

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

13 JUNE 2002

'RESIDENTS ONLY' PARKING AT LITTLECAUSEWAY, FORFAR.

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report relates to the situation with regards to the 'residents-only' car parking areas in Littlecauseway, Forfar.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the promotion of the necessary legal Orders to:-

- (a) vary the current Conversion of Roadway (Littlecasueway, Forfar) Order 1978 and,
- (b) introduce an on-street residents-only parking permit scheme in Littlecauseway, Forfar

2 DETAILS

The previous Report (No 888/00) which was considered by the Roads Committee on 24 August 2000 outlined the history of the cobbled section of Littlecauseway and the current difficulties with residents-only parking which have arisen. The Report agreed to the reinstatement of the lockable bollards and this was carried out. However, this has not fully resolved the problem of non-residents parking and further consideration of this matter has taken place.

Formal consultation took place with the local member and affected residents in an effort to resolve the current concerns.

A letter was sent to all affected households apprising them of the current legal situation and the options available which are:-

- do nothing (ie retain the current parking situation).
- introduce an enforceable residents only parking permit system.

Further questions were included to gauge the level of parking needs and the residents' willingness to pay a reasonable fee in order to administer the permit system. Any additional comments were also invited.

All twelve households within the affected area were contacted and eight replies were received (67%). Of the eight replies all favoured the option to introduce an enforceable residents only parking permit system. Seven were willing to pay for the permit.

Additional comments received included:-

- limiting the number of permits available to any one household.
- introduction of visitors permits.
- only willing to pay for permit if spaces were assured.
- concerns about enforcement.
- dedicated parking for disabled.

From the response to the consultation questionnaire it would appear that the majority of residents are keen to retain the current residents-only parking and are willing to pay a reasonable sum for it. The concerns raised regarding assurance over availability of parking spaces and enforcement are understandable and will be addressed in the implementation of the permit scheme conditions.

It is not however proposed to make arrangements for visitors' permits which could unnecessarily complicate the permit scheme. In any event visitors could use the nearby public car park at Myre Road.

3 PROPOSALS

The present Orders which cover Littlecauseway converted the cobbled section of the street to footpath but permitted residents-only parking on two small end sections of the street. However that Order is generally deemed to be unenforceable. It is therefore considered that a new Order will be required to permit the necessary enforcement which is desired by the residents by means of fixed penalties issued by the Police or Traffic Wardens.

It is therefore proposed to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce waiting restrictions in Littlecauseway with exemptions for residents vehicles which display the necessary permit. The proposed Order will vary the current Orders which affect the street accordingly.

The affected areas of Littlecauseway are indicated on the attached plan.

The re-affirmation of this residents-only parking permit scheme is seen as an updating of the previous permit scheme which was promoted by the Town Council but which has proved to be unenforceable. This residents' parking scheme was the only one of its kind (or any other kind) in Angus and the Council's predecessors have clearly given a commitment to make some provision for residents' parking in Littlecauseway (but nowhere else in Angus). In these exceptional circumstances the Director of Roads is prepared to recommend that the arrangements introduced by the former Angus District Council be put on a proper legally enforceable footing through the proposals detailed in this report. This proposal should not however act as a precedent

or catalyst for other residents-only parking schemes elsewhere in the Angus Council area.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs of erecting new signs and providing road markings is estimated at £600 which will require to be contained within the 2003/2004 Revenue Budget for Traffic.

The cost of setting up and administering the permit scheme is as yet not known but it is proposed to meet these costs and the future maintenance of the signs and lines from the income generated by charging for the issue of permits to residents which it is anticipated would be in the region of £25 per annum.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Planning and Transport, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and Tayside Police have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

7 CONCLUSION

Due to complaints by residents regarding the use of the 'residents-only' parking areas at Littlecauseway by non-residents a solution must be found. Following consultation with the local member and affected residents it is proposed to introduce a 'residents-only' parking permit scheme. A new Order to introduce the necessary parking restrictions is required.

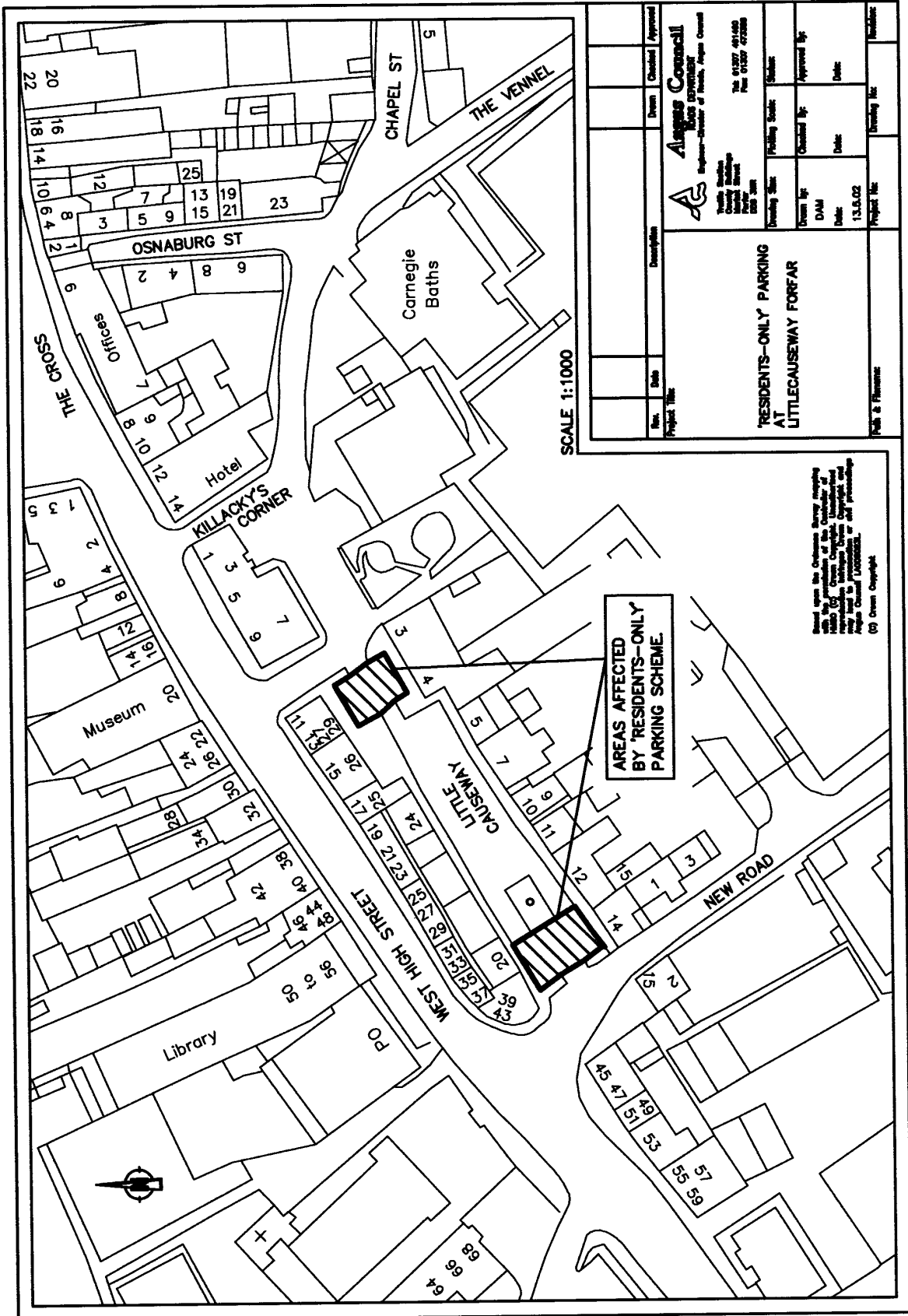
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NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:- (list papers concerned).

Report No. 888/00 - Roads Committee 24 August 2000 - Car Parking at Littlecauseway, Forfar.

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AREAS AFFECTED BY 'RESIDENTS-ONLY' PARKING SCHEME.

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