

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

24 NOVEMBER 2009

VARIATION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report deals with proposed amendments to current waiting restrictions to take account of changing circumstances.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) agrees to the promotion of the necessary Traffic Regulation Variation Orders to effect changes to current waiting restrictions in Arbroath, Brechin, Forfar, Kirriemuir and Monifieth.
- (ii) agrees to amend all current Waiting Restriction Parent Orders to include an article relating to the manner in which a vehicle may wait in an on-street parking area.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Locations where new and alteration to existing waiting restrictions are considered to be appropriate are listed below giving brief reasons and the proposed alterations are shown on the attached plans.

3 PROPOSALS

3.1 Taxi Ranks

Under the terms of the Civic Government Scotland Act 1982 it is an offence for anyone other than a licensed taxi to wait in a taxi rank and offenders are liable to a fine on summary conviction. A number of taxi bays are located on areas of roads where there are existing underlying 'no waiting at any time' restrictions which permits offenders to be issued with a fixed penalty notice by Police or Traffic Wardens. This is a much quicker and simpler process in dealing with such offences and it proposed that those taxi ranks not currently so protected should have these restrictions added.

The specific locations affected are at:-

- Keptie Street and Lordburn, Arbroath
- East High Street, Forfar
- Bank Street and Reform Street, Kirriemuir and
- High Street, Monifieth

3.2 East Newgate, Arbroath

Car parking on both sides of East Newgate is causing congestion in this relatively narrow one-way street as well as restricting access to premises. It is therefore proposed to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions in order maintain access to premises and maintain free traffic flow.

3.3 **Montrose Road, Brechin**

As part of recent alterations at the Sheltered Housing development at Newington Gardens the private car park has been altered and the vehicle access on Montrose Street has been relocated. As a result vehicles are parking on Montrose Street very close to the access causing difficulties for vehicles entering and exiting the car park. It is therefore proposed to extend the current 'no waiting at any time' restrictions slightly in order to improve access to the premises.

3.4 **Muir Road/Brechin Road, Forfar**

Complaints have been received from residents regarding inappropriate parking near the Brechin Road/Muir Road junction. On street car parking is restricting visibility sightlines making it potentially hazardous for vehicles emerging onto Brechin Road. Residents have also reported concerns about access to and from driveways as well as general congestion caused by parked vehicles on Brechin Road.

It is therefore proposed to introduce 'no waiting at anytime' restrictions at the Brechin Road/Muir Road junction as well as short sections of 'no daytime waiting' restrictions on Brechin Road to alleviate the situation.

3.5 **Fyfe Street, Forfar**

Concerns have been raised by Scottish Fuels regarding access to their premises in Fyfe Street. On street parking by parents waiting to pick up and drop off children at the nearby Primary School severely restricts access and egress to the oil depot particularly for large delivery vehicles. In order therefore to improve the situation in this area it is proposed to introduce additional 'no daytime' waiting restrictions which will still permit residents to park overnight.

3.6 A situation has arisen at Commerce Street, Arbroath where in spite of the 'limited waiting' road markings encouraging vehicles to be parked parallel to and adjacent to the kerb line drivers are repeatedly parking in an angled manner which results in vehicles encroaching well into the adjacent carriageway. Whilst there is reasonable carriageway width this practice has raised concerns about sightlines for traffic emerging onto Commerce Street from Marketgate. Tayside Police has indicated that the current parent Orders which manage 'limited waiting' restrictions do not make any specific reference as to the manner in which vehicles may wait in such instances.

In order therefore to resolve the situation and permit Tayside Police to take action against such inappropriate parking at this and any similar situation it is proposed to include an Article in each of the existing parent Traffic Management Orders requiring vehicles to wait in such spaces parallel to the kerb line or edge of carriageway.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The estimated cost of implementing the proposals is £850 which can be met from the 2010/2011 Revenue Budget. Additional maintenance costs would amount to £150 per annum and this would require to be provided for in future years Revenue Budgets.

5. **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

6 **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The issues contained in this Report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance, Head of Law and Administration, and the Chief Constable were consulted in the preparation of this report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 In the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety and free traffic flow and in order to maintain access to premises alterations to waiting restrictions are considered appropriate. The variation of existing Traffic Regulation Orders to implement these alterations and to clarify the manner in which vehicles may be parked on street are therefore recommended for promotion.

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NOTE:

The following 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 this Report:-

Angus Council (Arbroath Traffic Management) Order 2004.
Angus Council (Brechin Traffic Management) Order 2005.
Angus Council (Carnoustie Traffic Management) Order 2003.
Angus Council (Kirriemuir Traffic Management) Order 2005.
Angus Council (Monifieth Traffic Management) Order 2001.
Angus Council (Montrose Area Traffic Management) Order 2003.

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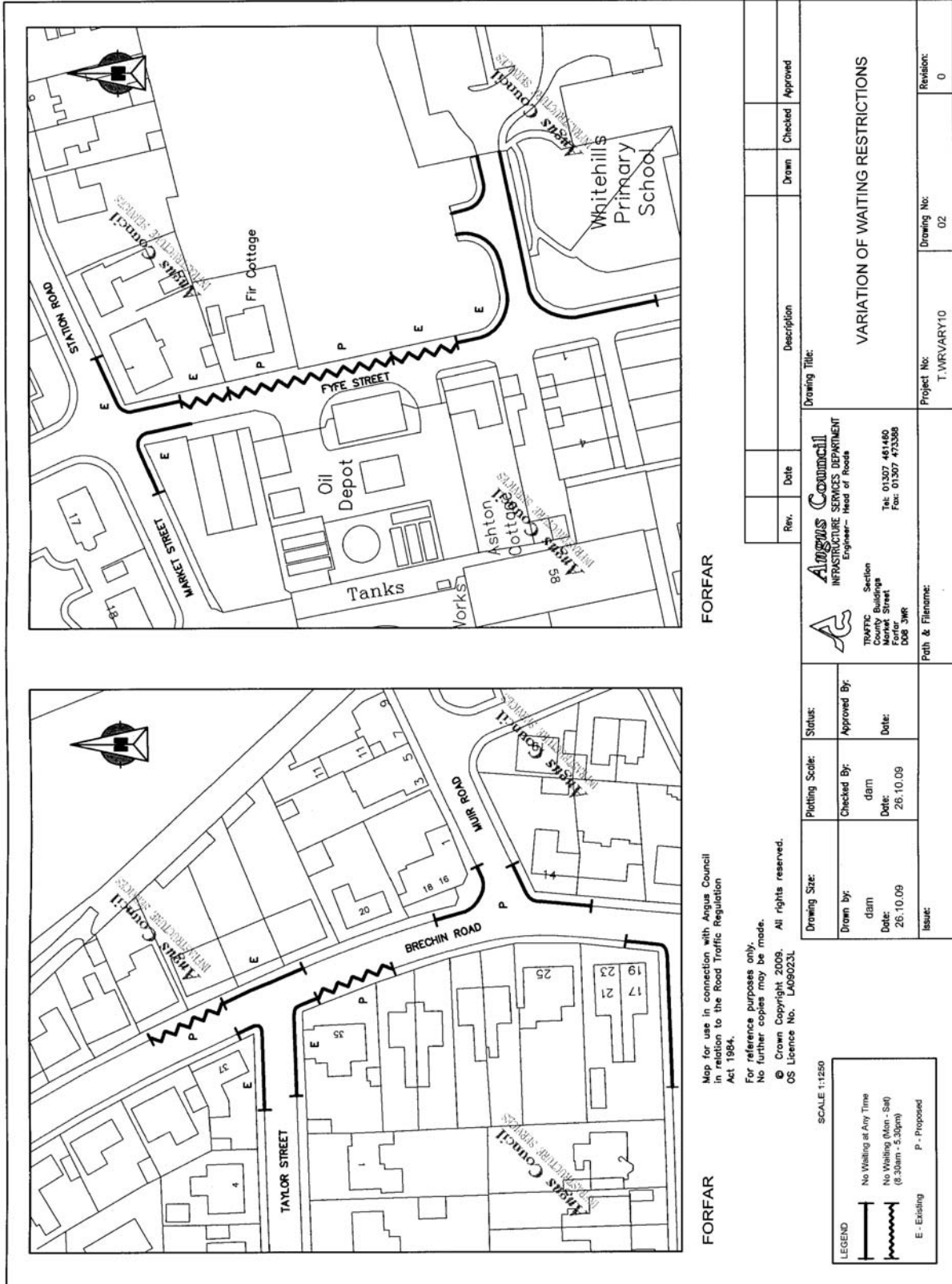
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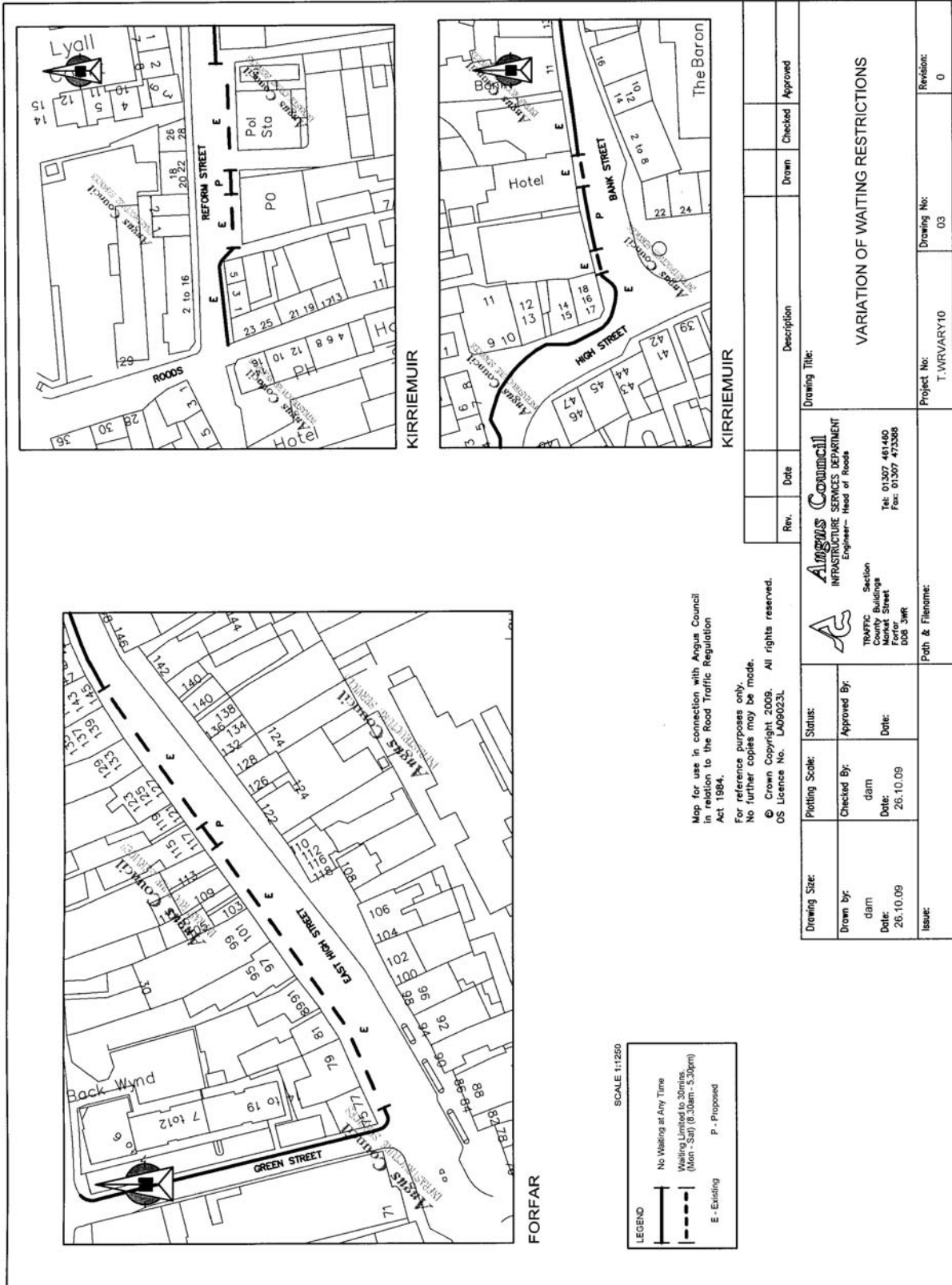
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