

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – 30 January 2013

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – GANNOCHY AREA, PERTH

Report by Depute Director (Environment)

This report outlines the concerns expressed by the residents of the Gannochy area of Perth due to the redevelopment Murray Royal Hospital, and recommends a variation to the Perth Traffic Management Order to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on Muirhall Road and short sections of Annat Road, Gannochy Road, Gannochy Terrace, Muirhall Terrace and Pedwarden Road, Perth.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) 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 Muirhall Road and short sections of Annat Road, Gannochy Road, Gannochy Terrace, Muirhall Terrace and Pedwarden Road, Perth.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Muirhall Road

- 2.1.1 Murray Royal Hospital is situated in a largely residential area and is located in the Gannochy/ Kinnoull area of Perth. The redevelopment of the hospital has increased its size, with many new departments being transferred from other hospitals.
- 2.1.2 The hospital has three main entrances, with two of these situated on Muirhall Road. Muirhall Road is a fairly narrow road with a steep gradient. The local community have complained previously that motorists drive at inappropriate speeds on this road and proposals for introducing a new speed limit are also being considered by the Committee. Muirhall Road serves one of two main routes for traffic heading from the centre of Perth to the Kinnoull residential area and provides access to the walks around Kinnoull Hill.
- 2.1.3 Whilst construction work was being carried out at the hospital complaints were received about parked vehicles on Muirhall Road and the road safety problem this presents. The community feel that due to the redevelopment of the hospital and the absence of sufficient parking within its grounds, drivers will park on Muirhall Road and the dangers this presents will therefore continue.
- 2.1.4 As a result it is recommended that ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions be introduced on the entire length of Muirhall Road from its junction with Lochie Brae to its junction with Langley Drive.

2.2 Annat Road, Gannochy Road, Gannochy Terrace, Muirhall Terrace and Pedwarden Road

2.2.1 Part of the redevelopment work at the hospital included widening the access road at its entrance on Gannochy Road. This has now resulted in an increase in traffic using this access.

2.2.2 Local residents are concerned that users of the hospital will park in the streets surrounding it which will result in access and safety problems at particular locations. As a result it is proposed to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at areas of particular concern.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1 A draft proposal to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the locations shown on the plans at Appendices 1 and 2 has been prepared and consulted upon with local residents. The response to the consultation are detailed below:

Name on File	Comment or Objection	Response
Note 1	Welcomes the parking restrictions-suggests residents parking.	PKC do not operate residents parking schemes and have no plans to introduce them.
Note 2	Suggests residents parking for nos 33 to 40 Gannochy Road.	As above.
Note 3	Suggests restrictions for entire south side of Muirhall Terrace.	Local Elected Members have agreed that the proposed restrictions are adequate.
Note 4	Suggests extra restrictions for Pitcullen Terrace.	As above.
Note 5	Would like to have yellow lines opposite their property.	As above.
Note 7	General support suggests fairly extensive changes.	As above.
Note 8	Suggests restrictions at Dupplin Road/Comely Bank Gdns junction	As above.
Note 10	Suggests additional lines on Haddon Road.	As above.
Note 11	Suggests additional lines on Gannochy Road, Pedwarden Road.	As above.

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Note 12	Would like to see the restrictions on Muirhall Terrace reduced to only 8 metres.	As above.
Note 13	Additional lines on Gannochy Road at farm entrance.	As above.
Note 14	General support suggests additional lines on Pedwarden Road.	As above.
Note 15	Suggests no parking on Gannochy Road, additional lines for Pedwarden Road.	As above.
Note 16	The junctions where waiting restrictions are proposed seldom have any parked cars. Restriction will only move the problem elsewhere. Should they proceed a maximum of 10 metres should be enough to enforce laws.	As above. Proposed restrictions will ensure potential problematic junctions will be kept clear.
Note 17	Additional lines will inconvenience residents and simply move the problem further down the street.	As above
Note 18	Waiting restrictions need to be targeted at specific areas not just at sporadic junctions.	Proposals do this.

- 3.2 Due to the differing comments provided by residents, the views of the local Elected Members were sought to determine how to proceed. The Members agreed that as it was very unlikely that a compromise suitable to all the residents would be possible and they agree that the proposals should proceed as originally proposed.

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. The Police and local Elected Members for the area have also been consulted and support the proposals.

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 £400 for the road markings will be funded from the Parking Account in 2013/14.

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:

- (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 parking and safety problems likely to result from drivers accessing the redeveloped Murray Royal Hospital, and proposes to promote a variation to the Perth Traffic Management Order to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions.
- 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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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 the above Report.

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