

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – 13 June 2012

PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS - MONART ROAD AND VASART COURT, PERTH**Report by the Executive Director (Environment)**

This report outlines a proposal to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Monart Road and Vasart Court due to the continued problems experienced by residents due to inconsiderate parking. The report also recommends a variation to the Perth Traffic Management Order.

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to agree to the commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Monart Road and Vasart Court in Perth.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 During the last few years a new housing development, consisting mainly of flatted dwelling, has been constructed on the site of the old Monex Glass works site to the North of St Catherine's Road within this development, Monart Road and Vasart Court are adopted.
- 2.2 Due to the close proximity of the development to the city centre, indiscriminate parking occurs regularly on Vasart Court and Monart Road and presents access problems for residents and delivery vehicles. The residents have consistently complained to the Council, but we have been unable to implement restrictions as the roads had not at this time been formally adopted.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 Monart Road and Vasart Court are now due to be adopted and it is proposed to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions as shown on the drawing at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Residents within the area were consulted on the proposals and their responses are detailed below.

Name on File	Comment or Objection	Response
Note 1	12 letters, emails and telephone calls in support of the proposals.	

Note 2	Resident supports proposals but would like to add more lines further into scheme.	Over the years the main complaint has been indiscriminate parking on the access roads. No further restrictions are planned at present. Restrictions are necessary to control parking which causes problems for residents.
Note 3	3 residents generally supported measures but suggested that the restrictions should be targeted towards junctions/corners or pinch points only.	As above
Note 4	Residents suggested that things should be left as they are.	As above
Note 5	Objects to the loss of parking as the scheme does not provide enough parking facilities.	Restrictions are necessary to control parking which causes problems for residents. The Council has no legal responsibility to provide parking for all residents. Parking can only be permitted where it does not impede the safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians.
Note 6	Objects to the loss of parking and claims there is no safety issue. Residents with more than one car will be discriminated against, as non-residents will continue to park in private spaces without penalty.	As above.

- 3.3 Having considered the responses from the consultation, it is proposed to proceed with the introduction of waiting restrictions as shown at Appendix 1.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Head of Legal Services, the Head of Democratic Services, the Acting Head of Finance, the local Elected Members and the Police have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Capital

- 5.1.1 There are no Capital resource implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

5.2 Revenue

- 5.2.1 There will be costs involved in promoting the variation to the Traffic Regulation Order and providing the road markings. The indicative cost of £500 for advertising the TRO will be met from the Road Safety and Design

Budget in 2012/13. The estimated cost of £400 for the road markings will be funded from the Parking Account in 2012/13.

6. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2009-2012

- 6.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2012 lays out five Objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. This report impacts on the following:
- a. A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
 - b. Healthy, Caring Communities

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

- 7.1 An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.
- 7.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- (i) Assessed as relevant but no further actions are required as the proposals summarised in the committee report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing or equality protected characteristics, other than improving the general safety of the road network and all the benefits this brings to everyone.

8. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS).
- 8.2 However, no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 This report outlines the problems associated with inconsiderate parking and access problems for residents of Monart Road and Vasart Court. It is proposed to promote a variation to the Perth Traffic Management Order to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions in this area.
- 9.2 Approval will allow a start to be made to the formal procedure to vary the Traffic Regulation Order. This procedure will involve statutory consultation, preparation of a Draft TRO and advertising in the press. This will provide an opportunity for additional comments to be made or objections to be raised.

Should objections be raised, these will be reported back to Committee, with appropriate recommendations.

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