ABSTRACT
This report deals with proposed amendments to current waiting restrictions to take account of changing circumstances at the various locations listed.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the committee agrees to the promotion of Traffic Regulation Variation Orders to affect changes to current waiting restrictions in Arbroath, Brechin, Forfar, Montrose and Newbigging.

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 (see Appendix 1).

3 PROPOSALS

3.1 Benedict Road/Great Michael Road, Arbroath

Concerns have been raised by the council's Public Transport Unit in respect of local buses having to mount the footway in order to pass parked vehicles in the vicinity of the Benedict Road/Great Michael Road junction. The introduction of a section of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the junction is proposed in order to reduce congestion and improve access in the interest of traffic and pedestrian safety.

3.2 North Grimsby, Arbroath

A local elected member has raised the issue of car parking in the vicinity of the entrance/exit on North Grimsby serving the council's Millgate public car park. It is therefore proposed to introduce 'no waiting restrictions' in North Grimsby and at the nearby North Grimsby/Chalmers Street/West Grimsby junction in order to improve access for the car park users and reduce general congestion in the area.

3.3 Peasiehill Road, Arbroath

A complaint has been received from the operators of the Halliburton premises in the Elliot Industrial Estate regarding on street parking in the vicinity of their access causing difficulties for access for their vehicles. A short section of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on each side of the access is proposed to improve sightlines for drivers of emerging vehicles and access generally.

3.4 Shore, Arbroath

A complaint has been received from a local resident regarding parking in The Shore close to its junction with East Grimsby creating difficulties for vehicles entering and leaving the street. A short section of 'no waiting at any time' restriction is proposed on each side of The Shore extending westwards from its junction with East Grimsby in order to improve the situation.
3.5 **Airlie Street, Brechin**

A complaint has been raised by a local bus operator in respect of school buses having difficulty in negotiating the junction of Airlie Street and Argyll Street due to vehicles parked opposite the junction which has a tight horizontal curve. The introduction of additional ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on Airlie Street opposite the junction is proposed in order to reduce congestion and improve access for all road users.

3.6 **Caledonian Road, Brechin**

Concerns have been raised by Brechin Neighbourhood Watch in respect of congestion due to parked vehicles in Caledonian Road near its junction with Cookston Road. It is reported that this parking has at times resulted in vehicles being unable to enter the street due to oncoming vehicles on the wrong side of the road and being forced to reverse onto Cookston Road to allow this traffic to exit the street. This is not a satisfactory situation in terms of traffic and pedestrian safety and the introduction of a section of ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on the south side of the street extending eastwards from the junction is proposed in order to reduce congestion and improve access.

3.7 **South Esk Street/St Ninians Place, Brechin**

Since the recent introduction of “build-outs” to assist pedestrians crossing at the junction of Southesk Street and St Ninians Place some concerns have been raised regarding parking in the vicinity junction which is at times restricting turning movements through the junction particularly for long vehicles and restricting visibility for vehicles emerging from St Ninians Place. The introduction of ‘no waiting at any time’ restriction on Southesk Street and St Ninians Place around the build-outs are proposed to improve the situation.

3.8 **Grampian Park, Forfar**

A complaint has been received from a local resident via the Housing Division regarding parking in a garage court opposite existing lock up garages which is restricting access for the garage users. A short extension of the existing ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions in this area is proposed to permit unrestricted access to the garages.

3.9 **India Street/Eastern Road, Montrose**

Local elected members have raised an issue of car parking too close to the junction which is causing access issues particularly in relation to the local bus service. It is therefore proposed to introduce ‘no waiting restrictions’ junction protection in order to improve access for all road users.

3.10 **Pitairlie Road, Newbigging**

Following the creation of a new footpath serving Newbigging Primary School, the Education Department has indicated that the local school crossing patroller is experiencing difficulties due to parked cars in the vicinity of the pedestrian crossing point on Pitairlie Road restricting visibility. A short section of ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on the east side of the street at the new crossing point is proposed to resolve the matter.

4 **RISK**

4.1 This report does not require any specific risk issues to be addressed.

5 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The estimated cost of implementing the proposals is £700 which will be met from the 2011/2012 Revenue Budget. Additional maintenance costs will amount to £140 per annum and this will require to be met from future years’ Revenue Budgets.
6 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS
6.1 There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

7 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS
7.1 The issues contained in the report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

8 CONSULTATION
8.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance, Head of Law and Administration, Head of Planning and Transport and the Chief Constable were consulted in the preparation of this report.

9 CONCLUSION
9.1 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 is therefore proposed.

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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 this Report.