

ANGUS COUNCIL**ROADS COMMITTEE****28 AUGUST 1997****PRINCES STREET, MONIFIETH****REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS' PARKING****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

Following concerns expressed at the Monifieth Area Forum regarding the difficulties caused by golfers parking on Princes Street and the receipt of a petition from some residents of Princes Street in Monifieth requesting a residents parking scheme, questionnaires on 'provision of residents' parking' were delivered to all households in Princes Street and the surrounding area. This report discusses the results of this consultation exercise and recommends alternative solutions to the problem.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

- (i) that a residents parking scheme in Princes Street will not be provided,
- (ii) that the question of blocked driveways be addressed by the use of white edge lining across these accesses,
- (iii) that the Director of Property be asked to confirm whether the area of ground adjacent to the first tee of the Ashludie Course is within Council ownership and can be declared surplus to requirements and,

- (iv) that if this area of ground can be declared surplus to requirements that it be offered to the Ashludie Golf Club at the market value to allow them to create a golfers car park.

2 INTRODUCTION

- (i) At the Monifieth Area Forum held in May 1997 the issue of on-street parking in Princes Street and the difficulties caused by the numbers of golfers parking here was raised. Subsequently a petition was received from a number of residents requesting that the Council “grant residential parking in Princes Street Monifieth”.
- (ii) As a result of these approaches a questionnaire seeking the views of the residents of Princes Street and South Ramsay Street was distributed to all households in these streets. A copy of the questionnaire is attached as Appendix 1.

3 DETAILS

- (i) Appendix 2 summarises the results of the returned questionnaires. As can be seen 68 questionnaires were handed out and 31 replies were received, a 46% return. Correspondence received with the petition has indicated that the main problem area lies between Well Street and Ramsay Street and of the 29 households here 17 were signatories of the petition requesting residents’ parking (ie 57%). Twelve questionnaires (ie 41%) were returned from this area with 9 households requesting residents’ parking and 3 against. Interestingly, 2 of the householders who returned questionnaires indicating that they did not wish residents’ parking had also signed the petition in favour of a residents’ parking scheme!
- (ii) Looking again at the overall survey of 31 replies, although the vast majority of households have vehicles and also off-street parking there is still a substantial

48% who would wish residents' parking. This rises to 75% for the Well St to Ramsay St stretch.

- (iii) It should be noted that the great majority of those responding to the questionnaire did not wish to pay for a residents' parking scheme. Unfortunately if there were to be any residents' parking scheme then there would be significant costs to the council for the implementation of the appropriate traffic regulation order and of course an ongoing administration and enforcement cost.
- (iv) A residents' parking scheme would disadvantage not only the golfers but would prevent all other visitors to the street from parking there. Although some of the demand for parking would undoubtedly shift to the existing golfers' car park, other adjacent streets would also be used by the displaced vehicles. Problems are already being experienced in Brook Street where the demand for on-street parking by residents is causing some difficulty. Any increase in the demand for parking here would exacerbate the situation.
- (v) Alternative ways of increasing the parking capacity of the area were suggested in the comments section of some of the questionnaires. Angled or end on parking in Princes Street in association with a one way system were suggested. Unfortunately Princes St is too narrow for such a measure.
- (vi) The other suggestion was for the area of rough ground close to the starter's box of the Ashludie golf course (which is thought to be in Council ownership) to be made available for parking. This would certainly help to resolve the problems caused by those playing golf. The complaints about noise and disturbance caused by people enjoying the facilities of the club-house especially late at night are however unlikely to be solved by this measure. Even if such a new car park were to be lit people are unlikely to park their cars at a remote car park and walk to the club house. Nevertheless if the area of ground identified can be declared surplus by the Council (subject to confirmation of ownership) then there would be a case for offering it at market

value to the Trustees of the Ashludie Club for car parking. However there would be no question of the provision of the car park being funded by the Council for the benefit of the Club.

- (vii) There was also concern from the questionnaire responses that the existing car park facilities near the west end of Princes Street were not being used by golfers. It is understood that the clubs concerned do ask their members to use the car parking facilities provided but if there is a choice then the space closest to the golfer's destination will be used.
- (viii) Other points raised by the questionnaire responses were the possible use of limited waiting restrictions (2 hours was suggested) and the problems of blocked driveways.
- (ix) A 2 hour maximum waiting restriction would certainly restrict golfers use of the street for parking but would seriously affect residents who wish to park long term outside their houses.
- (x) The use of a white carriageway edge line across each private access to discourage other motorists from blocking driveways has proved successful elsewhere and is to be carried out in the adjacent Brook Street area.
- (xi) There are already fairly extensive parking restrictions in Princes Street which were put in place because of problems being caused by golfers. It can be seen from Appendix 2 that the majority of residents do not wish the removal of any of these existing restrictions or to see any further restrictions in place.
- (xii) There are a number of town centres in Angus where there would undoubtedly be interest in a residents' parking scheme. Unfortunately the reality is that there are certain areas where demand for parking is greater than the available space at certain times of the day. Granting of residents' parking in areas where the majority of householders already have off-street parking (as in Princes Street) would certainly create a precedent for other Angus burghs where

householders in town centre properties would consider that they had a stronger case for residents' parking facilities.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The provision of the white carriageway edge lining to protect private accesses is estimated to cost some £500 and this sum can be met from within the Roads Department Traffic revenue budget of £75,000.

5 **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Chief Constable, the Director of Housing, and the Director of Property Services have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

Dr Bob McLellan
DIRECTOR OF ROADS

NOTE

No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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Dear Sir/Madam

**ON STREET PARKING NEAR THE GOLF CLUBS - MONIFIETH
PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME**

I have recently received a number of complaints from residents of Princes Street about the difficulties caused by parked vehicles belonging to golfers and it has been suggested that a residents parking scheme might be the way to resolve these problems.

If such a scheme were to be adopted then residents would require to pay for a permit and could also acquire permits for their regular visitor. One disadvantage is that the scheme may be over restrictive to normal activities such as servicing and visitor parking.

To gauge local opinion on the demand for a residents parking scheme I have produced the attached questionnaire which I would ask you to complete and return to the local Access Office at 81 High Street, Monifieth.

Thank you for your assistance with this consultation exercise.

Yours faithfully

Bob McLellan

Dr Bob McLellan
Director of Roads

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**ANGUS COUNCIL
ROADS DEPARTMENT
RESIDENTS PARKING QUESTIONNAIRE**

1) Name

2) Address

Tel:

3) Do you own a vehicle ?

if yes, how many vehicles are available to your household ?

4) Do you have access to off street car parking ?

If yes how many spaces ?

5) Do you have difficulty parking in your road

6) Would you be in favour of further double yellow lines to restrict parking ? (including residents)

7) Would you favour removal of existing yellow lines where practical, to allow more parking ?

8) Do you think Residents Parking is required for your area ?

9) Would you pay around £50 - £100 for the privilege of Residents Parking ?

10) Any other comments ?

*Please return completed forms by
Monday 2 June 1997 to:*

The Access Office
81 High Street
Monifieth

APPENDIX 2

Results from entire survey (31 responses from 68 delivered ie 46% return)			
QUESTION	YES	NO	NO ANSWER
3 Do you own a vehicle?	90%	10%	
4 Do you have access to off-street parking?	84%	13%	3%
5 Do you have difficulty parking in your road?	58%	35%	7%
6 Would you be in favour of more double yellow lines?	10%	84%	6%
7 Would you favour removal of some yellow lines?	16%	81%	3%
8 Do you think residents parking is required?	48%	42%	10%
9 Would you pay for this?	16%	78%	6%
Results of survey between Well St. and Ramsay St. (12 responses from 29 delivered ie 41% return)			
QUESTION	YES	NO	NO ANSWER
3 Do you own a vehicle?	100%		
4 Do you have access to off-street parking?	83%	17%	
5 Do you have difficulty parking in your road?	83%	17%	
6 Would you be in favour of more double yellow lines?	8%	84%	8%
7 Would you favour removal of some yellow lines?	33%	58%	9%
8 Do you think residents parking is required?	75%	25%	
9 Would you pay for this?	33%	67%	

