

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – 20 March 2013****PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME WAITING RESTRICTIONS – AULD BOND ROAD, PERTH****Report by the Depute Director (Environment)**

This report outlines the problems experienced by the residents of Cooper Drive and users of Auld Bond Road caused by inconsiderate parking, and recommends a variation to the Perth Traffic Management Order to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on sections of Auld Bond Road, Perth.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) To the promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce sections of no waiting at any time waiting restrictions on Auld Bond Road in Perth.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Auld Bond Road is situated to the north of the city and serves as an access road to a residential housing estate, the Scottish and Southern Electric (SSE) building, the Holiday Inn and restaurant, and a car sales garage. It also connects the A912 Dunkeld Road to the Tulloch area of Perth and then on to the A85 Perth to Crianlarich Trunk Road. It is an extremely busy thoroughfare and is used by local drivers heading to and from the nearby Tesco superstore, B&Q store and McDiarmid Park football stadium.
- 2.2 It is recognised that the parking facility at the SSE premises is unable to accommodate parking for all staff. However, this has resulted in a considerable number of SSE staff parking at the junctions and also along the entire length of Auld Bond Road.
- 2.3 There are two main entrances into the SSE car park which are serviced from Auld Bond Road. Both access points are adjacent to a roundabout. Indiscriminate parking close to the roundabout has caused several local residents and businesses to complain that they are being forced to drive on the wrong side of the road to pass the parked vehicles. Reports have also been made that parking so close to the junctions restricts visibility and compromises road safety.
- 2.4 In an effort to try and resolve these issues the Police have taken action and warning notices to remind drivers not to park in such a manner that their vehicle may cause an obstruction have been erected in the area. Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to drivers who ignored these warnings.

This has had a short term effect but the Police are unable to carry out enforcement action on a regular basis.

- 2.5 Efforts have been made to encourage SSE staff to use alternatives to the car to travel to and from work. The Council has installed a pedestrian refuge island to provide a safer crossing point on Auld Bond Road at the junction with Dunkeld Road, and footways have been widened on the routes to SSE to allow for use by cyclists. SSE have introduced a colour coded permit systems which allows staff to use the car park four days out of five. However, evidence would suggest that on the fifth day, staff are simply parking on the adjacent roads and causing the problems mentioned above.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 A draft proposal to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on several sections of Auld Bond Road, and at some junctions and pedestrian crossing points, has been prepared and a consultation exercise with the businesses in the area has been carried out. The proposals are shown at Appendix 1.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Head of Legal Services, the Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 4.2 The Police and local Elected Members for the area have also been consulted and support the proposals.
- 4.3 SSE have also been consulted on the proposals and agree with them in principle.

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 2013/14. The estimated cost of £600 for the road markings will be funded from the Parking Account in 2013/14.

6. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2009-2012

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:

- (i) A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
- (ii) 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 caused by indiscriminate parking in Auld Bond Road and details proposals to introduce short sections of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions.
- 9.2 Approval will allow a start to be made to the formal procedure to vary the TRO. 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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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 upon to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

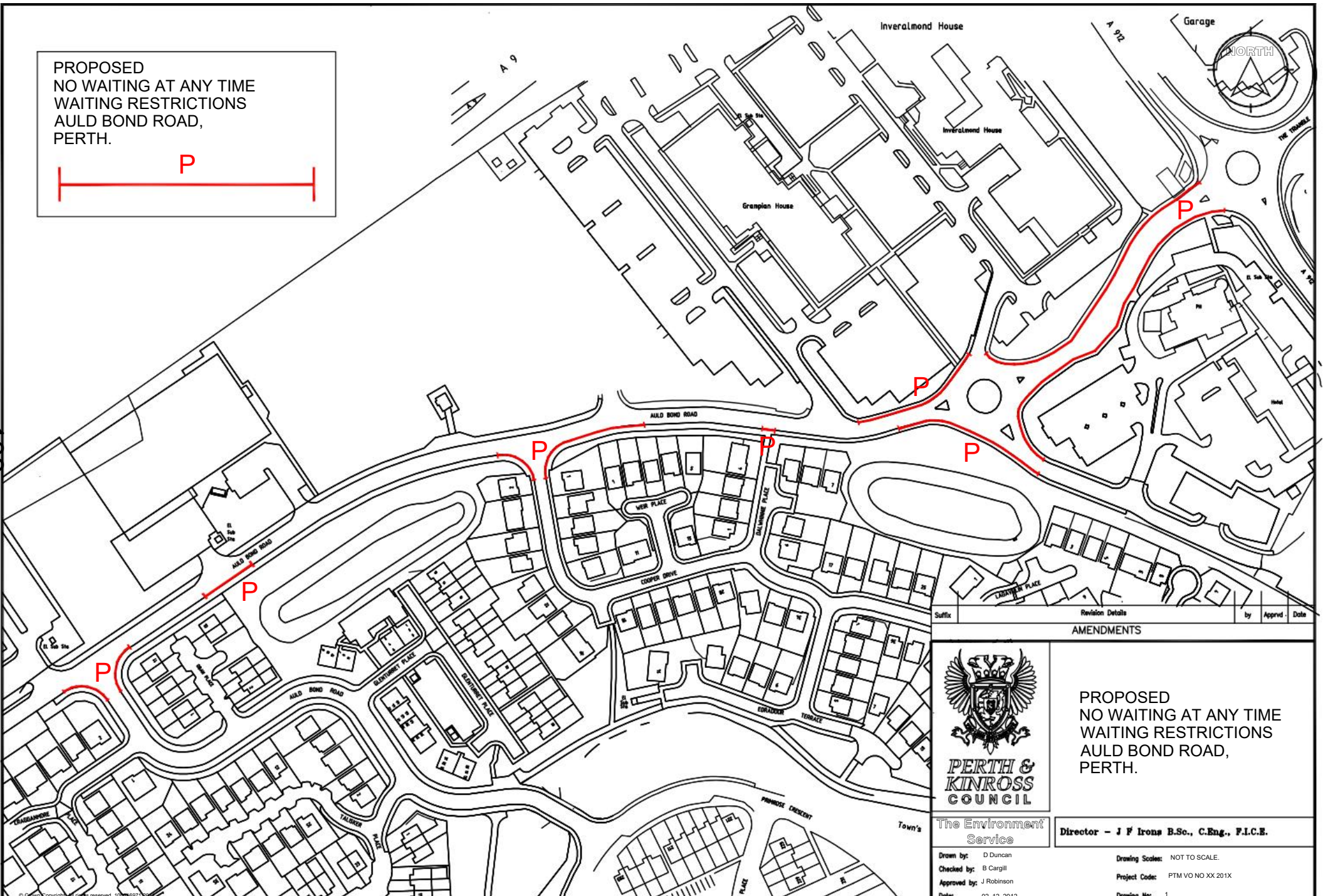
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