

**UPDATE ON TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING REVIEW**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In May 2014 the Council took on the responsibility for enforcing parking restrictions across Argyll and Bute. By assuming the responsibility we are able to ensure effective traffic management in our town centres. This is known as decriminalised parking enforcement (DPE).

This move was as a result of the police no longer employing traffic wardens.

Effective traffic management has a number of benefits, including supporting the local economy by ensuring parking turnover, safeguarding access for blue badge holders, for deliveries, for loading and for emergency vehicles as well as ensuring road safety by managing inconsiderate and irresponsible parking.

Following reasonable bedding in for DPE it was always intended to carry out a parking review across the Council area.

Many of Argyll and Bute Councils Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) go back several years, some decades. Given the introduction of DPE and the introduction by the Council of a Parking Policy last year, a review of parking is being carried out for each of the 4 areas.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members approve the proposed changes to car park charges in the Helensburgh & Lomond Area, which are anticipated to be cost neutral.

Note the current progress of the parking reviews in each of the 4 areas.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 This report provides an update on the parking review process to date for all four areas of Argyll and Bute; they are all at different stages.
- 2.2 This report also presents the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee (EDI), with a list of traffic management and parking proposals that were agreed at the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee on 9 June 2015.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Members approve the proposed changes to car park charges in the Helensburgh & Lomond Area, which are anticipated to be cost neutral.
- 3.2 Note the current progress of the parking reviews in each of the 4 areas.

**4.0 DETAILS**

**Background**

- 4.1 A review of car parking throughout Argyll and Bute is currently being progressed. The process has involved holding a number of workshop meetings, with members and officers, to discuss local parking-related issues in all four areas of Argyll and Bute. The review has enabled a draft list of proposals to be compiled ahead of any formal statutory consultation.
- 4.2 Based upon information discussed with Members at local workshops, together with additional comments recorded, detailed consultation leaflets and plans are being produced to be circulated firstly to Members, and then to Community Councils and other stakeholders for comments. Local drop in events have also been organised in Helensburgh, Luss and Oban where proposals have generated much public interest. These events provided an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and submit feedback on the proposals. Responses can also be submitted online through the Council website.

- 4.3 The feedback received will be reported back to the Area Committees and once a detailed list of proposals has been agreed a formal TRO consultation will be carried out. The review process is indicated in Appendix 1.

### **Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay Area**

- 4.4 Parking workshops were held earlier this year with various aspects of parking in the area being discussed; both on-street and off-street parking. A list of proposals has been drawn up to be taken to the MAKI Area Committee in August. Following any discussions arising, members will be asked to approve a set list of proposals so that a consultation document can be produced and circulated to Community Councils and various stakeholders.

### **Oban, Lorn & the Isles Area**

- 4.5 The Oban, Lorn and The Isles Area Committee at its meeting on 10 June 2015 were presented with a list of draft proposals. Members approved the parking review to move to the next stage of the process. An information event was held in Oban on 2 July 2015 to allow the local community the opportunity to contribute to the parking arrangements that are being considered within the area.

The parking leaflet distributed outlined the proposed parking changes for Oban and the surrounding area. The proposals are summarised below.

#### **Oban**

- a. Alter the on-street charging to make it possible to pay for 15 minute increments, currently minimum 40 minutes.
- b. Make on-street parking chargeable on a Sunday. Off street parking will remain free until 1pm on a Sunday.
- c. Time limit the car park at Longsdale Road.
- d. Change the current 24 hours free parking to 4 hours free, no return within 24 hours in the Lochavullin car park, charging in this car park may also be considered.

#### **Mull**

- a. Charge in the off-street car parks in Tobermory and Fionnphort.

- 4.6 Once the consultation period is finished, a report together with the collated feedback will be presented to the Area Committee who will then formally consider any final proposals.

### **Bute & Cowal Area**

- 4.7 A report providing a summary of the various issues raised by members at the parking review workshop held earlier this year was considered at the Area Committee meeting held on 2 June 2015. The following list of proposals was considered:

#### **COMMUTER PARKING NEAR TO FERRY TERMINALS**

##### **BUTE**

- Rothesay Promenade /Esplanade possible change to provide a charging carpark for ferry users.

- Promotion of West Church Car Park as free ferry passenger car park.

### **Dunoon**

- New Breakwater muster area to be promoted as a dedicated Ferry user's only car park with charges.
- Explore possibilities to introduce combined ferry ticket to allow parking.
- Mark out parking bays or highlight the through route in existing layout.
- Coal Pier Free spaces to become pay and display in line with rest of car park once Porta cabins re-sited in Breakwater providing more parking
- Status of the proposed harbour building to be determined

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### **Bute**

- Ardbeg Road at Ardmory Road parking & speeding issues brought by Bute Community Council, the proposal is to introduce "No waiting or loading" on the southern side of Ardbeg Road 15 metres either side of Ardmory Road junction. An amendment is required for existing TRO. A recent speed survey did not highlight any speeding issues.
- At Battery Place parking on the footway has been an ongoing problem. The provision of parking bays instead of the wide footway was proposed, this is to be costed by officers. As part of this visitor parking permits for Battery Place Hotel and B&B guests were discussed.
- In Guildford Square Pay and Display Car Park to be reviewed and confirmed.
- Better definition of parking bays in town centre is being reviewed. Changing from metal studs to lining on Montague Street to make the parking bays clearer.

### **Cowal**

- In Innellan outside tenements relocate edge line out 300mm from channel and re align centre line to accommodate the parked vehicles.
- Broxwood layby. The possibility of the area to be lined out for the various uses. Recycling bank, parking and bus pull in. This will be dependent on condition of surface.
- Kirn Gardens (Private Road) junction with Marine Parade Kirn access issues, currently I-bar across entrance. Extended by 500mm either side to improve access and visibility.
- Argyll St Dunoon proposal to make disabled bays 24hrs. (Including John St and Church Street Bays.) with limited waiting through day. A survey to be carried out to determine use of these bays.
- Argyll Street/ town centre various ways to control traffic were discussed including better /different signage; gateway effect; parking restriction zone/timings; Access only or Pedestrianize.
- Alexandra Parade between John St and Queen St, make the west side Residents Parking and limit all others to 30 minutes. Consultation required on this proposal.
- At Burgh Hall, provision of Loading Bay and Disabled Bay on Albert Crescent. Fyne Homes to provide these as part of flatted development. Work commenced on Hall 2nd Feb till June '16. (16 months)
- New proposed Dunclutha Children's Home access to be taken from James Street. This scheme will not provide any improvement for Argyll Terrace which currently has a temporary turning area at far end and was dependant on above scheme for

additional parking and formalised turning area.

- Victoria Road Dunoon proposed Traffic Management Scheme parking changes out for Consultations 1 & 2 on Monday 26th January, return date 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Residents have been given the proposals for their consideration. Responses are in, the proposal of moving the parking from East to West has been largely contested
- Queens Hall changes to existing TROs are being handled by their consultants.
- Rock Café car park to be added to list of Car Parks and made into Pay and Display.
- Glenmorag Car Park current usage to be changed to include HGVs as well as coaches and cars. Re-site recycling bank into middle of car park.
- Hanover St Car Park removal of HGV entitlement and reline to suit with possible reintroduction of height barrier.
- Moir St Car Park the doctor and patient spaces are currently free. Remove this entitlement.
- Jane Villa Car Park the doctor and patient spaces are currently free. Remove this entitlement.

#### **Car Parks General**

- 1.5t weight restriction to be reviewed for car parks as vehicle weights have increased since original order raised, many larger cars exceed 1.5 tonnes in weight.
- Change the Order covering car parks to enable non-compliant vehicles to be issued with FPN in free car parks.

- 4.8 The Committee agreed that a consultation document be amended in the next few weeks and if Members had anything else they wish to put forward then to contact the Head of Roads and Amenity Services, and then issue to Community Councils and Stakeholders.

### **Helensburgh and Lomond Area**

#### **Policy P8 Parking Provision**

- 4.9 The Council's overarching Parking Policy (P8) provides a framework for Area Committees, within their delegated budgets, to:
- *Amend existing Traffic Regulation Orders.*
  - *Introduce new Traffic Regulation Orders.*
  - *Make representations to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee regarding:*
    - *Introduce new charging schemes for on street charging providing these can be self-financing.*
    - *Increase charging for both on and off street charging providing it can be demonstrated that increases are justified to enable effective and efficient parking provision.*
    - *Introduce residents permit systems providing these can be introduced on a self-financing basis through charging for permits.*

- 4.10 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee at its meeting on 9 June 2015 agreed the following set of traffic management and parking proposals:

### **Helensburgh**

- a. Maintain one hour free on-street parking in the restricted parking zone bays (status quo).
- b. Note that car parks at the new Council offices on Clyde Street will be available for public parking out with office hours and will be free of charge.
- c. Maintain the free car spaces in the Pier Area car park (status quo).
- d. Change the unlimited parking structure in John Street and James Street to be consistent within the restricted parking zone (1 hour in bay free parking).
- e. Not to proceed with the introduction of an "outer zone" zone.
- f. Change the charging structure in the Sinclair Street car park to the first 2 hours free with charges thereafter.
- g. That further minor elements of detail in the parking arrangements are delegated to the Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, to consider, *inter alia*:
  - i) The clearer delineation of the parking bays within the Restricted Parking Zone.
  - ii) Improved information/signage in respect of loading bays.
  - iii) No parking/waiting restrictions on West Montrose Street within 10m of Sinclair Street junction.

### **Luss**

- a. To introduce parking by permit only in the core village area, supported by a Restricted Parking Zone and a parking permit scheme.
- b. To introduce year round off street charges to the Council run car park.
- c. To introduce pay and display parking on the south side of Pier Road between Old Luss Road and Church Road between 8.00am and 8.00pm with parking restricted to 1 hour.
- d. That officers consider the options for introducing a drop off and pick up point for parents on Old Luss Road adjacent to Luss Primary School.
- e. To consult with Police Scotland with a view to introducing a 20MPH zone within Luss village and further parking arrangements therein.
- f. That further details relating to the Luss Scheme be delegated to officers in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Area Committee.

The proposed changes to car park charges, which are anticipated to be cost neutral, will need to be approved by this Committee.

- 4.11 The stages that each area is at in the parking review process are outlined in Appendix 2.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

This report provides an update to Members on the on-going traffic management and parking reviews. Details of the stages in the consultation process are provided for all four areas of Argyll and Bute.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

5.1	Policy	Parking Policy 2014
5.2	Financial	Any physical work required to be carried out on the roads network, i.e. signing and lining will be funded by the roads revenue budget.
5.3	Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders will be implemented as necessary
5.4	HR	None
5.5	Equalities	None
5.6	Risk	Safer roads for all road users
5.7	Customer Services	None

## **7. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – The review process  
Appendix 2 – Review Stages

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**APPENDIX 1 – The Review Process**

# **The Review Process**

**1. Member and Officer Workshop held locally to discuss parking issues**



**2. Draft list of proposals presented to Area Committee for approval to an informal consultation document being produced and circulated to various stakeholders.**



**3. Informal consultation document prepared and circulated  
Public meeting (if required) for proposals to be discussed**



**4. Views from the public meeting and online consultation will be taken into consideration.**



**5. Member and Officer workshop held to discuss any changes and agree final proposals**



**6. Formal consideration by the Area Committee**



**7. Any proposals with budget implications will need to be considered by the Councils' Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee and/or Policy and Resources Committee**



**8. Formal statutory consultation followed by advertisements (required to make changes to parking)**



**9. Representations are considered then formal changes are implemented**



## **APPENDIX 2 –Review Stages**

### **Helensburgh and Lomond Review**

The Helensburgh and Lomond parking review is currently at the following stage of the review process:

- 7. Proposals agreed by the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee need to be considered by the councils' Environment, Development and Infrastructure prior to being implemented.***

### **Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Review**

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay parking review is currently at the following stage of the review process:

- 1. Member and Officer Workshop held locally to discuss parking issues***

The workshops have taken place and the Area Committee, at its August meeting will consider a report that outlines a set list of proposals. If agreed a final list of proposals will be taken forward to the next stage of the process.

### **Oban, Lorn and the Isles Review**

The Oban, Lorn and the Isles parking review is currently at the following stage of the review process:

- 3. Informal consultation document prepared and circulated  
Public meeting (if required) for proposals to be discussed***

A public drop in event was held on 2 July 2015. Feedback and comments can be submitted until the consultation closing date on 20 July 2015.

### **Bute and Cowal Review**

The Bute and Cowal parking review is currently at the following stage of the review process:

- 2. Draft list of proposals presented to Area Committee for approval to an informal consultation document being produced and circulated to various stakeholders.***

At its meeting on 2 June 2015, the Area Committee noted the contents of the report; and agreed that a consultation document be amended in the next few weeks and if Members had anything else they wish to put forward then to contact the Head of Roads and Amenity Services, and then issue to Community Councils and Stakeholders.