

REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE - 16 APRIL 2024

A93 STATION ROAD, BANCHORY – REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF PARKING BAYS AND EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION OF WAITING RESTRICTION - OUTCOME OF STATUTORY CONSULTATIONS

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable Committee to consider the objection received in respect of the proposals to remove 6 on street parking spaces and thereafter determine whether to proceed with the making of the order.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

1.2.1 Consider the objection received during the consultation period; and, if rejected

1.2.2 authorise the Head of Legal and People to make and implement The Aberdeenshire Council (Station Road, Banchory) (Traffic Management) Order 2024.

2 Decision Making Route

2.1 At its meeting on 23 May 2023 (Item 7), Marr Area Committee approved the removal of 6 on street parking spaces to be replaced with waiting restrictions and a new disabled parking bay on Station Road, Banchory as detailed in Appendix A.

2.2 The promotion of the proposed changes attracted 1 objection during the public consultation period.

3 Discussion

3.1 The objector has raised the following points:

- There are not enough free parking spaces in the area
- The marked bays should be extended eastwards instead of being removed.

3.2 Infrastructure Services have responded to the points raised by the objector in corresponding order as follows:

- Whilst there are limited parking spaces in close proximity to the town centre, there is free parking available to the east along Station Road as well as other nearby streets within walking distance of the town centre.
- The marked bays proposed to be removed are currently subject to a traffic order limiting parking to a maximum of 45 minutes with no returns on Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm. There are no such

restrictions on the available on street parking to the east along Station Road.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

4.1 This report helps deliver the Strategic Priority “Health & Wellbeing” within the pillar of Our People as concerns have been raised over road safety at this section of road.

4.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is (are) agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial	X		
Staffing		X	
Equalities and Fairer Duty Scotland		X	
Children and Young People’s Rights and Wellbeing		X	
Climate Change and Sustainability		X	
Health and Wellbeing		X	
Town Centre First	[IIA included in previous report]		

4.3 There are no staffing implications arising from this report. A Traffic Regulation Order will be required to install and extend the Prohibition of Waiting restrictions followed by the on-site installation of the double yellow line road markings. The cost is estimated to be in the region of £2,500 and will be funded from the Road Maintenance Programme General Maintenance Budget for 2024/2025.

4.4 An integrated impact assessment was carried out as part of the proposals and was included with the initial report to Marr Area Committee on 23rd May 2023. The following impacts have been identified which cannot be fully mitigated as explained as there is no alternative free parking provision available in the same location.

- Footfall - There is a potential for reduced footfall to local businesses in the vicinity of Station Road
- Parking - Reduced free parking provision on Station Road
- Town centre business - Potential for reduced footfall to local businesses in the vicinity

There is a positive impact as follows:

- Potential for reduced congestion.

4.5 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a [Corporate Level](#):

ACORP001, Budget Pressures – the costs of the measures have already been accommodated within the Road Maintenance Programme.

No Risks have been identified at a Strategic Level. [Directorate Risk Registers](#).

5 Scheme of Governance

- 5.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are satisfied that the report complies with the [Scheme of Governance](#) and relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B10.1 of the list of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the determination of a traffic order proposal following the receipt of objections which have not been withdrawn.

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List of Appendices –

Appendix A – Station Road Banchory – Report to Marr Area Committee 23/05/2023