

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING REVIEW UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A report was presented to Members at the April Area Committee to provide some background information in relation to the parking review process and a further update provided to the May Business Day meeting. This report confirms details of the issues put forward at the parking review workshop for the Bute and Cowal Area held earlier in the year; it also provides an overall programme for the review and consultation process.

As mentioned in previous reports, given the introduction of DPE and the introduction by the Council of a Parking Policy last year, now is the ideal time to review parking which is being carried out in each of the four areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note this report and approve consultation to Community Councils and stakeholders.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the various issues raised by Members at the parking review workshop held earlier this year; it also provides an overall programme for the parking review and consultation process.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note this report and approve consultation to Community Councils and stakeholders.

4.0 DETAIL

Parking Review:–

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 workshop meetings, with Members and Officers, to discuss local parking-related issues in all four areas of Argyll and Bute.

4.2 At the Bute and Cowal car-parking workshop in January, various aspects of parking in the area were discussed, both on-street and off-street parking. Parking provision and related demand was considered in some detail - provision at ferries for commuters was identified as a high priority. The workshop was held under the framework of the Councils parking policy approved last year.

4.3 The overall parking review programme is as follows:-

- This report contains a list of proposals for consultation in the attached appendix.
- With Members' approval, a consultation document, outlining proposals, will be produced and circulated to Members prior to it being widely distributed to the public seeking views. The leaflet will also be forwarded to Community Councils and other stakeholders for comment.
- Following the consultation process, a final report will be presented to the October Area Committee with returned comments and recommendations.
- Finally, traffic orders will be processed as part of the legal process.

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

5.0 CONCLUSION

This report provides an update to Members on traffic management issues and the on-going parking review in Bute and Cowal.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

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| 6.1 | Policy | Parking Policy 2014 |
| 6.2 | 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. |
| 6.3 | Legal | Traffic Regulation Orders will be implemented as necessary. |
| 6.4 | HR | None |
| 6.5 | Equalities | None |
| 6.6 | Risk | Safer roads for all road users. . |
| 6.7 | CS | None |

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Appendix 1 – Draft list of parking proposals discussed at the Working Group Meeting.

Appendix

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Parking Review Workshop 2015.

The following were raised as items for further consideration.

COMMUTER PARKING NEAR TO FERRY TERMINALS

BUTE

- Rothesay Promenade /Esplanade possible change to provide a charging car park 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 DIS. As part of this visitor parking permits for Battery Place Hotel and BnB guests were discussed.
- In Guildford Square Pay and Display Car Park the construction of the new TESCOs is ongoing, upon completion the first hour will be free and any additional time charged at the current rates.
- Better definition of parking bays in town centre is being reviewed. Changing from metal studs to lining on Montague Street

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 23rd 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.
- Change the Order covering car parks to enable non-compliant vehicles to be issued with FPN in free car parks