AGENDA ITEM NO 12
ANGUS COUNCIL
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
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ANGUS COUNCIL (VARIATION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011
REPORT NO 40/11
REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT
This report relates to the making of an Order for the purpose of varying the provisions of current Traffic Orders in respect of waiting restrictions at various locations in Angus.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS
1.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the objections received during the consultation process and approves the making of the Order.

2 INTRODUCTION
2.1 Reference is made to Articles 21 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee held on 24 November 2009 and Article 13 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee held on 2 March 2010 instructing and authorising the preparation of an Order to vary the provisions of Traffic Orders relating to waiting restrictions in Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir and Monifieth.

3 CONSULTATION AND PUBLICATION
3.1 The proposed Order was advertised in the Courier and Advertiser on 9 July 2010. In response to the publication three letters of objection were received, one of which was subsequently withdrawn.

3.2 In respect of those objections which were not withdrawn, details of the proposed restrictions with reference to plans, the grounds for their objections and the response made on behalf of the Head of Roads are listed below. Copies of all correspondence in connection with outstanding objections are available for viewing in the Members’ lounge.

4 DETAILS
4.1 Additional ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restrictions are proposed on the east side of East Newgate, Arbroath as detailed on attached Plan No T.WRvary10/09. This arose from concerns raised regarding parking on both sides of the one-way street causing difficulties for large vehicles to pass along the road. The proposals will result in the loss of five on street parking spaces.

4.2 An objection was raised by a resident of nearby Union Street East on the basis that there is already limited amount of car parking for residents in this area and to remove further spaces would make the current situation worse. The objector also suggested that the council should permit residents to park in the car park for the council owned flats in Union Street East and provide car parking for residents on their land in the area.

4.3 The Head of Roads appreciates that kerbside parking in the ‘Fit o’ the Toon’ area is at a premium but considers that the proposed restrictions are necessary in order to maintain free traffic flow for all road users. The granting of permission for non-residents to use the car park for the council flats in Union Street East is a matter for the Head of Housing to consider and he has been made aware of the objectors’ suggestions. It is not the council’s responsibility to provide off-street car parking for private residents and there appears very limited scope to make such provision in this area.
4.4 Additional short lengths of ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restrictions as detailed on attached Plan No T.WRvary10/09 are proposed on both sides of Elm Road, Kirriemuir adjacent to the sharp bend in the road. This arose from a complaint by a resident that parking close to the corner was causing difficulties for the drivers of vehicles, particularly service and delivery vehicles, negotiating the sharp bend.

4.5 An objection was raised by a resident of Elm Road on the basis that there is already limited amount of car parking for residents in this area and the removal of further spaces would make the current situation worse. The objector also suggested that the council should provide car parking for residents on council owned land in the area.

4.6 The Head of Roads appreciates that kerbside parking in Elm Road is at a premium but considers that the proposed restrictions are necessary in order to maintain free traffic flow for all road users. The Head of Housing has been made aware of the objector’s suggestions and has contacted the objector to intimate that he would be unwilling to form car parking on the sloping area of ground in question due to the difficulties and prohibitive costs in forming such a car park.

4.7 The remaining proposals which received no objections are as detailed on attached Plans No T.WRvary10/1-8.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The estimated cost of implementing the overall proposals is £3,200 which will be met from the 2011/2012 Infrastructure Services Roads Division (Traffic) Revenue Budget. Additional maintenance costs will amount to £450 per annum and this will require to be met from within future years’ Roads 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 this 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 and the Head of Law and Administration were consulted in the preparation of this report.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 Having taken into consideration the views expressed by those objecting to the proposals in respect of East Newgate, Arbroath and Elm Road, Kirriemuir, the Head of Roads considers that the terms of the draft Order are reasonable and appropriate and that the council should note the objections as lodged and proceed with the Order as currently drafted.

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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 a material extent in preparing the above report.

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