

COMMITTEE **Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure**

DATE **31st May 2010**

DIRECTOR **Gordon McIntosh**

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

REPORT NUMBER **EPI/10/112**

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 2011/2012 "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 thirteen locations brought forward during the course of routine examination of road safety, traffic flows and one proposal resulting from a planning application:

Key:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funded from the Non-housing Road Safety and Traffic Calming 2011/2012 capital budget❖ Funded by the developer

- **Fonthill Road** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

There have been requests from local residents to have restrictions at the access to the flats at No 60/62 in order to improve visibility. Site visits confirm that these proposed restrictions would be of benefit at this location as vehicles should not be parking too close to the access as is the current situation.

The Traffic signals at the Whinhill Road/Fonthill Road junction are soon to be upgraded and advance Stop lines included in the new junction layout. In order to accommodate these, the “At any time” waiting restrictions require to be extended by a short length (less than 5m) on both legs.

The restrictions round the bus build-outs were not implemented at the time the Zone was implemented and should now be included.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – Torry/Ferryhill

Elected members – Cormack, Donnelly, Allan, Kiddie

- **Greenburn Drive (Service Road)** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

These waiting restrictions are proposed at the northern end of the Greenburn Drive Service Road due to parked vehicles blocking the turning head and preventing vehicles from turning in a safe manner. Observational surveys have been undertaken in the evening period and determined that there is sufficient capacity on other sections of Greenburn Drive Service Road to accommodate the displaced vehicles.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – Dyce / Bucksburn / Danestone

Elected members –Clark, Crockett, Mark McDonald, George Penny

- **Greenfern Road** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

Changes are being made to the side street layout at Greenfern Road adjacent to the Mastrick Shopping Centre as part of the Mastrick District Centre Regeneration - An Aberdeen City Council Neighbourhood Planning initiative funded by the Scottish Government's Town Centre Regeneration Fund and supported by Aberdeen Greenspace and the Fairer Scotland Fund.

The changes include the widening of the existing side road carriageway and the provision of 2 disabled parking spaces in a lay-by. The widening will provide some protection to the buildings alongside the road which are currently subject to damage by large vehicles as they pass by. The existing one way system will be maintained.

Officers are concerned that the widening of the lane may encourage some obstructive parking and therefore seek to extend the existing “At Any Time” waiting restrictions from the junction at Greenfern Road to the new lay-by, with similar provision on the other side of the road.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – Kingswells/Sheddocksley
Elected members – Ironside, Stephen, Stuart

- **Hareness Circle** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions and a one way system (clockwise)

There have been a number of complaints received from businesses within Hareness Circle and surrounding roads regarding the number of vehicles parking on street. This has the effect of restricting access for the large number of HGVs operating within the area.

Previously, there were proposals put forward, as part of the Area 11 scheme, to cover a significant part of Altens and the East/West Tullos areas. There were “At any time” restrictions covering the majority of this street with small sections left for on-street parking and these restrictions were to be implemented on a rolling basis as and when the parking became obstructive. These proposals are now out of date and have to advertised again in order to implement them legally.

However, there has been a further proposal put forward by officers as an addition/alternative to the above widespread waiting restrictions. The geometry of Hareness Circle lends itself to the introduction of a one-way system, in a clockwise direction, although some additional waiting restrictions would still be required at junctions. This combined proposal has the advantage of maintaining a greater parking provision on-street while maintaining a greater degree of access.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – Kincorth/Loirston
Elected members – Cooney, Dean, McCaig

- **Malcolm Road/Crombie Circle/Johnston Gardens** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions.

Officers have received correspondence from residents indicating that vehicles are parking on the grass verge areas on Malcolm Road to the north and south of the junction with Crombie Circle. These vehicles are parked in the visibility splay of the junction, thus obscuring clear visibility along Malcolm Road for vehicles exiting Crombie Circle.

In order to prevent vehicles from parking in the visibility splay and also to prevent further damage to the grass verge and kerbs, it is proposed to implement “At Any Time” waiting restrictions over the lengths of road specified below. Restrictions are also proposed around the Malcolm Road / Johnston Gardens junction in order to prevent obstructive parking at this location.

The vehicles currently parking there could be accommodated within private driveways, on Crombie Circle and Johnston Gardens.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – Torry/Ferryhill
Elected members – Cormack, Donnelly, Allan, Kiddie

- **Margaret Street** - Replace single yellow line with Mon – Sat , 8:00am to 6:00pm Pay and Display bays

Complaints have been received regarding the lack of parking in Zone A but in particular the small number of bays marked on Margaret Street. The south side of Margaret Street currently has a single yellow line which allows parking overnight but the restrictions comes into force at 8:00am Mon – Sat. This proposal would replace the single yellow line with parking bays and permit holders would be permitted to park there at any time with a valid permit increasing the daytime parking by around 8 spaces.

Surveys have been carried out and this change can be made without any detriment to the current traffic movements.

Ward – Midstocket/Rosemount

Elected members: Councillors Cormie, Corral, Laing

- **Market Street** – Proposed ban on U-turns at bus station junction

Requests have been received from Stagecoach bus company, to address a problem occurring on Market Street at the new junction with the bus station access road. Drivers, travelling southbound on Market Street, drive to the signal controlled junction at the bus station then carry out a U-turn manoeuvre onto the northbound carriageway to access car-parking at properties on the west side of Market Street. A yellow box is in place at this junction but this is routinely ignored

In road safety terms, this practice is not one that should continue on a busy distributor road on a main commuter route in to and from Aberdeen City Centre.

A further problem resulting from this manoeuvre is the delay that it creates for buses trying to enter and emerge from the station.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Wards – Torry/Ferryhill and George Street/Harbour

Elected members – Cormack, Donnelly, Allan, Kiddie and May, Hunter, John Stewart

- **New Pier Road** – Proposed waiting restrictions, Mon – Fri; 8am to 5pm

Officers have received correspondence from the our Waste Collection Team indicating that refuse vehicles are encountering difficulties accessing residential wheelie bins at the northern end of New Pier Road in Footdee due to parked vehicles. The Waste Collection Team requested that some form of parking restriction be implemented for a very short length in this section to allow safe uplift of refuse.

In order to facilitate the above it is proposed to provide a short section of waiting restrictions which will be operational between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. This will result in a loss of available parking on New Pier Road during these hours to the tune of 1 space. There will be no reduction in parking capacity during the evening period or at weekends.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – Torry/Ferryhill

Elected members – Cormack, Donnelly, Allan, Kiddie

- **Quarry Road/Cairnlee Crescent North, Cults** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

In conjunction with the construction of the new Cults Academy waiting restrictions were implemented around the school site. However, there has been a small number of drivers (mainly older school pupils) parking in adjacent streets too close to the junction and restricting visibility.

With this in mind, it is proposed to put “At any time” waiting restrictions around this junction to keep it clear of parked vehicles. As there is only a small number of vehicles parking at this location these changes shouldn’t impact on the nearby residents.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – Lower Deeside

Elected members – Boulton, Malone, Milne

- **Schoolhill** – Proposed loading bay outside the Academy Shopping centre; Mon – Fri, 3pm to 4pm

The loading lay-by, created for use by delivery vehicles to this centre, is now being used by parents waiting for students to finish school over a relatively short period of time. Consequently, when delivery vehicles require access for deliveries they then have to double park causing an obstruction to the traffic flow in this busy area of the City Centre.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below

Ward – George Street/Harbour

Elected members – May, Hunter, John Stewart

- **Upperkirkgate** – Consolidation of existing waiting restrictions – “At any time” and “Mon – Sun, 8-6”

Ongoing reviews of current restrictions indicates that the on street marking do not accurately reflect the restrictions in the current traffic order schedules. It is proposed to bring the schedule into line with the road marking thereby having no changes to the restrictions on the carriageway.

The restrictions are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – George Street/Harbour

Elected members – May, Hunter, John Stewart

- **Willowpark Crescent** – Proposed “At any time” and Mon – Fri; 8am – 5pm waiting restrictions

Officers have received correspondence from the Waste Collection Team indicating that refuse vehicles are encountering difficulties accessing residential wheelie bins on Willowpark Crescent to the rear of Nos. 2 to 24 Lang Stracht and Nos. 35 to 57 North Anderson Drive due to parked vehicles. The Waste Collection Team requested that some form of parking restriction be implemented on Willowpark Crescent to allow safe uplift of /of refuse and a safe passage of refuse vehicles along the one-way section of Willowpark Crescent

In order to facilitate the above it is proposed to provide a section of waiting restrictions which will be operational between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday on the east side of the one-way section of Willowpark Crescent. This will result in a loss of available parking on Willowpark Crescent during these hours to the tune of 13 spaces. Additionally, “At Any Time” waiting restrictions are proposed for the west side of the carriageway. Visual parking surveys undertaken have indicated that there is low demand in this area during daytime hours and displaced parking can easily be accommodated elsewhere on Willowpark Crescent. There will be no reduction in parking capacity during the evening period or at weekends.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – Torry/Ferryhill

Elected members – Cormack, Donnelly, Allan, Kiddie

- **Windmill Brae** – Proposed “POLICE” bays and alteration to “At any time” waiting restrictions and “Pay and Display” parking bays.

A request has been received from Grampian Police for two dedicated bays for Police use only at the new City Centre Unit on Windmill Brae. These premises do currently have two parking spaces (off-street) allocated to them, however the access these spaces requires the vehicles to be driven under the building through an archway.

The gate on this archway is locked 24 hours a day and is therefore not suitable for the type of immediate response work that is to be carried out from these offices. In any case the archway is too low to allow access to this parking for the Police van.

This proposal seeks to convert two of the existing on-street “Pay and Display” spaces to “Police Only” bays and create one additional “Pay and Display” bay for daytime parking for the public. The double yellow lines are also proposed to be reduced at the Crown Street end of Windmill Brae by one space, and this will allow the number of evening parking for the public to remain the same.

These proposals will result in an overall loss of one parking space for public use during the day.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – Torry/Ferryhill

Elected members – Cormack, Donnelly, Allan, Kiddie

- **Woodend Crescent** – Proposed “School Keep Clear” zig-zags restrictions, Mon – Fri; 8am – 5pm.

There have been a number of complaints about parking from residents living close to the school exit on Woodend Crescent. The Crescent is a relatively narrow street and the school exit is on a sharp bend. The road is not wide enough to allow a line of parked cars and still allow two-way traffic to flow.

Surveys were carried out and it was confirmed that the parked cars were related to the school and that they were parking there as their preferred place and not necessarily as a result of the car park being full. However, it was noted that the car park was also at capacity.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Ward – Hazlehead/Ashley/Queen’s Cross

Elected members – Farquharson, Greig, Jennifer Stewart, John West

- ❖ **Whinhill Road** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions, “Pay and Display” parking, “Residents Only” and “Police Vehicle” parking

As part of the planning application for the redevelopment of the old Health Centre buildings, a new access is to be formed within the site and the parking layout on the north side of Whinhill Road is to be altered. This alteration is to include two parking bays for POLICE vehicles only with a small number of parking spaces being lost.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

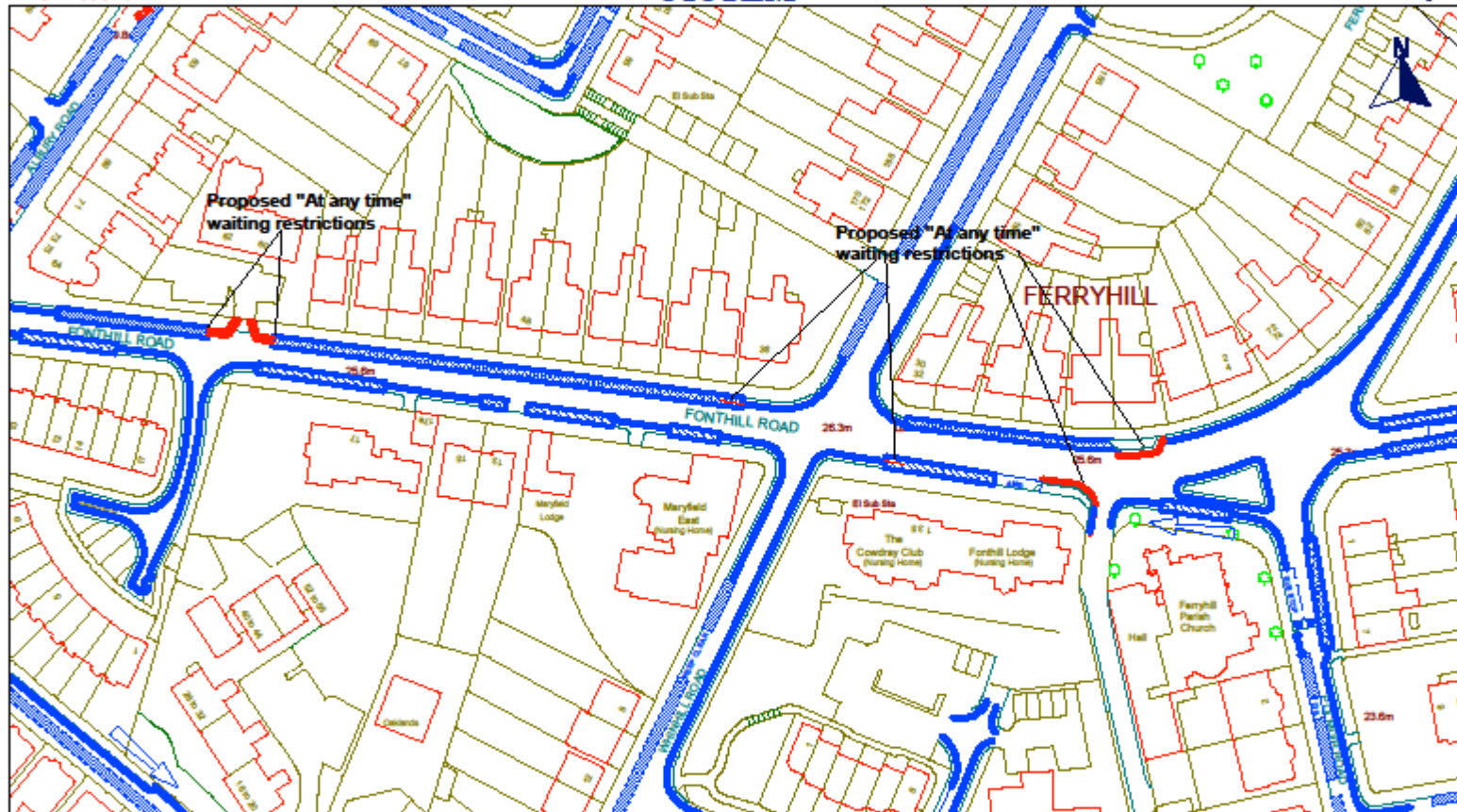
Ward – Torry/Ferryhill

Elected members – Cormack, Donnelly, Allan, Kiddie

- **Fonthill Road** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions



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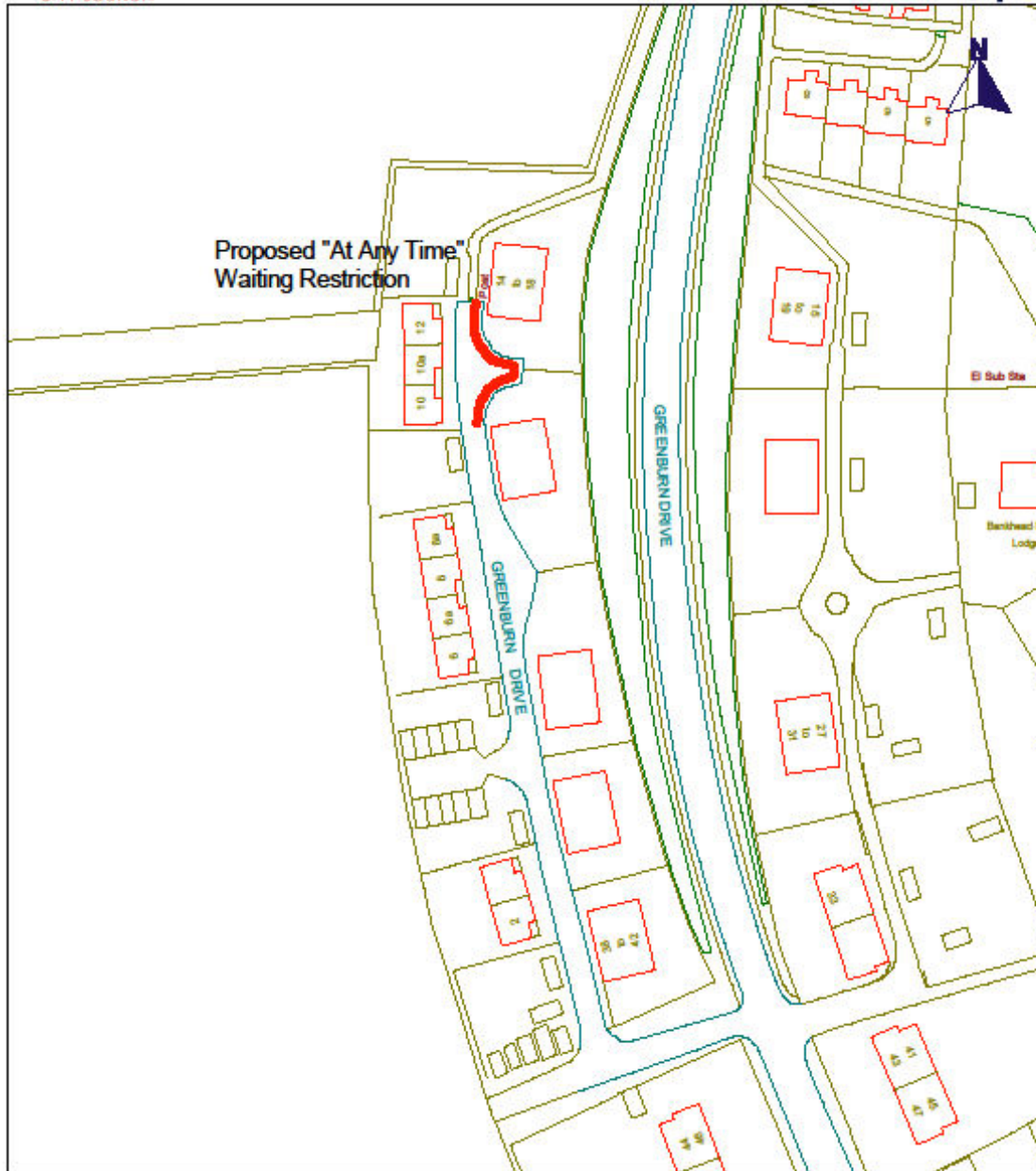
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- **Greenburn Drive (Service Road)** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions



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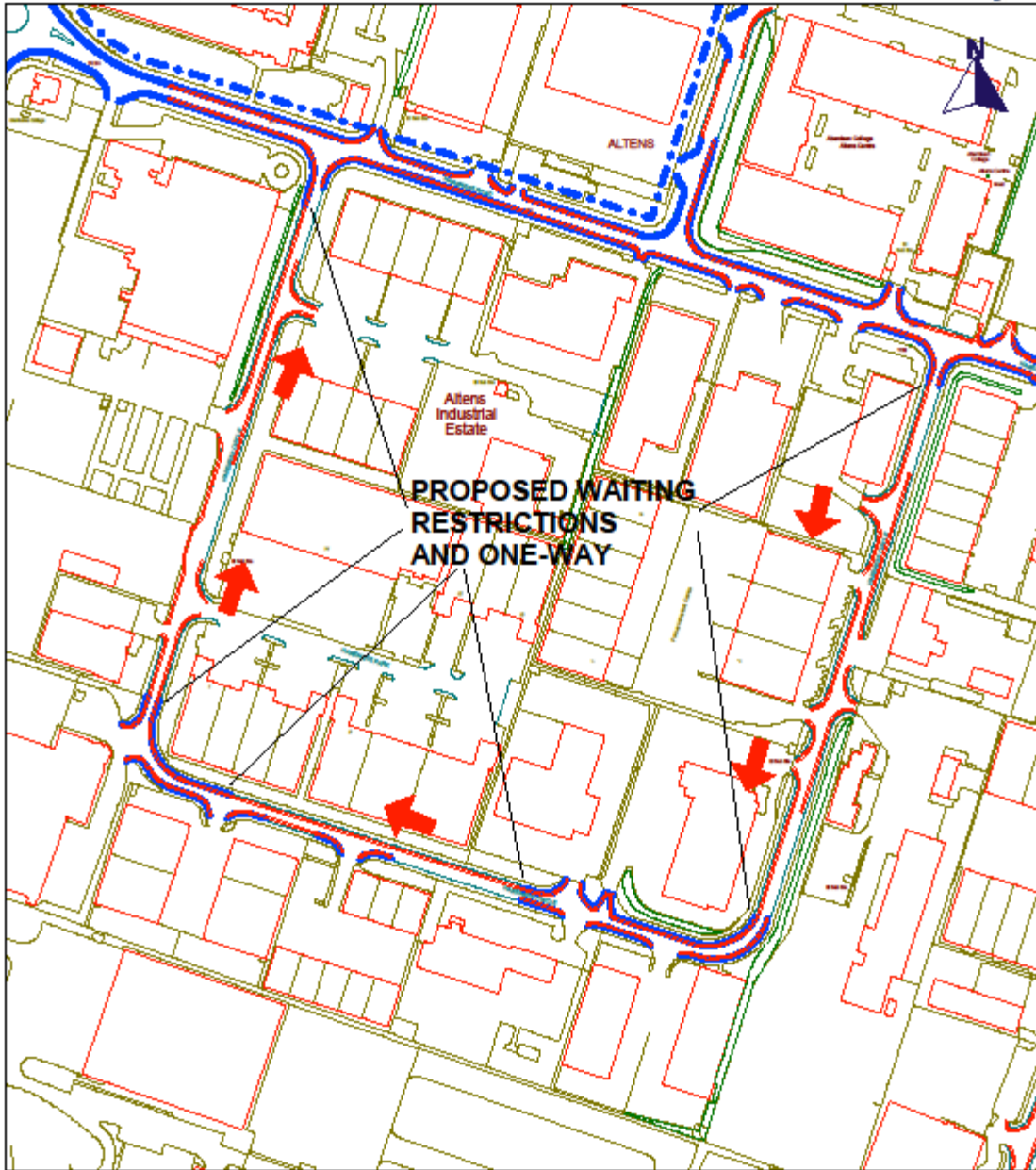
- **Greenfern Road** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions and disabled spaces



- **Hareness Circle** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions and One-way system (Clockwise)



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Title: Hareness Circle - Proposed waiting restrictions and one-way system

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- **Malcolm Road/Crombie Circle/Johnston Gardens** – Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions.



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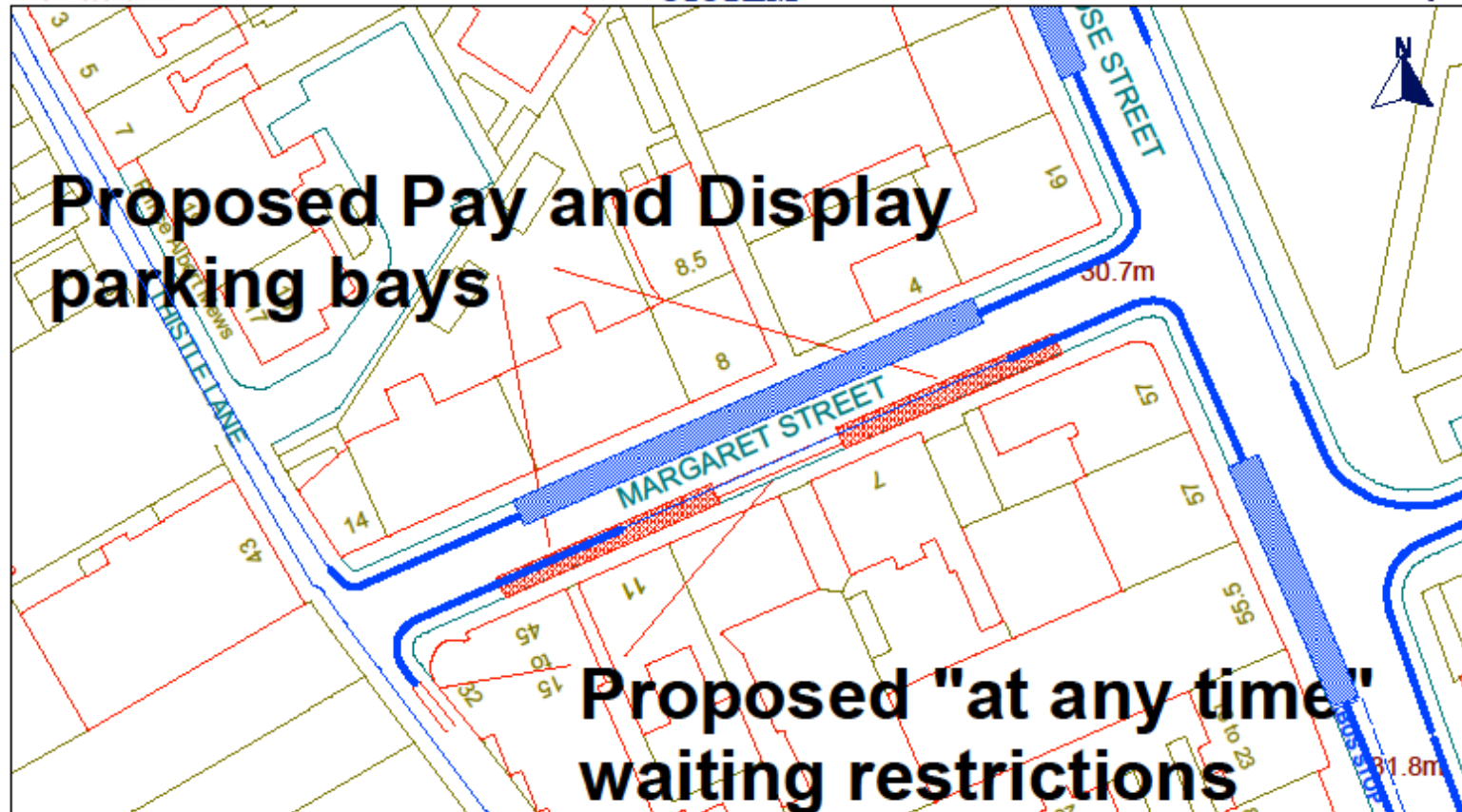


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- **Margaret Street** - Replace single yellow line with Mon – Sat , 8:00am to 6:00pm Pay and Display bays



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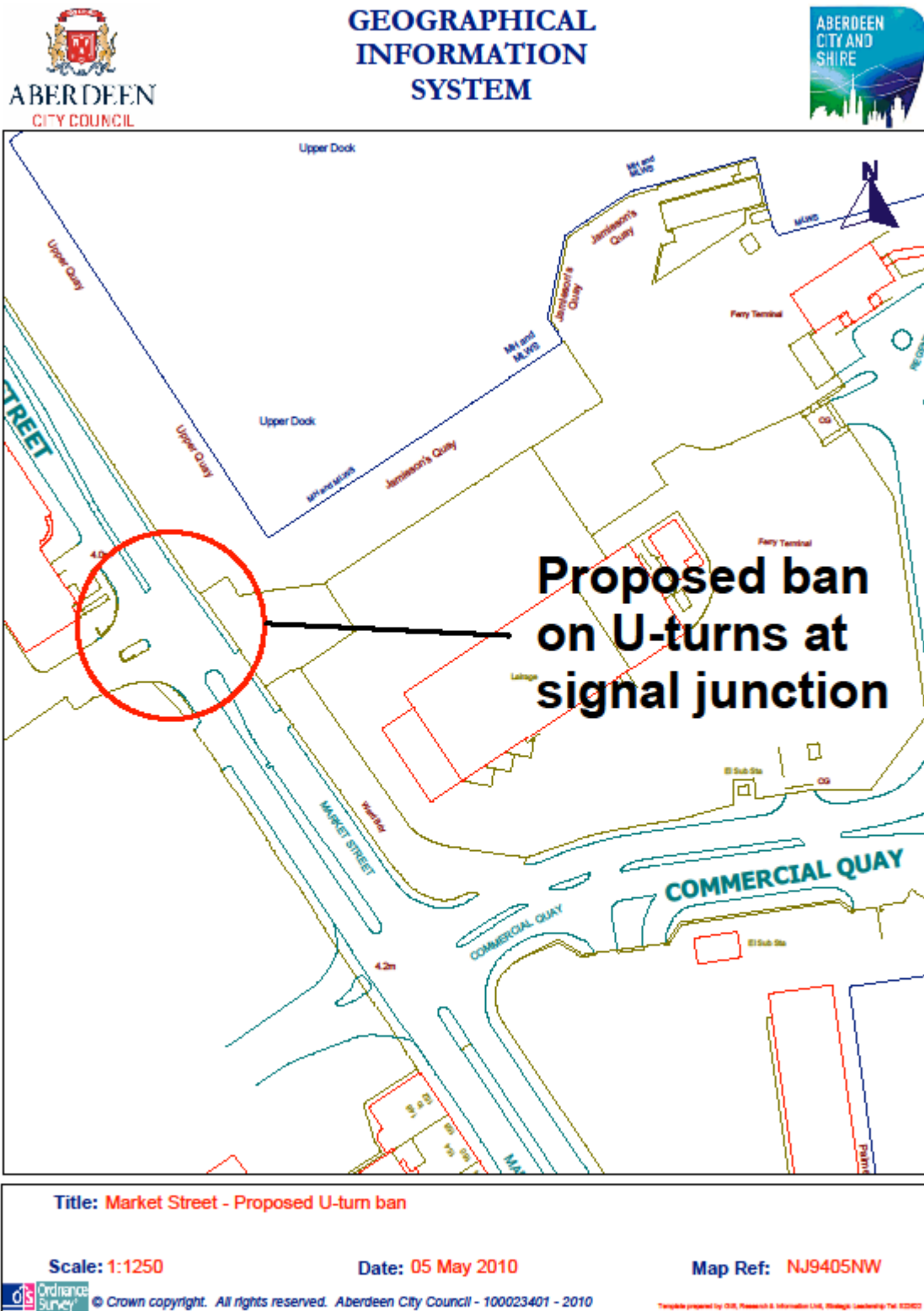
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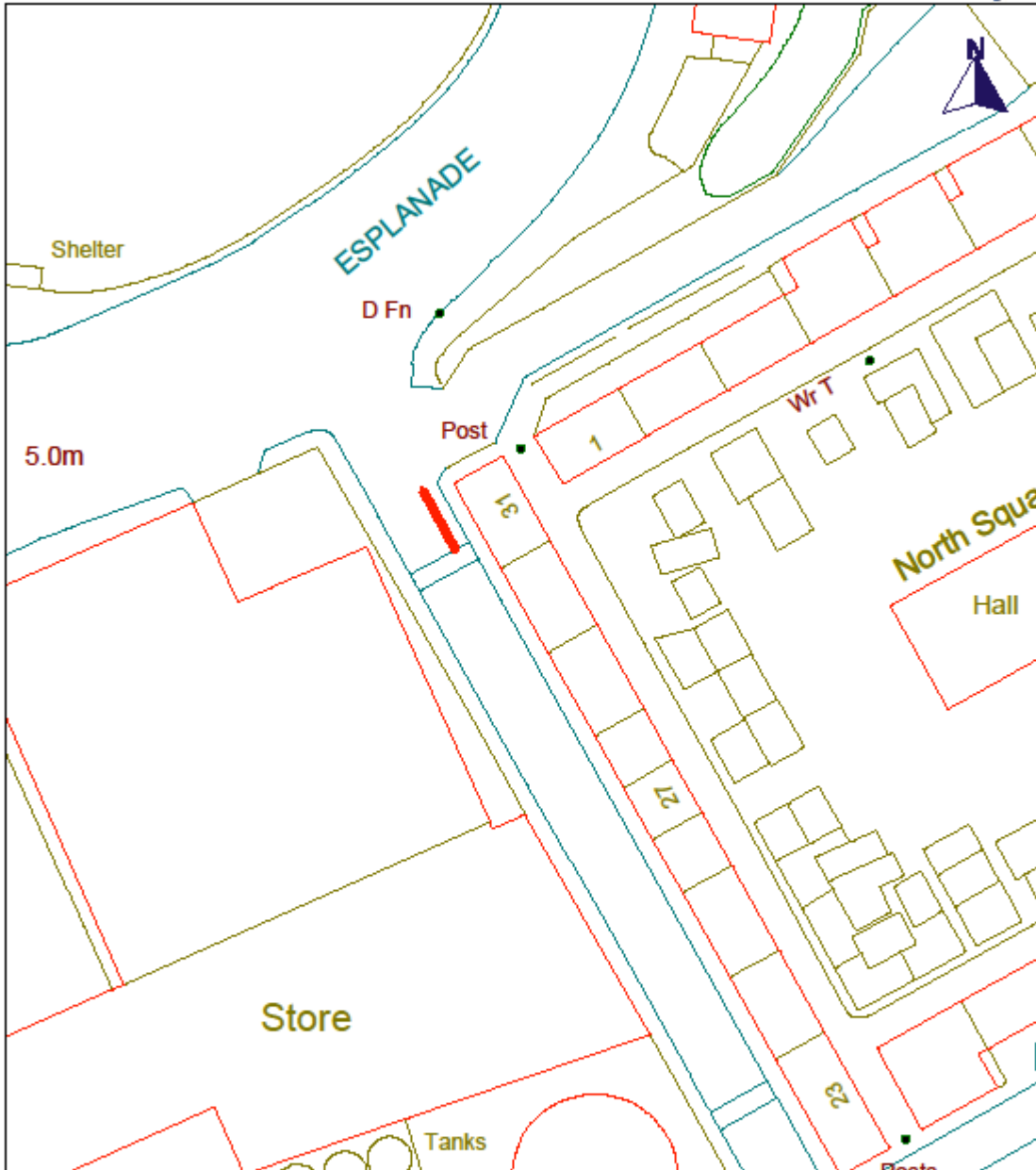
- **Market Street** – Proposed ban on U-turns



- **New Pier Road** – Proposed waiting restrictions, Mon – Fri; 8am to 5pm



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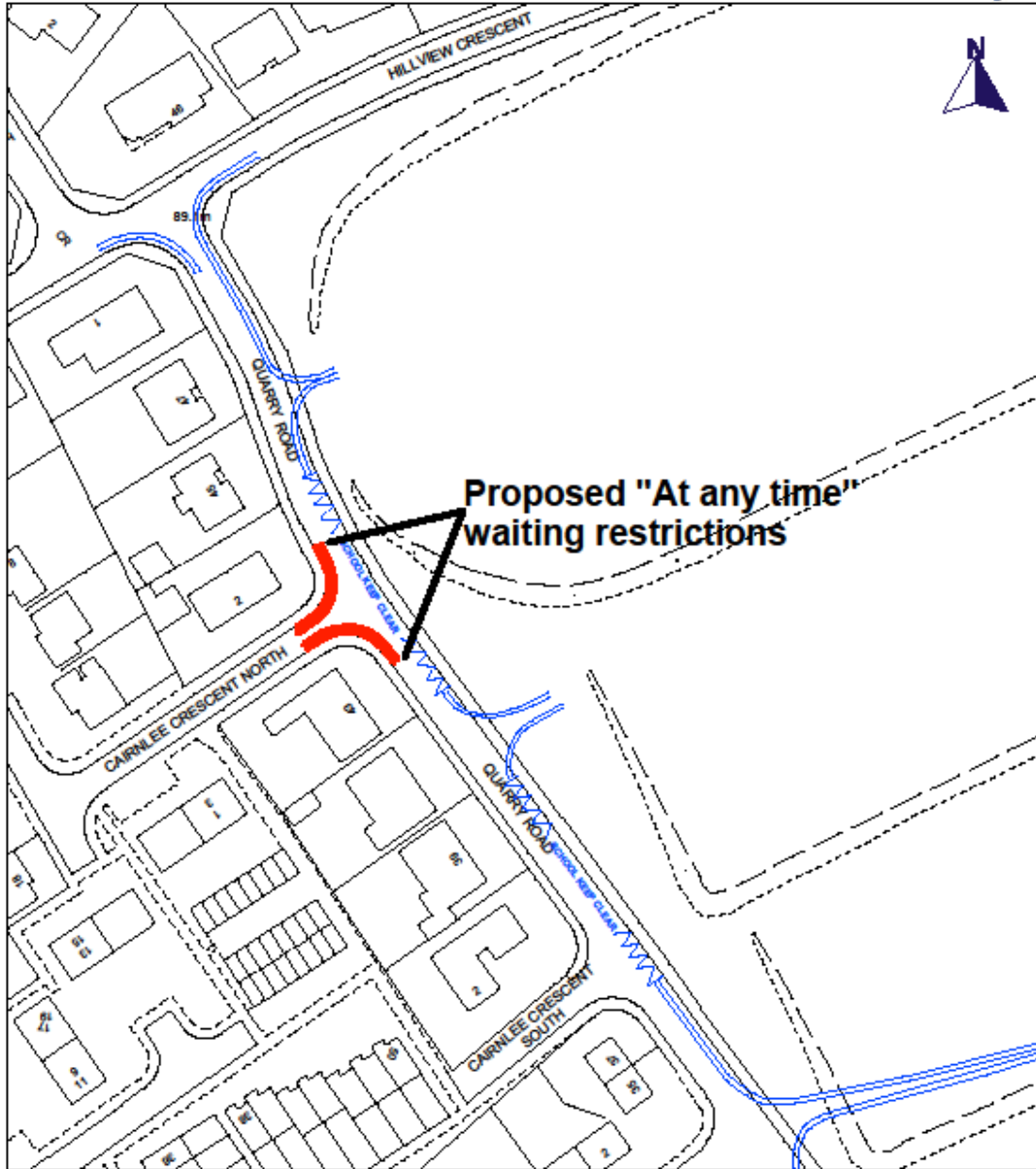
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- Quarry Road/Cairnlee Crescent North, Cults – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions



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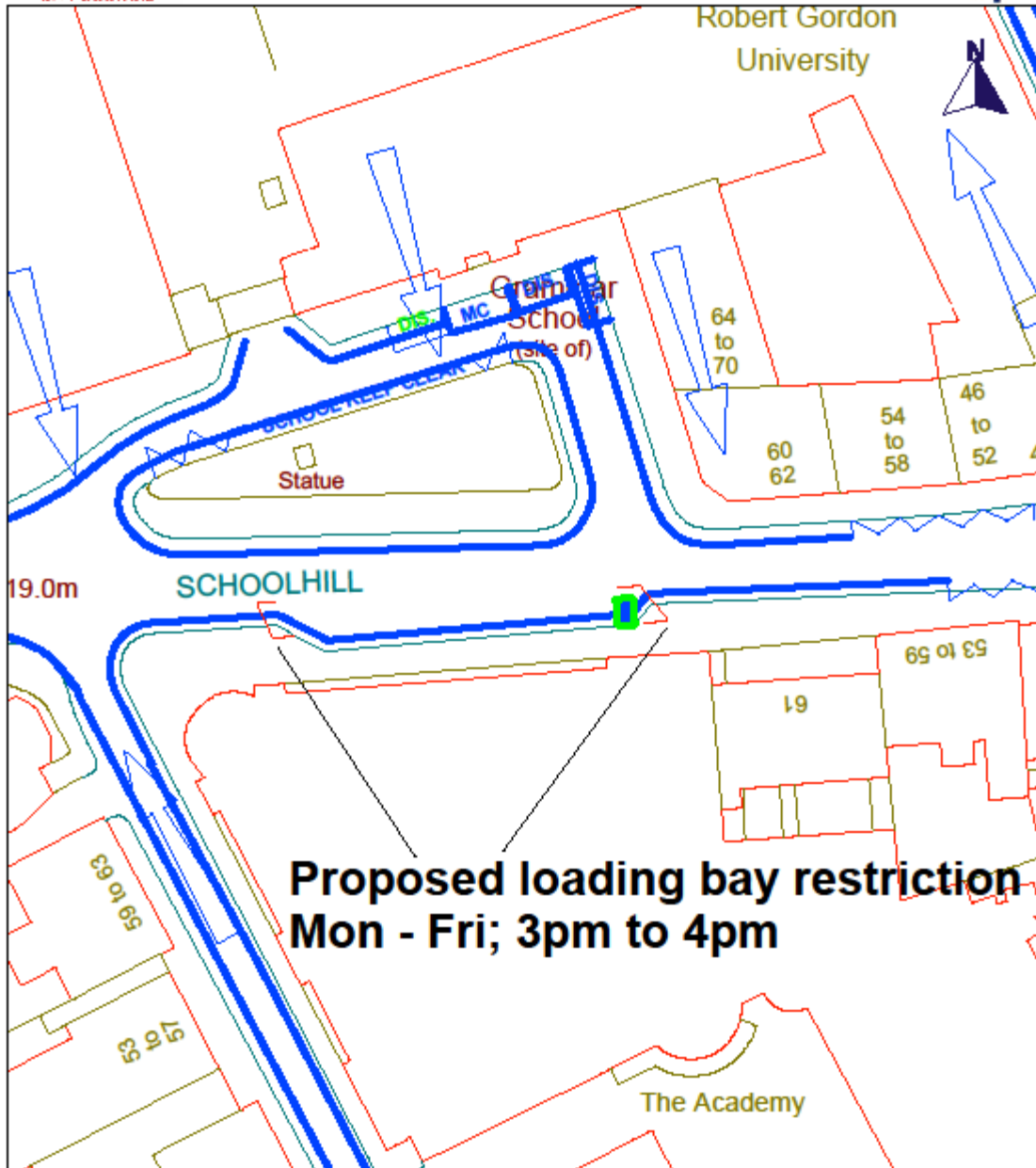
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- **Schoolhill** – Proposed loading bay outside the Academy Shopping centre; Mon – Fri, 3pm – 4pm



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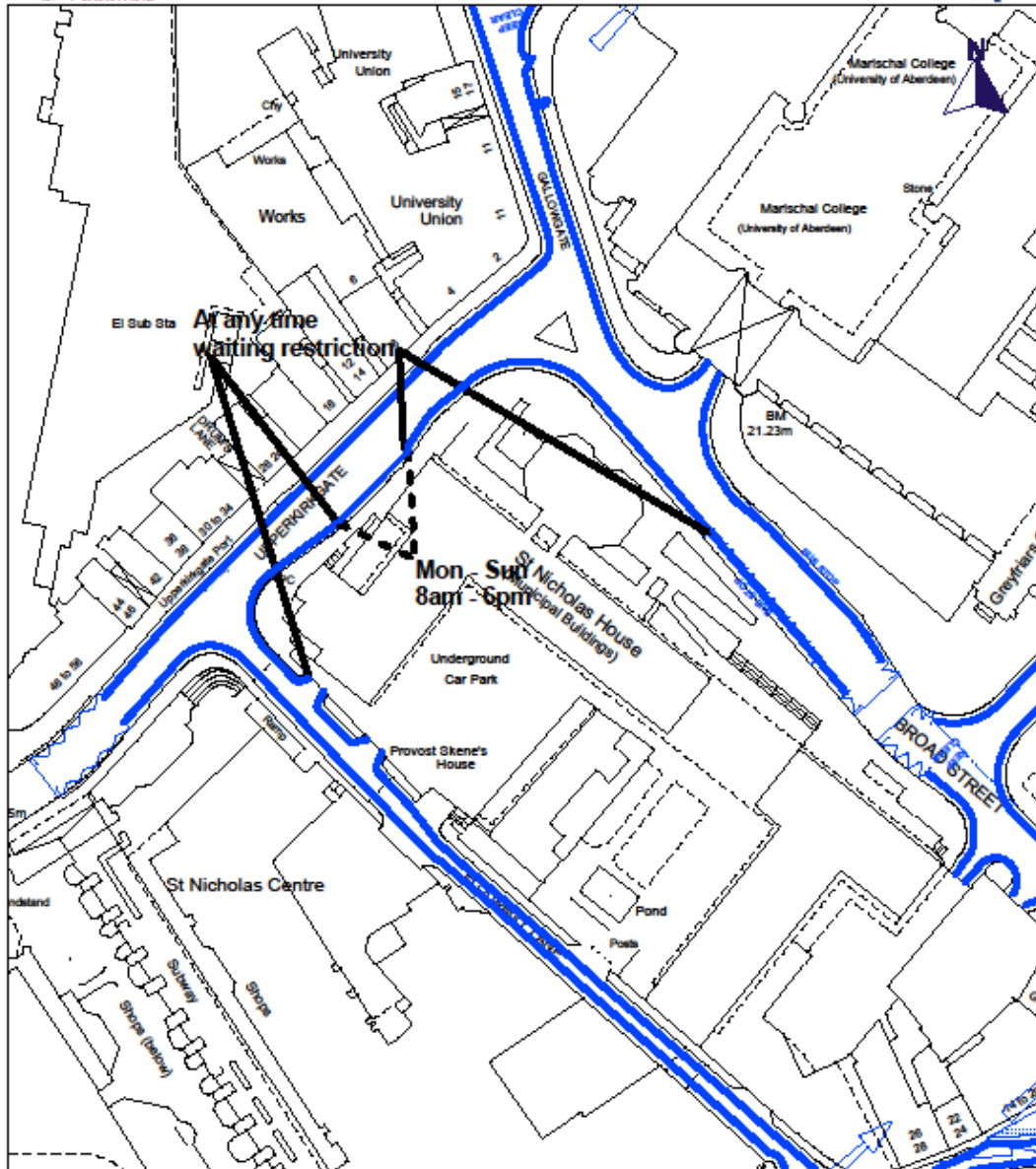
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- **Upperkirkgate** – Consolidation of existing waiting restrictions – “At any time” and “Mon – Sun, 8-6”



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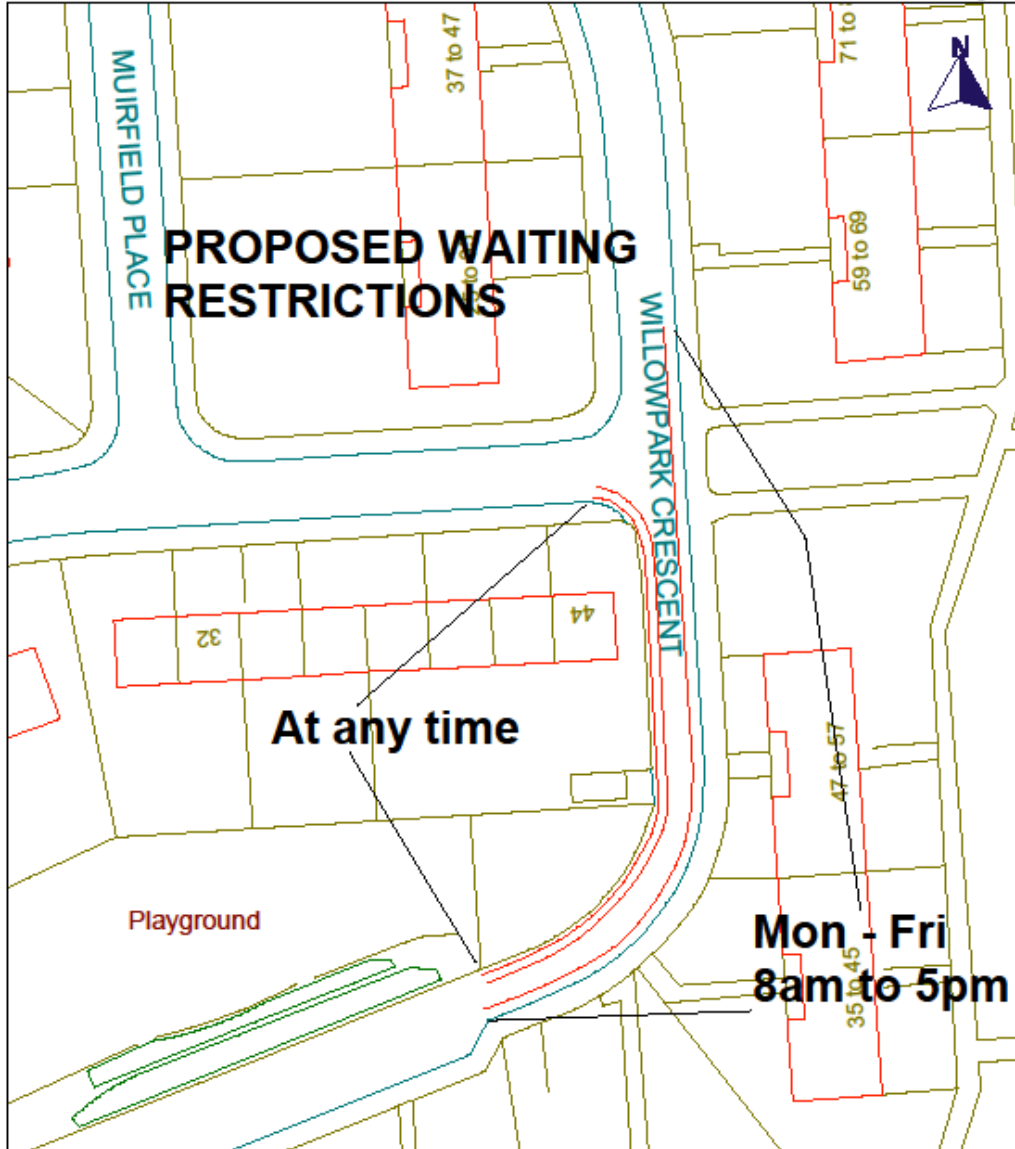
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- **Willowpark Crescent** – Proposed “At any time” and Mon – Fri; 8am – 5pm waiting restrictions



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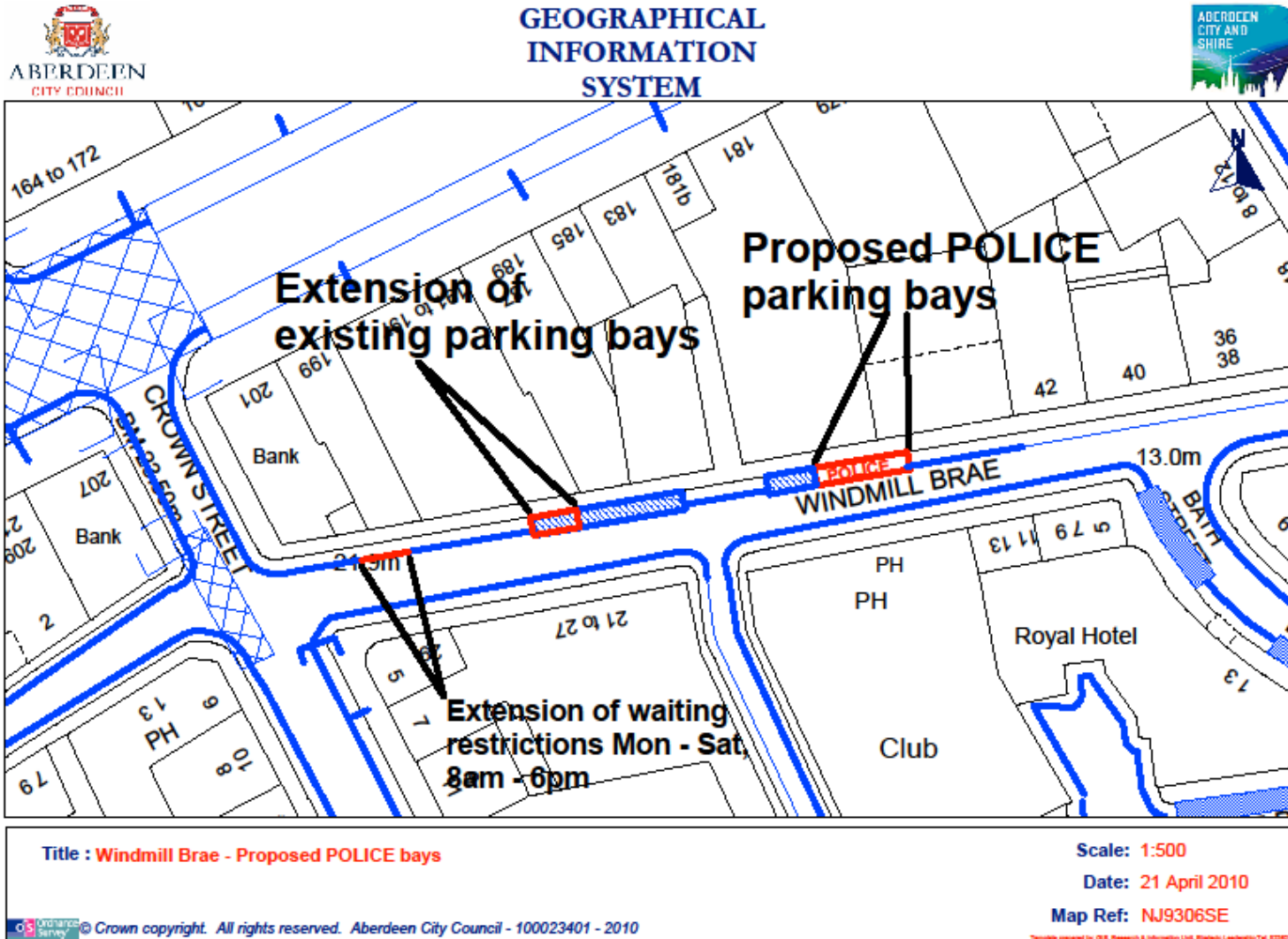
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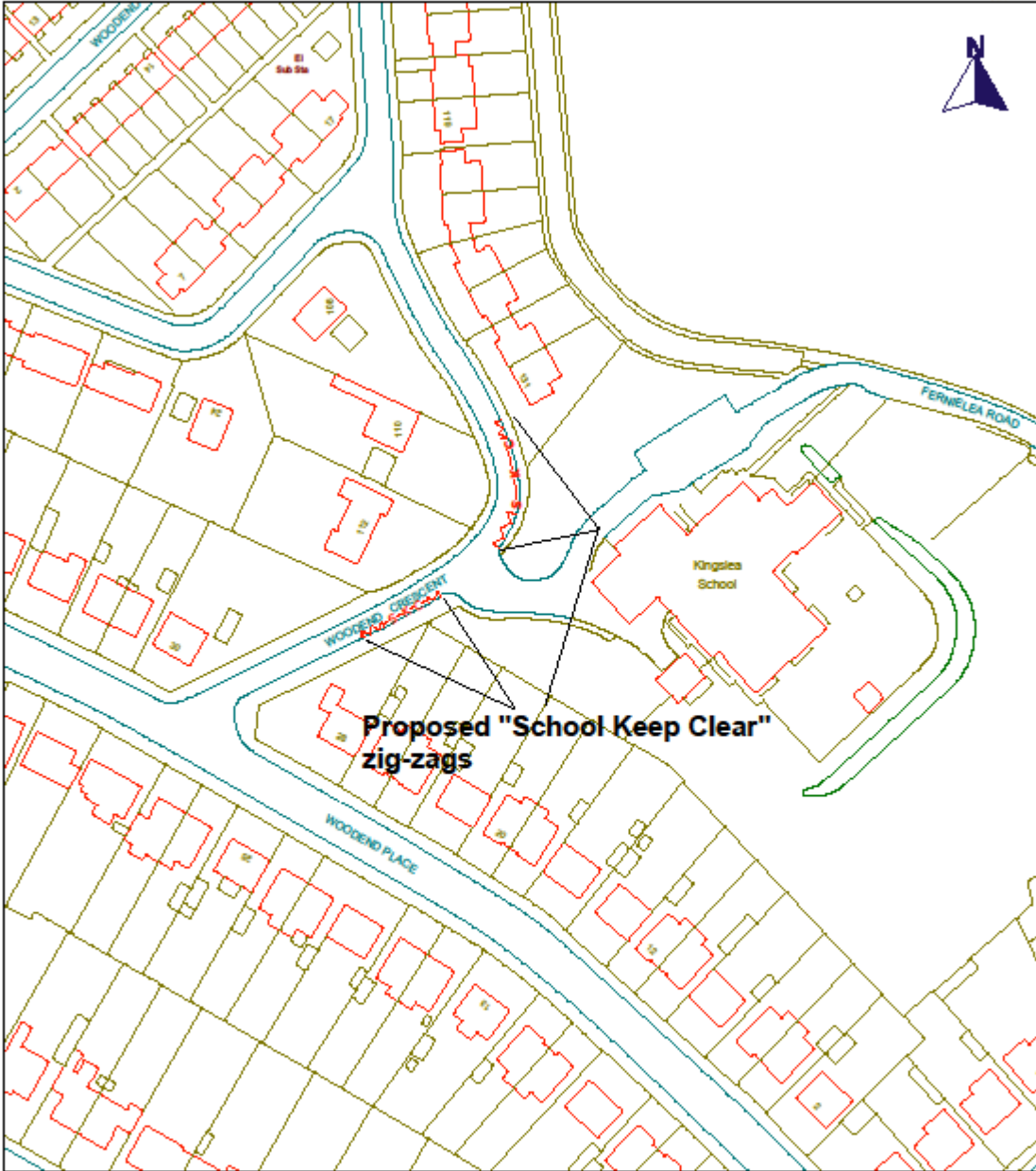
- **Windmill Brae** – Proposed “POLICE” bays and alteration to “At any time” waiting restrictions and “Pay and Display” parking bays.



- **Woodend Crescent** Proposed "School Keep Clear" zig-zags; Mon – Fri; 8am – 5pm



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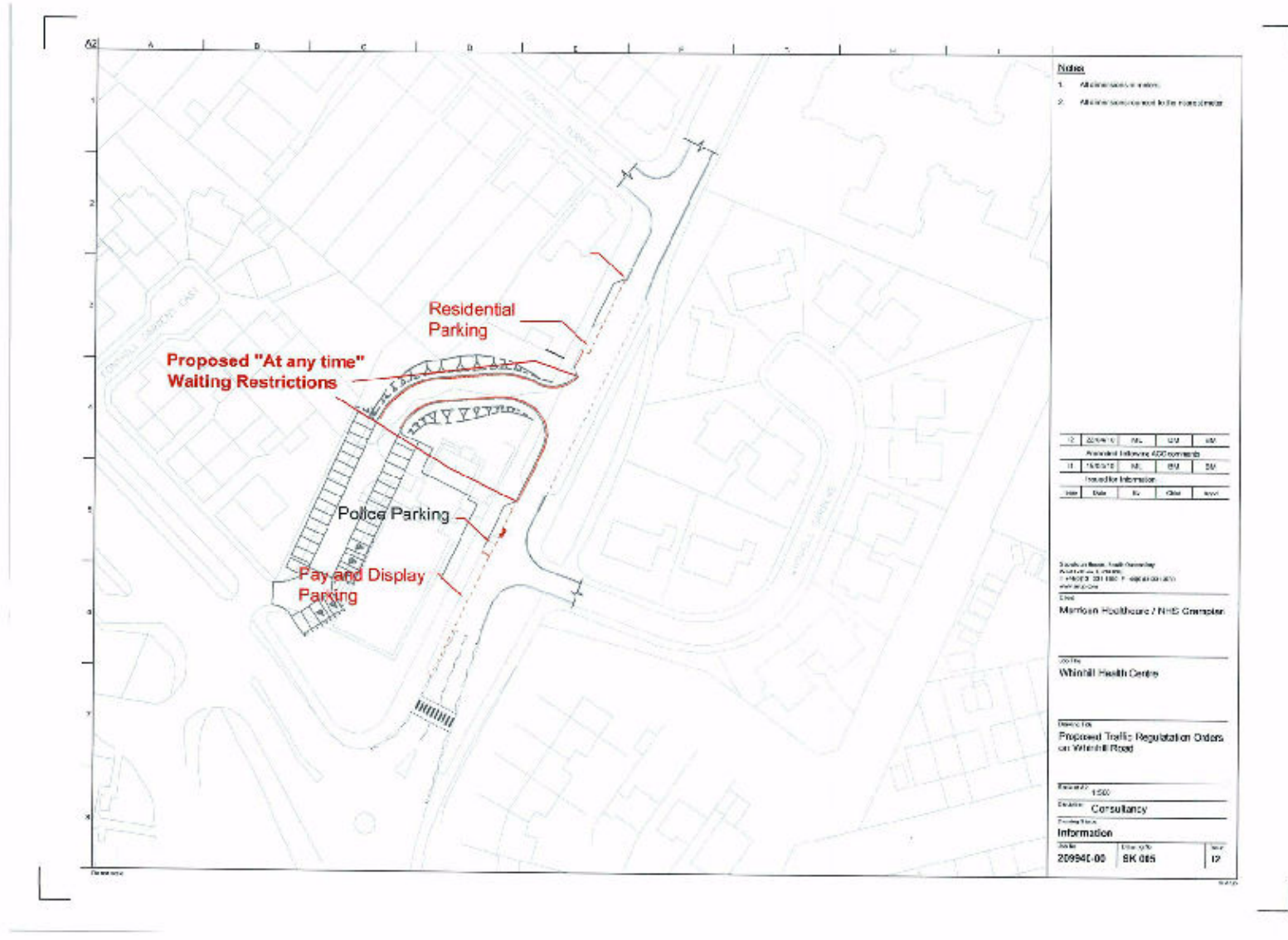
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❖ **Whinhill Road** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions, “Pay and Display” parking, “Residents Only” and “Police Vehicle” parking



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;

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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
Councillor Neil Fletcher	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Kirsty West	Has been consulted and has no comment
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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A