

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Environment and Infrastructure Committee

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PROPOSED ONE WAY ROAD AND VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS, LOWER MILL STREET, BLAIRGOWRIE (WARD 3)

Report by Depute Director (Housing & Environment) (Report No. 19/20)

This report outlines the problems experienced by residents and business owners in Lower Mill Street, Blairgowrie due to indiscriminate parking. The report recommends a start to the process to vary the Blairgowrie Traffic Management Order to introduce a one way road restriction and waiting restrictions on Lower Mill Street, Blairgowrie (Ward 3).

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Lower Mill Street has a mixture of residential and business properties in close proximity to Blairgowrie High Street. As a result, there is high demand for parking from both residents and non-residents.
- 1.2 Concerns have been raised by a local elected member, business owners and residents regarding parked vehicles causing obstruction, preventing larger vehicles being able to access properties and hindering the free flow of traffic. Due to these concerns, the local community have requested the introduction of a one way road restriction and waiting restrictions to alleviate indiscriminate parking.
- 1.3 In order to alleviate the problems being experienced at these locations, it is proposed to vary the Blairgowrie Traffic Management Order to start the process to introduce a one way road restriction and No Waiting at Any Time waiting restrictions on Lower Mill Street.
- 1.4 Consultation was carried out with the local elected members, Community Council and Police Scotland, who were all in agreement with the proposal. Local consultation was undertaken to gauge opinion and the results are shown below:

<u>Name on file</u>	<u>Comment or objection</u>	<u>Response</u>
	Eighteen properties responded supporting the proposal	The one way restriction and additional parking restrictions are to ensure the flow of traffic on Lower Mill Street
	Seven other properties responded objecting to the proposal claiming that the	The issues being raised are in connection with a local business which introduces additional

	proposal does not address the issues on Lower Mill Street	vehicles to the area. The one way restriction and additional parking restrictions will reduce the number of vehicles parking and allow the traffic to flow on Lower Mill Street
Elected Members	All supportive	

2. PROPOSALS

2.1 As a result of the above request from a local elected member, business owners and residents, it is now proposed to start the process to introduce a one way road restriction and No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Lower Mill Street, Blairgowrie.

2.2 The proposals are shown on the plans at Appendix 1.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

3.1 This report details the location where it is proposed to introduce a one way road restriction and No Waiting at Any Time restrictions.

3.2 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. If objections are raised, these will be reported back to Committee, with appropriate recommendations.

3.3 It is recommended that the Committee approve the promotion of a variation to the relevant TRO to introduce a one way road restriction and No Waiting at Any Time waiting restrictions on Lower Mill Street, Blairgowrie as described.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes/No
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	Yes
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	Yes

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership (CPP) brings together organisations to plan and deliver services for the people of Perth and Kinross. Together the CPP has developed the Perth and Kinross Community Plan which outlines the key things we think are important for Perth and Kinross.
- i) Giving every child the best start in life
 - ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
 - iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
 - iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
 - v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations
- 1.2 It is considered that the actions contained within this report contribute to all of the above objectives.

Corporate Plan

- 1.3 The Council's Corporate Plan outlines the same five objectives as those detailed above in the Community Plan. These objectives provide a clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resource allocation. It is considered that the actions contained in the

report contribute to the objectives as outlined in paragraph 1.2 above. These objectives are met by implementing schemes which promote road safety.

2. Resource Implications

Capital

- 2.1 There are no capital resource implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

Revenue

- 2.2 There will be costs for advertising the necessary Order in the press and providing the road markings. The indicative cost of advertising an Order is £150 and will be met from the Traffic & Road Network Revenue Account in 2019/20.
- 2.3 The estimated cost of £3,000 for the road markings and signs will be funded from the Traffic & Road Network Revenue Account in 2019/20.

Workforce

- 2.4 There are no workforce implications arising from this report.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.5 There are no land and property, or information technology implications arising from the contents of this report.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- (i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 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). The proposals

have been considered under the Act and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

- 3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.
- 3.5 The proposals contained within the report are assessed to have a positive impact on sustainability, particularly with regard to encouraging road safety.

Legal and Governance

- 3.6 The Order will be promoted in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

Risk

- 3.7 There are no significant risks associated with the implementation of this project.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 The Head of Legal and Governance and the Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 4.2 Police Scotland and the local elected members have also been consulted and support the proposal.

5. Communication

- 5.1 Approval will allow a start to be made to the formal procedure to generate 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. If objections are raised, these will be reported back to Committee, with Appropriate recommendations.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report;

3. APPENDICES

- 3.1 The proposal is shown in Appendix 1.