

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
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REPORT ON: MENZIESHILL RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report considers the implications of introducing a "Residents Parking Permit Scheme" in Menzieshill.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the preparation of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone in part of Menzieshill to permit the introduction of a Residents Parking Scheme.

2.2 It is also recommended that the Committee agree that residents make an annual contribution of £5 for each resident parking permit towards the cost of administering the scheme.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of providing the necessary signing and lining is estimated at £35,000 and this amount will be met from the Car Parking Trading Account.

3.2 An additional £6,500 is required in annual revenue maintenance costs for the signing and lining and will require to be met from the Planning and Transportation Department's future revenue maintenance budget.

3.3 The annual administration cost of the supply and issue of the permits is estimated at £3,000. Part of the costs will be offset by a charge of £5 per annum per permit. The balance of any of the permit costs will require to be met from the Car Park Trading Account.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The control of parking and the removal of much of the commuter parking within Menzieshill will result in a safer, cleaner and more pleasant environment.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct equal opportunities implications although the scheme will improve the ability of all residents to park near their homes.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 Increasingly over recent years commuter parking in Menzieshill associated with Ninewells Hospital has created a situation where the residents are often unable to park near their own homes. This has resulted in extreme frustration and bad feeling within the community.

6.2 The level of parking has now become so serious that not only are residents being inconvenienced, but road safety is being compromised by the inconsiderate parking of vehicles at junctions, accesses etc thus obscuring sightlines and the free access of emergency vehicles, a local bus service, refuse collection and delivery vehicles.

- 6.3 Several consultation meetings have taken place with the local community and a questionnaire has been delivered to the houses in the affected area. The conclusion is that the residents perceive a Residents Parking Permit Scheme as being the best available solution.
- 6.4 At present, Dundee does not operate any Residents Parking Schemes. These should not be confused with the existing metered zone in the city centre where residents can acquire a permit which effectively operates as a season ticket for any of the 'pay and display' spaces. No spaces in the City Centre are specifically designated for residents.
- 6.5 The details of the proposals are displayed on the plan on display in the member's lounge. Within the affected area in Menzieshill, it is proposed to designate kerbside space for the use of residents parking permit holders only. This does not allow visitors or any other non-residential vehicles to park at any time. In an effort to satisfy the non-residential parking required to visit or service the adjacent housing it is proposed to allocate some kerbside space for general use but to restrict it to a maximum stay of two hours. This will deter hospital related parking which may seek to use any unrestricted space.
- 6.6 All the spaces proposed to be designated will take into account road safety and the necessity for the free flow of traffic. It will also be necessary to prohibit parking where it could cause congestion or interfere with sightlines.
- 6.7 In order to reduce the potential for abuse of the scheme it is proposed that before issue of a permit proof of residency and vehicle ownership will be required and the street of residency and vehicle registration would be displayed on the permit.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Public Relations and the Legal Manager, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report. In addition the Menzieshill Action Group have been involved and been kept informed of the progress of the investigations.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Planning and Transportation Committee, 25 September 2000, report No 541-2000.

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