

ITEM No ...5.....

REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 21 JUNE 2021

REPORT ON: VARIATION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS 2021
OBJECTIONS RECEIVED TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER NOTICE

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 177-2021

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the consultation responses received to the proposal for installation of lengths of “At Any Time” restrictions on Baxter Park Terrace.
- 1.2 This report also provides a summary of the response received to proposed alterations to parking on Lochee High Street.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a consider the points of objection received during the consultation;
 - b omit the inclusion of “At Any Time” restrictions at Baxter Park Terrace from the Order; and
 - c proceed with inclusion in the Order of limited waiting bays to replace “Loading Only” bays at Lochee High Street.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 With reference to Article IV of the Minute of the Meeting of the City Development Committee of 9 March 2020, Report No 67-2020 refers to a proposed batch of city-wide waiting restrictions for the purposes of road safety, business amenity, or for promoting safer routes throughout the city. Permission was granted to prepare a draft Order and commence consultations with both statutory bodies and the public.
- 4.2 The proposals for Baxter Park Terrace were to assist pedestrians using the raised table crossing points to access Baxter Park, while also providing areas of give and take passage for vehicles due to the length of the road and quantity of parked vehicles which can make this problematic.
- 4.3 The proposals for Lochee High Street were to replace two sections of loading bays with 45 minute limited waiting bays to increase on street parking availability at this section of Lochee High Street.
- 4.4 The drawings associated with the Traffic Regulation Order can be viewed at the following link; www.dundee.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/2020_variation_of_waiting_restrictions.pdf

5 BAXTER PARK TERRACE OBJECTIONS

- 5.1 Fifteen responses were received to the formal Variation of Waiting Restrictions consultation relating to Baxter Park Terrace, of which all were in objection to the proposals. A brief summary of the objections are as follows:
- personal safety concerns have been raised by several residents who return home from work later in the evenings and struggle to find parking near their properties with this proposal compounding their existing fears significantly;

- parking priority should be given to residents who already live there;
- the proposals are a hindrance and not an improvement to the area;
- a larger scale consultation should be carried out within the area as removing roughly 20 parking spaces from residents is not the answer;
- more parking is needed in the area, not less;
- a resident made reference to previous restrictions which have gradually made the area worse over time and believes this proposal will continue the trend;
- the restrictions are no longer required since the installation of the raised crossing points as the anticipated problems have resolved themselves; and
- a resident referenced incidents within Baxter Park which would make them feel uneasy about using it in darkness should they not be able to park as close to their home.

5.2 The raised pedestrian crossing points on Baxter Park Terrace provide improved road safety provision by physically slowing traffic on approach to the pedestrian crossing points. This provision could be further enhanced by prohibiting parking in advance of the crossing points to increase visibility of pedestrians to see and be seen by approaching vehicles.

5.3 It is recognised that loss of parking availability on Baxter Park Terrace may result in displacement of vehicles to surrounding streets, and recent changes in home working trends may compound parking pressures. It is recommended that the Baxter Park Terrace parking restrictions are omitted from the Order due to the associated parking displacement implications.

6 LOCHEE HIGH STREET OBJECTION

6.1 One response was received to the formal Variation of Waiting Restrictions consultation relating to Lochee High Street, which was an objection to the proposal. A brief summary of the objection is as follows:

- the resident found the bays useful for loading and unloading his shopping and also for dropping off his elderly relatives.

6.2 The availability of "Loading Only" bays on the southern side of Lochee High Street at this location are considered to provide sufficient accommodation for loading requirements. It is recommended to proceed with this element of the Order as the increase in limited waiting bays will provide an enhanced provision for members of the public utilising Lochee High Street's amenities.

7 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues.

8 CONSULTATIONS

8.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its content.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None.

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