



REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 23 MAY 2023

A93 STATION ROAD, BANCHORY – REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF PARKING BAYS AND EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION OF WAITING RESTRICTION.

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

1.1 At Marr Area Committee on the 17th of August 2021 a [report](#) was submitted in response to a Member Promoted Issue raised by Councillor Ann Ross (Ward 16) relating to the removal of delineated parking bays in front of Nos 3-9 Station Road Banchory, followed by the extension of the existing Prohibition of Waiting restriction.

1.1.1 Concerns were raised by roads officers over the potential for increased traffic speeds along this stretch of road as a consequence of removing the parking bays. An alternative proposal was suggested by officers at the time which retained the parking bays and implemented parking restrictions to the east.

1.1.2 Following a full discussion, the Committee agreed :-

- (1) To note the Member Promoted Issue;
- (2) To note the investigation and recommendations of officers as detailed in the report; and
- (3) To instruct officers to re-engage with stakeholders and bring back proposals to a future meeting of the Committee taking into account Member's comments.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

1.2.1 Consider the comments below from roads officers following recent discussions with the Road Safety unit and determine whether to authorise the commencement of the statutory procedures for the making of “The Aberdeenshire Council (Station Road, Banchory) (Traffic Management) Order 2023 in accordance with appendix B in this report; and

1.2.2 In the event, Committee agree to recommendation 1.4.1, note that a further report shall be submitted to Committee in the event that any valid objections received are not resolved and not withdrawn, or the proposals are amended following consideration of valid objections.

2 Decision Making Route

2.1 In March 2022 a speed survey was carried out to determine the current traffic speed at this location. In discussions with colleagues in the road safety team it was agreed that in order to see the true impact on speed, works would need to be carried out to actually remove the bays and install double yellow lines, which would require the creation of a traffic order.

2.2 The original suggestion of removing the parking bays from Councillor Ross by way of a Member Promoted Issue has since been discussed again between officers from the local roads team, Road Safety Unit and Policy team.

3 Discussion

3.1 Prior to the MPI from Councillor Ross, the request to remove the parking bays was refused by the local roads team as the current layout was not deemed to be a safety risk and removal of the parking bays would result in the loss of 6 on street parking spaces.

3.2 Removing the parking bays would result in the loss of 6 free on street parking spaces, however, there is free parking available on the nearby streets. It has been noted that drivers generally do not park further to the east on Station Road beyond number 15 due to the bend in the road. If it is agreed to remove the parking bays, the effect on traffic will be monitored by roads officers and if deemed necessary, further restrictions could be considered.

3.3 As Road Safety colleagues have no concerns over the proposed removal of the bays, it has been agreed to request that the committee consider whether they wish to have the parking bays remain in place or be removed and replaced with double yellow lines.

3.4 If the Committee agree to authorise the commencement of the statutory procedures for the making of “The Aberdeenshire Council (Station Road, Banchory) (Traffic Management) Order 2023 it is proposed to undertake a four week statutory consultation with interested parties such as the Emergency Services, Police Scotland, Community Councils, the Road Haulage Association and others. This would be followed by a 21 day public consultation with site notices erected at the affected locations and giving anyone who wishes to object to the making of the order the opportunity to do so.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

4.1 The following Strategic Priority is relevant to the report:
 ▪ Our People: Health and Wellbeing
 Concerns have been raised regarding safety on 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	

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Climate Change and Sustainability		X	
Health and Wellbeing		X	
Town Centre First	[IIA attached as Appendix 1]		

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 2023/2024.

4.4 An integrated impact assessment has been carried out as part of the development of the proposals set out above. It is included as Appendix A

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 commencement of the required statutory consultation process for a traffic order.

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List of Appendices:
 Appendix A – Integrated Impact Assessment
 Appendix B – Location Plan

APPENDIX A

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

A93 Station Road MPI - Second Report

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1. Overview

This document has been generated from information entered into the Integrated Impact Assessment system.

Follow up to committee report on 21st August 2021. Considering the proposal of removing parking bays at Station Road, Banchory. Councillors will be asked to decide whether the parking bays are to remain or be removed.

During screening 1 of 10 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 1 out of 5 detailed impact assessments being completed. The assessments required are:

- Town Centres First

In total there is 1 positive impact as part of this activity. There are 3 negative impacts, of these negative impacts, 0 have been mitigated and 3 cannot be mitigated satisfactorily.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by **NOT YET APPROVED**.

The remainder of this document sets out the details of all completed impact assessments.

2. Screening

Could your activity / proposal / policy cause an impact in one (or more) of the identified town centres?	Yes
Would this activity / proposal / policy have consequences for the health and wellbeing of the population in the affected communities?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect greenhouse gas emissions (CO2e) in the Council or community and / or the procurement, use or disposal of physical resources?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the resilience to extreme weather events and/or a changing climate of Aberdeenshire Council or community?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the environment, wildlife or biodiversity?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have an impact on people and / or groups with protected characteristics?	No
Is this activity / proposal / policy of strategic importance for the council?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy impact on inequality of outcome?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's rights?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's wellbeing?	No

3. Impact Assessments

Children's Rights and Wellbeing	Not Required
Climate Change and Sustainability	Not Required
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty	Not Required
Health Inequalities	Not Required
Town Centre's First	No Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated

4. Town Centre's First Impact Assessment

4.1. Local Factors

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Town centre assets		Yes		
Footfall			Yes	
Changes to road layouts	Yes			
Parking			Yes	
Infrastructure changes		Yes		
Aesthetics of the town centre		Yes		
Tourism		Yes		
Public safety		Yes		
Town centre business			Yes	
Cultural heritage and identity		Yes		
Social and cultural aspects		Yes		

4.2. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Changes to road layouts	Potential for reduced congestion

4.3. Negative Impacts and Mitigations

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Footfall	<p>Potential for reduced footfall to local businesses in the vicinity of Station Road at this location.</p> <p>Can be mitigated No</p> <p>Justification There is no alternative replacement free parking provision available.</p>
Parking	<p>Reduced free parking provision on Station Road.</p> <p>Can be mitigated No</p> <p>Justification There is no alternative replacement free parking provision available.</p>
Town centre business	<p>Potential for reduced footfall to local businesses in the vicinity.</p> <p>Can be mitigated No</p> <p>Justification There is no alternative replacement free parking provision available.</p>

4.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
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Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Data	On-site survey	There is no alternative replacement free parking provision available.	Free parking provision on Station Road is reduced which may lead to lower footfall in this area to local businesses
External Consultation	Elected member, Police Scotland and road user reports.	Congestion caused by parking on Station Road, Banchory.	Congestion is expected to be reduced as a result of removing some of the free parking provision.

4.5. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

There is no alternative location available for replacing the free parking provision that is to be removed.

Reduction of the free parking provision will hopefully reduce congestion.

5. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
Removal of a limited amount of free parking provision on Station Road, Banchory and install new and extend existing Prohibition of Waiting restrictions.	<p> Lead Officer Ian Peacock Repeating Activity No Planned Start Monday August 14, 2023 Planned Finish Monday August 14, 2023 Expected Outcome Potential reduction in congestion on Station Road, Banchory. Resource Implications Staff time: Senior Engineer, Roads Supervisor, frontline staff and Legal & People Services Budget: £2500 to be allocated from the road maintenance Revenue budget. </p>

APPENDIX B

A93 Station Road, Banchory – Plan Illustrating MPI-Requested Removal of Delineated Parking Bays and Installation of Prohibition of Waiting Restriction

