

PARKING REVIEW UPDATE - MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 In May 2014 the Council took on the responsibility for enforcing parking restrictions across Argyll and Bute. By assuming this responsibility we are able to ensure effective traffic management in our town centres. This is known as decriminalised parking enforcement (DPE).
- 1.2 This move was as a result of the police no longer employing traffic wardens.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Our amenity wardens patrol all areas of Argyll and Bute where parking restrictions are in force. These include, but are not limited to, areas with yellow lines, pay and display bays, loading and unloading areas, disabled bays, limited waiting areas and off-street parking areas.
- 1.5 Following a reasonable bedding-in period for DPE it was always intended to carry out a parking review across the Council area; this is the process we are currently going through.
- 1.6 A member workshop has been held where the scope of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay park review was discussed. The proposed consultation for this review will be delivered via distribution of Parking Leaflets and On-line.
- 1.7 Following the member workshop the outline proposals for the consultation have been developed which are detailed in this paper for the consideration of members.
- 1.8 The Council meeting on 11 February 2016 agreed, as part of the Service Choices process, to move from seasonal to all year charging for the Inveraray car parks. A Traffic Regulation Order is being promoted and is currently at the first consultation stage. The full process, to implementation, will normally take 6-12 months, depending on the number and types of objections raised.
- 1.8 It is recommended that Members approve the proposals detailed in the report for consultation.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report provides a summary of the parking review process to date. The report also provides an overall programme for the implementation of any changes to the current arrangements and the associated statutory consultation process.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members approve the following proposals to be issued for consultation:

Campbeltown

Esplanade

- i. Proposed echelon parking on the seaward side opposite Aqualibrium.

Longrow

- ii. Maintain the current two way system but enforce parking restrictions (parking on one side only).
- iii. Review the time limited waiting arrangements to identify if a different time limit would be more effective.
- iv. Proposed one way system, direction of travel permitted northwards between Main Street and Aqualibrium Avenue.
- v. Proposed one way system, direction of travel permitted northwards between Main Street and Burnbank Street.

Burnside Car Park

- vi. To remain a car park. Relocate the entrance of the car park to access via Burnside Street and remove the large planters to improve car parking area / possible event space.

Other

- vii. Consider the pedestrianisation of Harvey's Lane, Cross Street and part of Union Street with the possibility of providing access only for loading / unloading for service vehicles to adjacent premises.
- viii. Union Street / Bolgam Street junction – review existing parking restrictions.
- ix. One way operation on Burnbank Street, permitted direction of travel southward from Longrow. This could remove congestion and ease flow of traffic.
- x. New waiting restrictions at junctions within the Town Centre to be considered to alleviate poor visibility and keep vehicles clear of the drop-kerb crossing points.
- xi. Review taxi rank provision – retain rank for 9 vehicles at Old Quay Head / Main Street (adjacent to the Factory shop).
- xii. Review taxi rank provision – retain rank for 9 vehicles at Old Quay Head / Main Street (adjacent to the Factory shop) with an additional 2-3 taxi bays outside the town hall.

Lochgilphead

- xiii. Introduce limited waiting outside the Bank of Scotland on Poltalloch Street (A83), a time limit to be decided. Consultation with Transport Scotland will be required.
- xiv. Extend the 30 minute limited waiting to the parking bays on both sides of the upper section of Argyll Street.
- xv. Extend the limited waiting to the parking bays on both sides of the upper section of Argyll Street but increase period to 1hour.
- xvi. Formalise the existing coach / lorry park in Lorne Street Car Park including the introduction of overnight charges.

Inveraray

- xvii. Reinstate the existing time limited waiting restriction on Main Street to provide a turnover of vehicles. Consultation with Transport Scotland will be required.
- xviii. Inveraray coach/lorry park- ongoing discussions between Council's Estates Department and Argyll Estates Office regarding hours of operation, with proposed charges applying.

Car Parks General

- xix. 1.5t weight restriction to be removed for car parks as vehicle weights have increased since original order was raised.
- xx. Change the traffic order covering free car parks to issue fines to non-compliant vehicles such as lorries.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 Members will be aware that a review of car parking throughout Argyll and Bute is currently being progressed. This process involved holding a series of workshops with Members and Officers to discuss the provision of parking in all four administrative areas of Argyll and Bute. Following the workshops an informal public consultation will be carried out on a series of draft parking proposals prior to member approval. This will be followed by a statutory consultation process on any changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

4.2 The Process for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay is summarised as follows:

- Member Workshop.
- Business Day – consideration of proposals.
- Public consultation exercise
- Report to the Area Committee with a list of proposals for statutory consultation. (Any changes to charges which reduce income to be reported to the EDI Committee in line with the Council's parking policy).
- Advertise drafts of any TROs as part of the statutory consultation process.
- Representations considered by Area Committee.
- Finally, consideration will be given to any representations received and Traffic Regulation Orders will be progressed as part of the legal process.

The process is currently at the second bullet point above.

4.3 Following implementation of any changes, a review will be carried out to ensure any alterations have had a positive effect.

The parking reviews are being undertaken in line with the Council's Parking Policy Framework which seeks to:

- Improve road safety for all road users.
- Improve traffic management to reduce pollution, conserve fossil fuels, contribute to sustainable development and reduce the environmental impact that multiple motor vehicles have.
- Ensure that all adopted measures contribute positively towards the

economic viability of our towns. Including suspension of charges for specific events aimed at encouraging economic and community growth; such as Festivals.

- Encourage modal shift to non-car enabled journeys with a view to reducing the amount of space in our town centres occupied by parked vehicles.
- Ensure adequate provision is maintained for disabled drivers, whose dependence on cars is often critical to their quality of life.
- Encourage the use of peripheral parking areas away from town centres and the use of park & ride where practical.
- Establish and exercise a consistent approach to parking provision across Argyll and Bute.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This report provides an update to Members on the ongoing parking review in Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands and seeks approval to take the proposals to public consultation.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy	Parking Policy 2014
6.2 Financial	Printing costs for leaflets which will be funded from the Car Parking budget.
6.3 Legal	None
6.4 HR	None
6.5 Equalities	None
6.6 Risk	None
6.7 Customer Service	None

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Parking Leaflet Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay

APPENDIX 1 – PARKING LEAFLET

The Review Process

Proposals highlighted in this leaflet will be discussed.



Views from the public will be taken in consideration.



Formal consideration By the Area Committee



Any proposals with budget Implications will need to be considered by the Environmental Development and Infrastructure Committee.



Formal Statutory consultation Followed by advertisements (required to make changes to Parking).



Representations are considered By members then formal changes are implemented.



For further information

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Parking Management in Mid Argyll & Kintyre



Parking proposals in Lochgilphead & Inveraray :

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This informal public consultation is a key stage in our parking review process. It is the views of local people who park their cars in our towns that matter.

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for people to give us feedback on the proposals. It's this feedback which will be used to inform the final plans.

We want local people to take ownership of their towns, playing their part in developing the best, practical solutions.

What we are trying to do is improve the area both for the people who live here but also for visitors. Our overall aim is to create parking turnover in the centre of our towns, supporting both local businesses and consumers, ensuring there is enough short-stay parking for people to go about their daily businesses, with longer-stay parking outwith town centres.

Please take the time to participate in this consultation. We want any changes to reflect, as far as possible, what people want.



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