

Report To: ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE **Date:** 29 OCTOBER 2020

Report By: CORPORATE DIRECTOR,
ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION &
RESOURCES **Report No:** ERC/RT/GMcF/18.620

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Subject: RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMIT SCHEME EXPANSION
NEWTON STREET (INVERKIP STREET TO NELSON STREET)

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Committee approval to extend the Residents' Parking Permit Scheme into Newton Street in Greenock between Inverkip Street and Nelson Street.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Residents' Parking Permits were introduced in Inverclyde on 25 April 2016. The scheme was introduced in Greenock Town Centre and in two areas adjacent to the Town Centre.
- 2.2 The Permit Scheme appears to have "bedded in" well, providing exemptions to parking restrictions for permit holders. It also allows others road users to park in accordance with their needs but subject to the Residents' Parking Permit Scheme.
- 2.3 Since this time some residents of Newton Street in Greenock between Inverkip Street and Nelson Street have sought residents' parking permits to allow them to park closer to their home. They are unable to do this at present due to the time limited parking on this section of Newton Street.
- 2.4 This committee report considers the request to expand the scheme and seeks Committee approval to progress the promotion of Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) variations to introduce Residents' Parking Permits on Newton Street in Greenock between Inverkip Street and Nelson Street.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee agrees to the creation of a new Parking Permit Zones to include Newton Street in Greenock between Inverkip Street and Nelson Street.
- 3.2 That it be remitted to the Head of Service Roads and Transportation and the Head of Legal and Property Services to prepare and promote a TRO to progress and enforce the proposed extension to the Residents' Parking Permit Scheme.

Gail MacFarlane
Head of Service – Roads & Transportation

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Residents' Parking Permits were introduced in Inverclyde on 25 April 2016. The scheme was introduced in Greenock Town Centre and in two areas adjacent to the Town Centre.
- 4.2 The Permit Scheme appears to have "bedded in" well, providing exemptions to parking restrictions for permit holders. It also allows others road users to park in accordance with their needs, but subject to the Residents' Parking Permit Scheme.
- 4.3 After the permit scheme was introduced residents from Newton Street between Inverkip Street and Nelson Street asked for permits for their areas as they felt they experienced similar problems to the original permit zones.
- 4.4 Due to the shops on this street and nearby college and train station this section of Newton Street has a time restriction which was recently increased from 30 minutes to 2 hours. This time limit applies to all road users including residents on the street. It is therefore recommended that the permit scheme be extended to include a new residents' parking permit area on Newton Street between Inverkip Street and Nelson Street. The extents are shown in Appendix 1.
- 4.5 It is proposed to create a new GR5 permit zone on Newton Street between Inverkip Street and Nelson Street.
- 4.6 Within the proposed extension to the permit scheme area, there are 31 eligible properties. These properties would be eligible for a maximum of 2 permits per property i.e. 62 potential permits. Within the current permit scheme areas a total of 26% of eligible permits within Greenock Town Centre have been applied for a permit. For estimating purposes and based on the location of this site and from experience of the existing permit scheme, it is assumed that 40% of the new permits will be applied for, a total of 25 permits.
- 4.7 To allow these permit schemes to be introduced it is necessary to vary the existing TROs. These TROs will be promoted in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities' Traffic Order (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

Appendix 1

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 There will be a cost for amending the signs and road markings and extending the permit zones. There will also be an ongoing revenue cost for the issuing of permits on an annual basis as well as cancellations, variations, etc of permits, these costs will be maintained within existing budgets.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
02506	Parking Strategy Revenue	21/22	£1,000		New signs and lines

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
02506	Parking Strategy Revenue	2021/22	£500		Residents' parking permits

Legal

5.2 Variations to the existing TRO, namely “The Inverclyde Council (Various Roads) (Outer Greenock) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013” will be promoted in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities’ Traffic Order (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

5.3 The Committee is asked to note that, if approved, the Orders may not be implemented until the making of the Orders has been advertised to allow any persons who so wish a period of six weeks to question the validity of the Orders in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Human Resources

5.4 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

5.5 Equalities

(a) There are no equalities implications in this report.

	YES
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report’s recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report’s recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

X

YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

NO

Repopulation

5.6 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

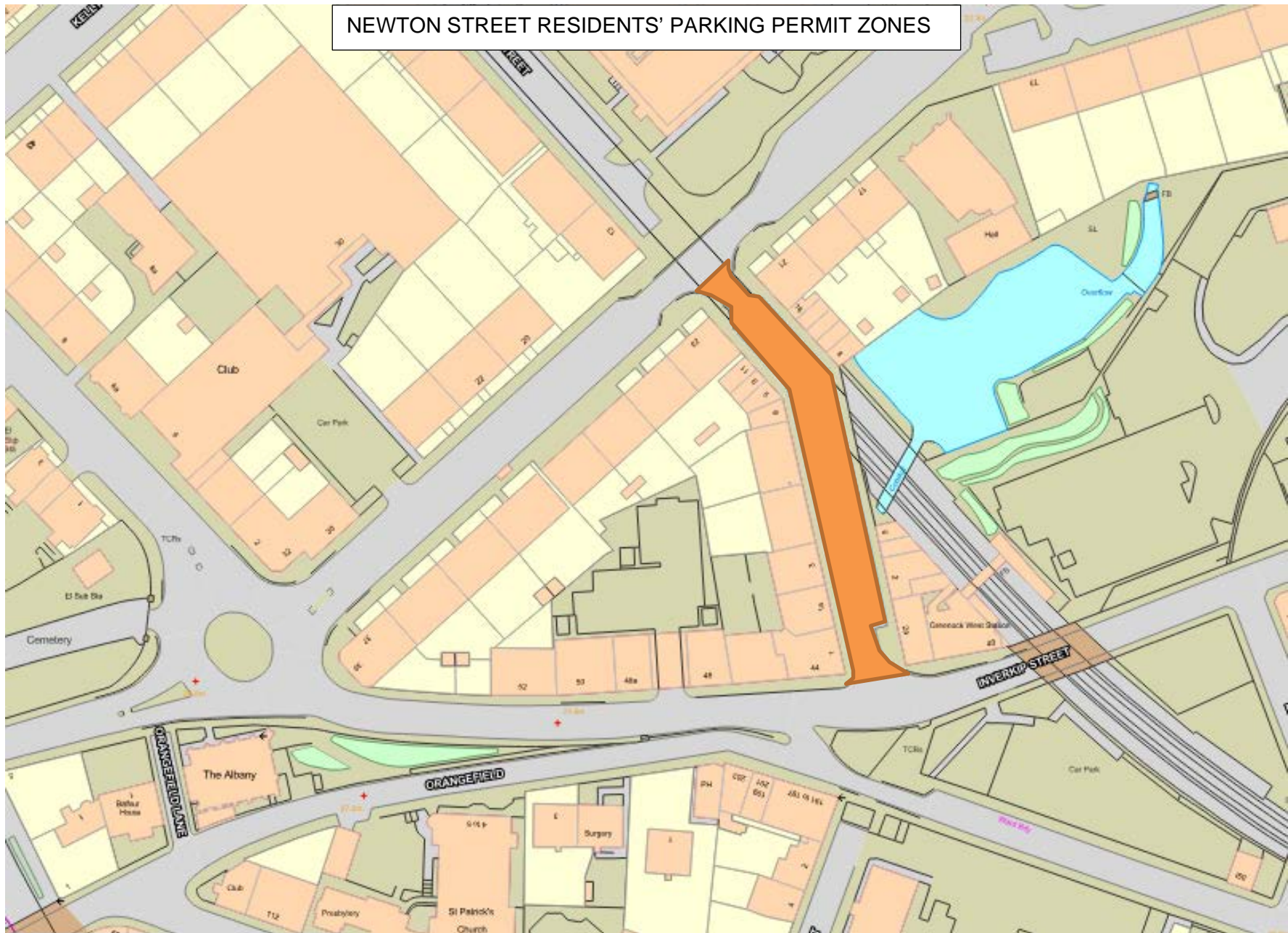
6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services, Head of Environmental & Public Protection and the Chief Financial Officer have been consulted on this report.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

NEWTON STREET RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMIT ZONES



 New Permit Zone GR5 Residents' Parking Permit Zone