

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
28 JANUARY 2002**

REPORT ON: NINEWELLS AVENUE – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report considers the implications of introducing waiting restrictions in Ninewells Avenue.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the preparation of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to

- a introduce no waiting at any time restrictions over the entire length of Ninewells Avenue towards the roundabout at Ninewells Drive and the other sides in the vicinity of the roundabouts to ensure the free flow of traffic and in particular emergency vehicles.
- b introduce lengths of two hour limited waiting to cater for visitor parking to the hospital.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The total cost of implementing these proposals is estimated at £5,500. Provision will be made for this sum from within the Planning and Transportation Department's 2002/03 revenue budget allocation for the Roads and Transportation Division under Traffic Management Works. An additional £1,250 is required in annual maintenance costs for signing and lining and this will also be met from within the Planning and Transportation Department's revenue budget for future years subject to the availability of resources.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Waiting restrictions are a key tool in regulating the negative impacts of the motor vehicle by reducing congestion and consequently pollution.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Waiting restrictions have no direct equal opportunities implications.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 The introduction of parking charges by the Tayside Hospitals Trust in their car parks at Ninewells Hospital has in part resulted in a demand for parking outwith the hospital environs. Increasingly Ninewells Avenue is being used as a parking area for those working in the hospital.

6.2 In particular, that section of the street in proximity to the roundabout at Ninewells Drive is becoming congested with vehicles being parked on the footways and verges to the detriment of pedestrians both walking along the footways and attempting to cross Ninewells Avenue between parked vehicles.

6.3 At its meeting of 30 October 2000 this committee agreed to promote a variation of waiting restriction order which included a proposal to introduce waiting restrictions on both sides of

Ninewells Avenue. At its consultation stage this item met with a great deal of local opposition and was withdrawn from that order so that it could be promoted as an individual Order. The objections were based on the probability that the displaced vehicles would be parked in the adjoining residential streets.

- 6.4 Along those lengths of Ninewells Avenue clear of the splitter islands at the Ninewells Drive junction and the approaches to the roundabouts at Glamis Road and Perth Road, the carriageway is considered to be wide enough to allow parking on one side.
- 6.5 It is therefore proposed to introduce no waiting at any time on the entire lengths of the approach sides to Ninewells Drive. On the leaving side it is proposed to introduce no waiting at any time only to protect the lengths of road at the splitter islands. The approach to the roundabouts at either end would be similarly treated. It is also proposed that some of the available space be restricted to a 2 hour maximum stay in any 8 hours to create space for visitors to the hospital.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, Legal Manager and the Chief Constable, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Report No 646/2000 which proposed to introduce waiting restrictions in Ninewells Avenue.
- 8.2 Item 2 of the minute of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee of 15 October 2001 when it was agreed to promote the proposals separately.

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