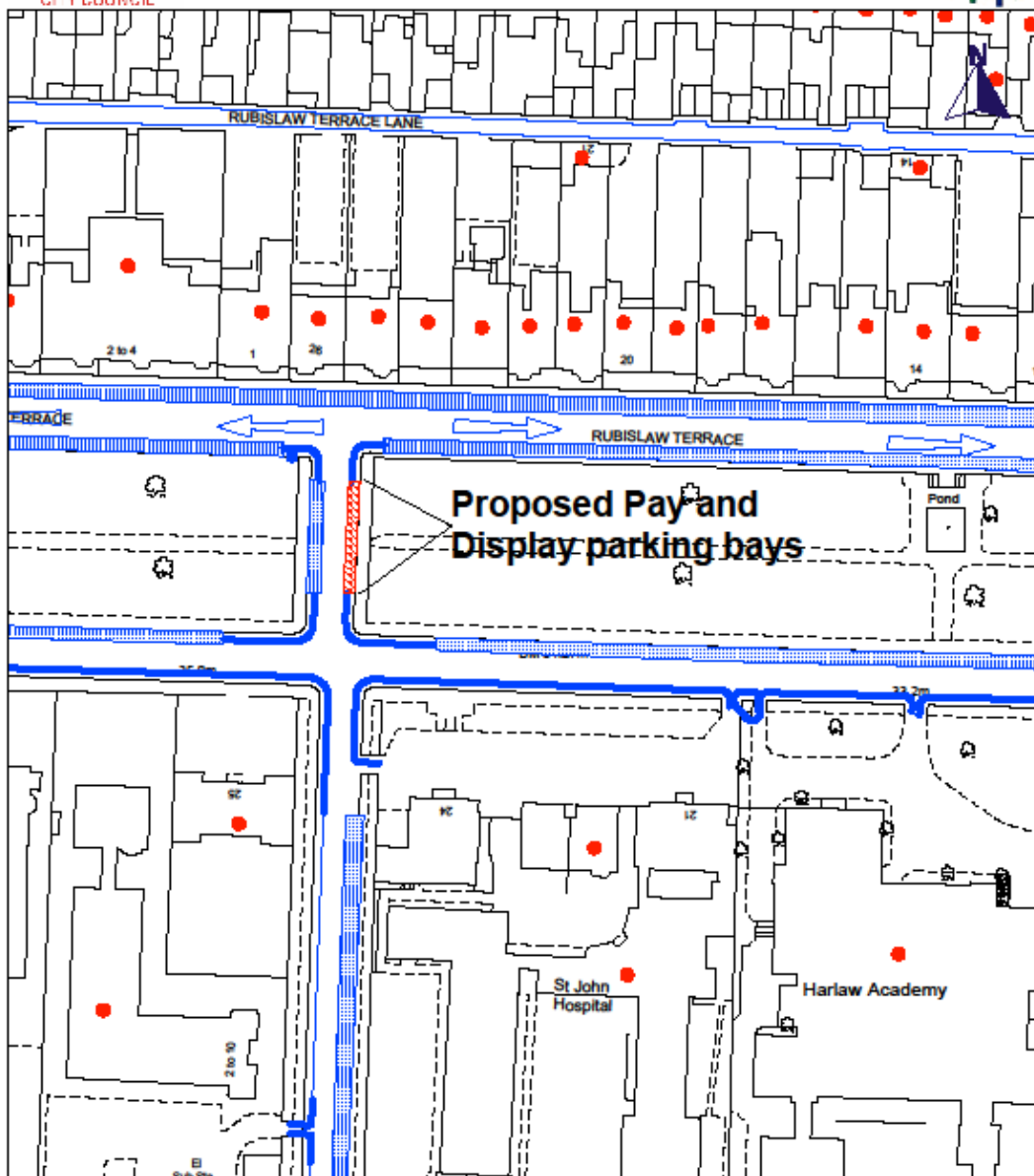
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- **Rubislaw Terrace** – Revocation of “at anytime” waiting restrictions and replace with “Pay and Display” parking



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**Title:** RUBISLAW TERRACE - Proposed Pay and Display parking bays

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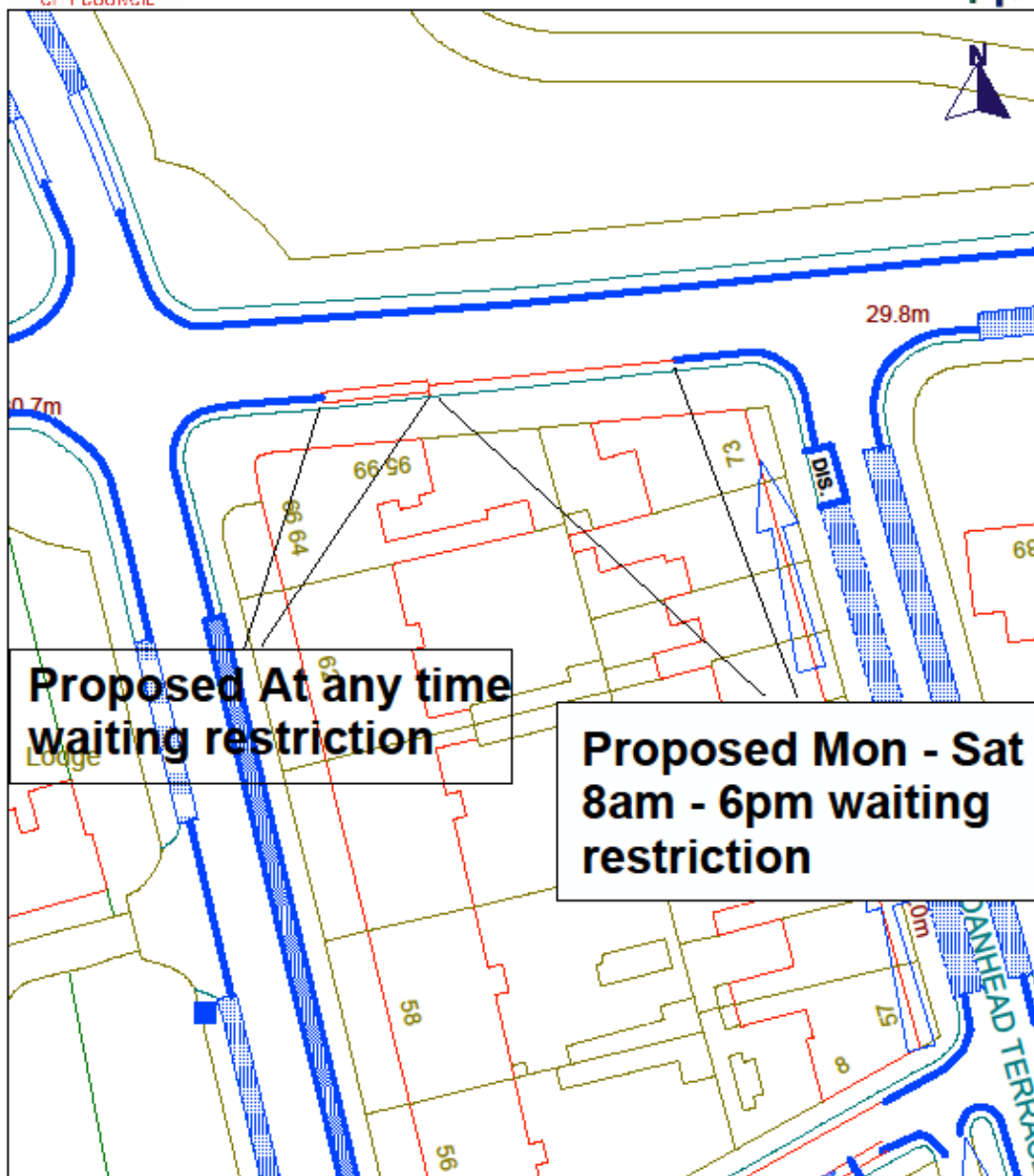
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- **Westburn Road (Drwg 1)** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions and Mon – Sat 8am to 6pm waiting restrictions



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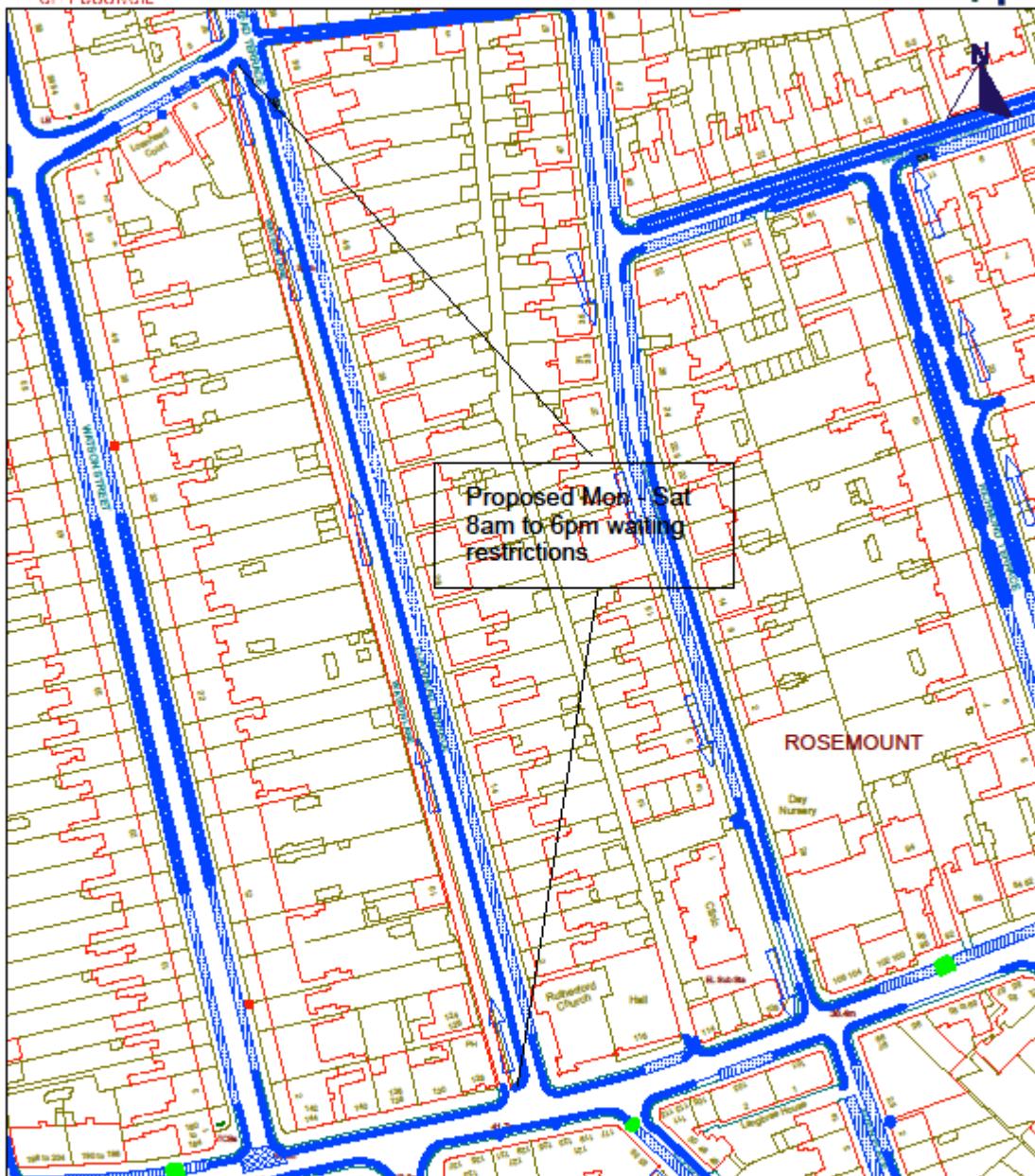
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- **Lane to the west of Loanhead Terrace (Drwg 2)** – Proposed Mon – Sat; 8am to 6pm waiting restrictions



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Waiting restrictions (Drwg 2)

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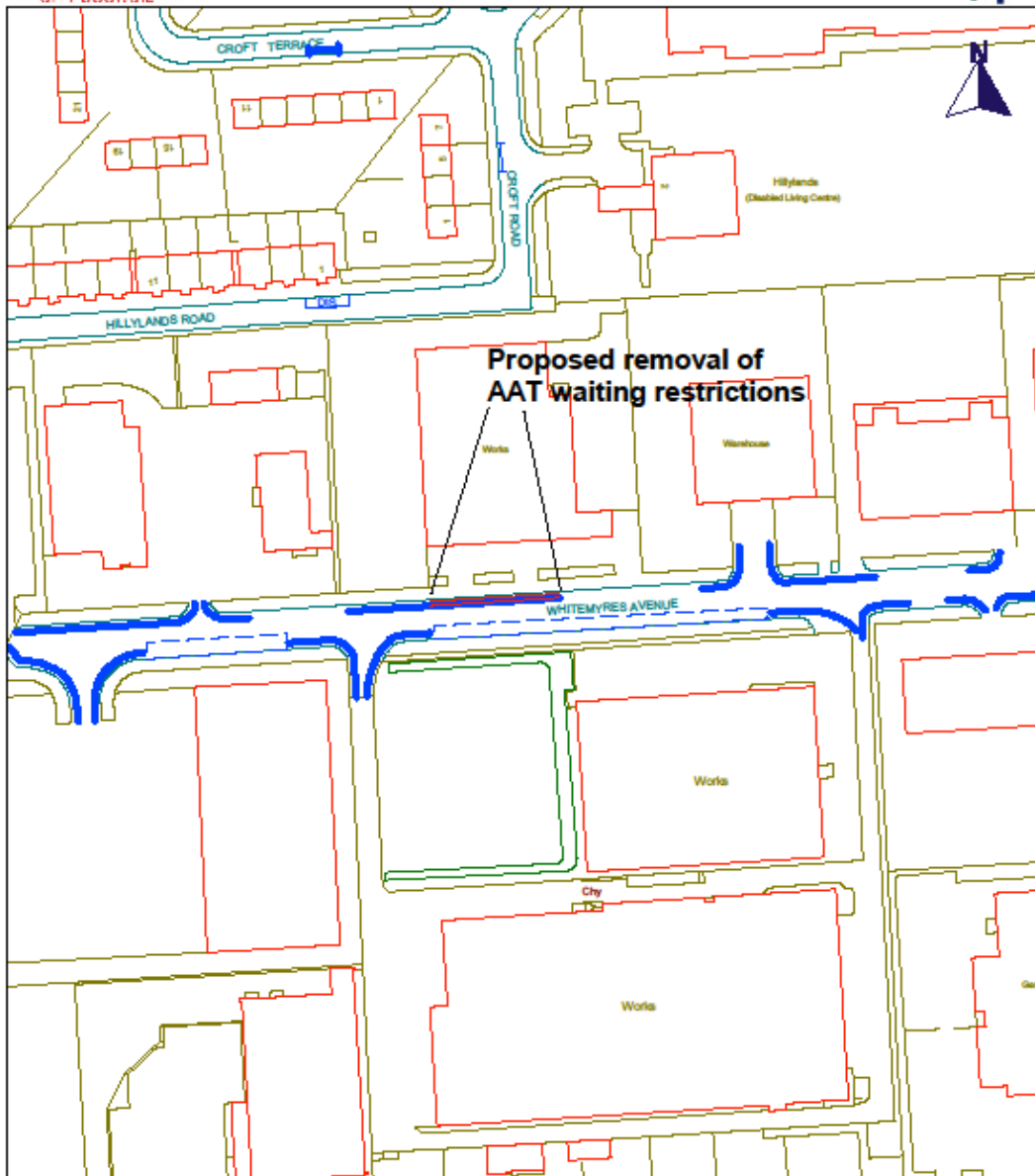
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- **Whitemyres Avenue** – Revocation of “At any time” waiting restrictions



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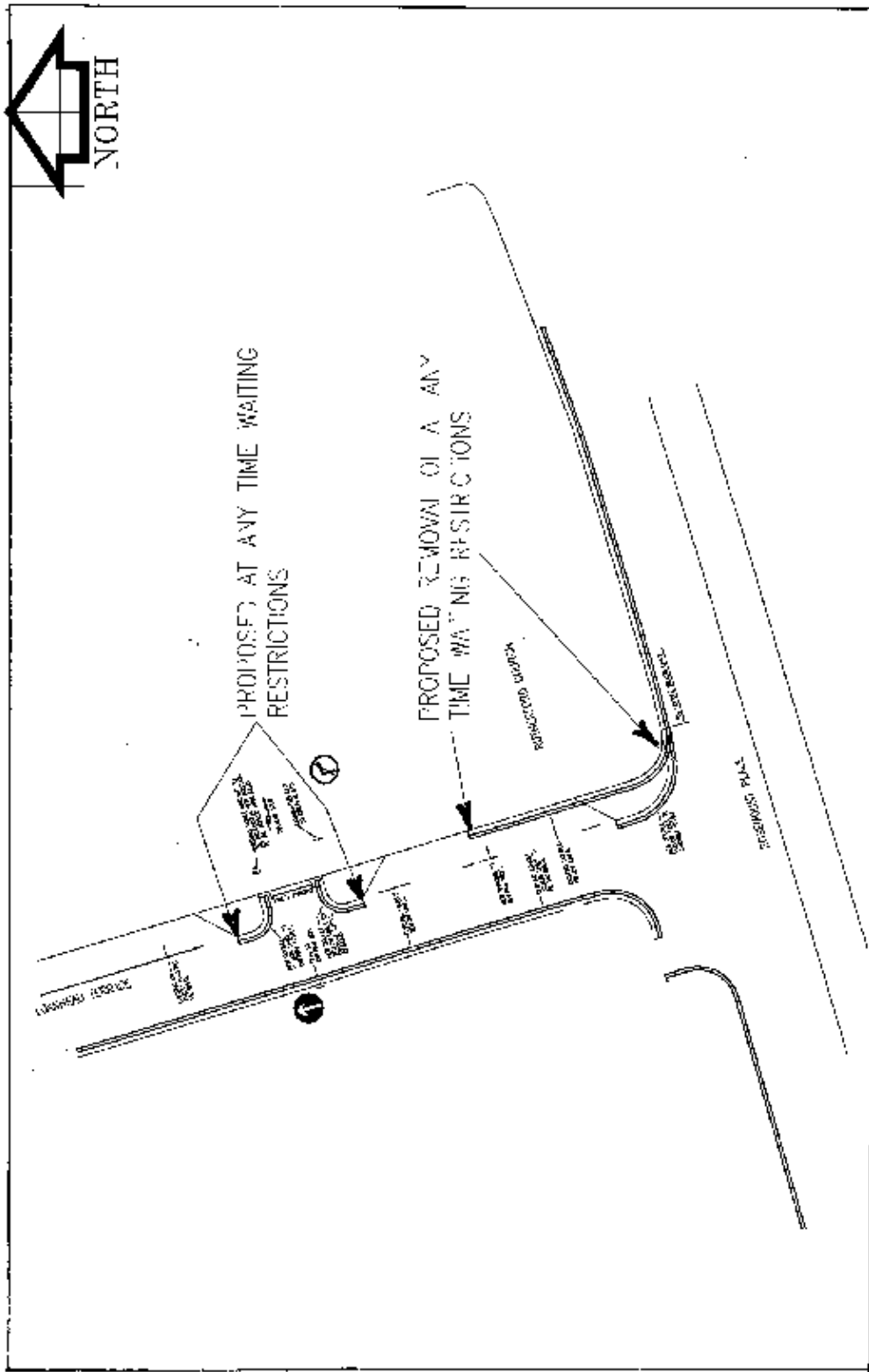
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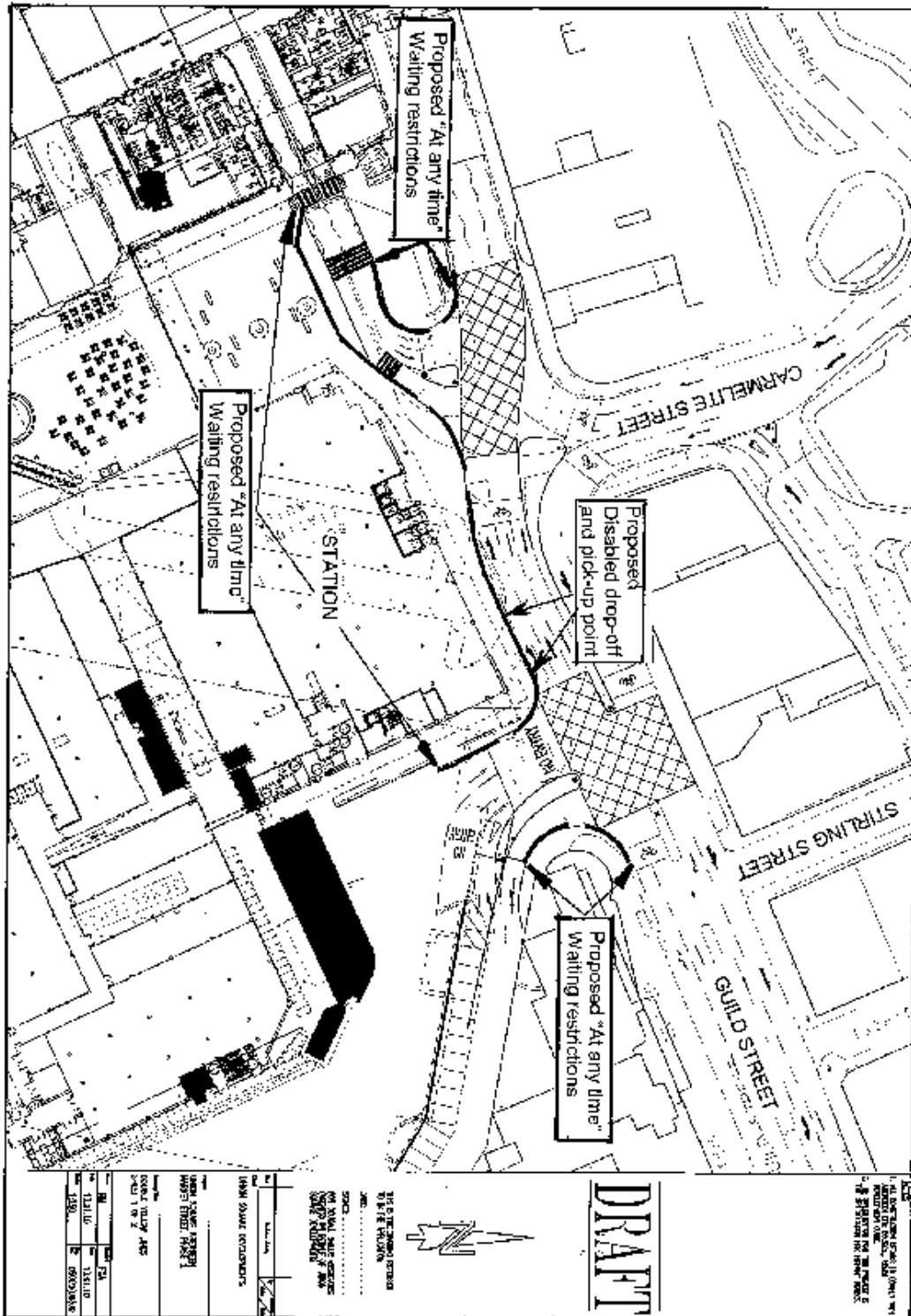
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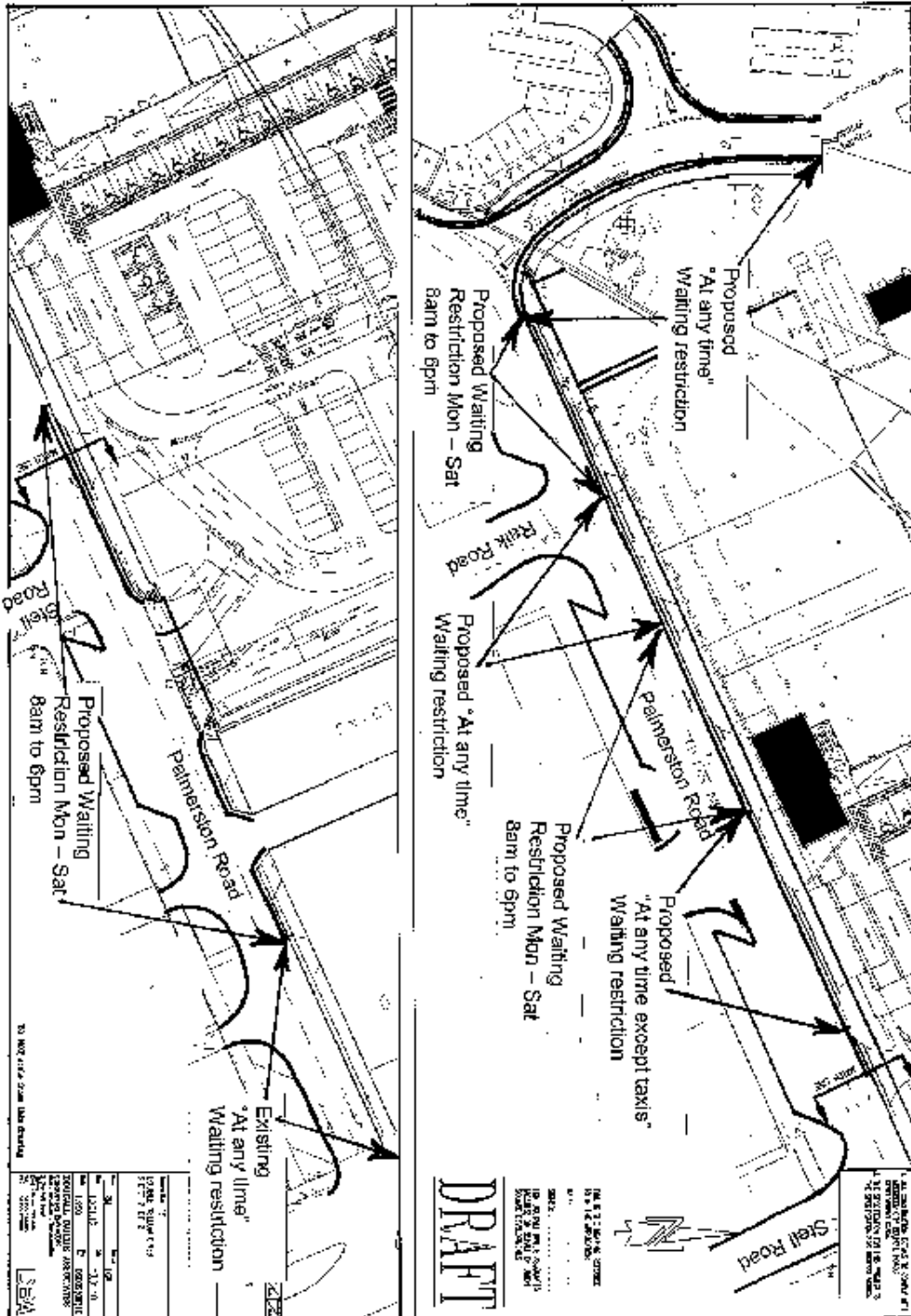
❖ Loanhead Terrace, Rutherford Church – Proposed At any time waiting restrictions



- ❖ Union Square, Guild Street – Proposed At any time waiting restrictions and disabled drop-off/pick-up point



❖ Union Square, Palmerston Road – Proposed waiting restrictions



## 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 has made no comment

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

## Local Members

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<b>Councillor John Stewart</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor George Adam</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor Yvonne Allan</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor Marie Boulton</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor Ronald Clark</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor John Corall</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor Bill Cormie</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor Barney Crocket</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor Martin Greig</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor Muriel Jaffrey</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor Alan Milne</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor George Penny</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor Richard Robertson</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
<b>Councillor Kevin Stewart</b>	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Jim Farquharson	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Jennifer Stewart	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Jonh West	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Andrew May	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor James Hunter	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Irene Cormack	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Allan Donnelly	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor James Kiddie	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Norman Collie	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor James Noble	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Jennifer Laing	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Len Ironside	Has been consulted and has no comment
Lord Provost Peter Stephen	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Wendy Stuart	Has been consulted and has no comment

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Susan Cooper, City Chamberlain, Resources Management - **I have no additional comments to add on basis that costs are met from within budget or through developers contributions**

Jane MacEachran, City Solicitor, Continuous Improvement has been consulted and has no comment

Ciaran Monaghan, Head of Service, Office of Chief Executive has been consulted and has no comment

Gordon McIntosh, Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure has been consulted and has no comment

Hugh Murdoch, Head of Service, Shelter and Environment has no comment to make on these proposals

Margaret Bochel, Head of Planning & Infrastructure, Strategic - **has no comment to make on this report**

Mike Cheyne, Roads Manager has been consulted and has no comment

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Elaine Hourston, Account Manager, Service Design and Development

Neil Carnegie, Community Safety Manager has been consulted and has no comment

Margaret Jane Cardno, Community Safety Manager has been consulted and has no comment

Colin Walker, Community Safety Manager has been consulted and has no comment

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## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

N/A