

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – 30 January 2013****PROPOSED REMOVAL OF NO WAITING AT ANY TIME WAITING
RESTRICTIONS – SOUTH WILLIAM STREET & VICTORIA STREET, PERTH****Report by the Depute Director (Environment)**

This report details the proposal to remove three short sections of waiting restrictions to create five additional parking places in the vicinity of South William Street and Victoria Street in Perth and recommends that a variation be made to the Perth Traffic Management Order to accommodate these changes.

1. RECOMMENDATION**1.1 The Committee is asked to agree:**

- i) to the promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to alter waiting restrictions on South William Street and Victoria Street in Perth.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following a request from the residents of a housing complex in South William Street for disabled parking bays it has been identified that it would be possible to convert two 'Pay and Display' parking bays into two disabled parking spaces. The adjacent dropped kerb will allow for a hatched area to be provided between the bays and this will provide an easier access to the footway.
- 2.2 In the same area, a vehicular access has been converted into a small doorway which will allow the waiting restrictions (which were protecting the access) to be removed and replaced with two additional parking spaces. The owner of the business was approached and has indicated a desire to see the restrictions removed and replaced with parking spaces.
- 2.3 Due to the build-outs at the junctions of Princes Street/Victoria Street, and Princes Street/South William Street, an opportunity has been identified to remove 2 short sections of no waiting restrictions and install three additional parking spaces.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 As a result of the request from the residents, and with the support of the local Elected Members, it is now proposed to remove the short sections of waiting restrictions and introduce parking spaces.

3.2 The proposals are shown on the plans at Appendices 1 and 2.

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 2012/13. 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 two areas in South William Street and one in Victoria Street where short sections of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions can be removed and replaced with parking spaces.
- 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 upon to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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