PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee - 7 November 2012

PARKING SPACES – BALGARVIE MILL, SCONE ADDITION TO OFF-STREET PARKING ORDER

Report by the Depute Director (Environment)

ABSTRACT

This Report recommends that the parking areas at Hutchison Drive, Balgarvie Mill, Scone, be added to the Car Parks Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable their use to be controlled by the Council.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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 to include the parking areas at Hutchison Drive Balgarvie Mill, Scone.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Through the planning process, the developer for Balgarvie Mill in Scone was required to provide eight parking spaces for general public use, particularly for users of the nearby church. The developer, A & J Stephen, has advised the Council that the development is nearing completion and that the spaces will soon be available for public use.
- 2.2 The Council does not currently own the land where the car parking spaces are but the Council's Estates Section is currently working with the developer to transfer the title to the Council.

3 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 To enable the Council to control the use of the parking spaces at Hutchison Drive, Balgarvie Mill, it is proposed to add them to the relevant Off-street Car Parks Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). This will allow the spaces to be regulated and conditions of use imposed. There are no plans to introduce charges in the parking spaces.
- 3.2 The proposals are shown on the drawing at Appendix 1.

4 CONSULTATION

4.1. The Head of Legal Services, the Head of Democratic Services, the Head of Finance, Tayside Police and local 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 The cost of advertising the TRO is estimated at £500 and this will be met from the Road Safety and Design Revenue Budget in 2012/2013.
- 5.2.2 There will be costs in signing the parking area and these are estimated at around £200 and will this will be met from the Parking account in 2012/2013.
- 5.2.3 Additional ongoing maintenance costs estimated at £100 per annum will be met from the Parking Account starting in 2013/2014.

6 COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2009-2012

- 6.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2012-2013 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) A Prosperous, Sustainable and Inclusive Economy

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 and the following positive outcomes expected following implementation: Council policy of free parking for Blue Badge holders in off-street parking areas unaffected; provision of additional parking places; greater turnover of vehicles in parking places making it easier to find a space to access local facilities.

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 details a proposal to promote a variation of the Council's Off-Street Parking Places Traffic Regulation Order to include 8 parking spaces located at Hutchison Drive, Balgarvie Mill, Scone. The parking spaces will be free of charge and their use will be controlled by the Council.
- 9.2 Approval will allow a start to be made to the formal procedure to promote a 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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