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| Report To: | Environment & Regeneration Committee | Date: | 3 September 2015 |
| Report By: | Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources | Report No: | ERC/ENV/IM/15.240 |
| Contact Officer: | Robert Graham | Contact No: | 714827 |
| Subject: | The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014 Independent Reporter's Recommendations | | |

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the recommendations of the independent Reporter concerning the proposed Traffic Regulation Order necessary to implement one way working on Kempock Street and Lower Kempock Street, Gourock and Officers' subsequent recommendations to Committee.
- 1.2 Local Authorities are empowered to make Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and under the Council's Scheme of Administration the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services is responsible for the making, implementation and review of Traffic Management Orders and Traffic Regulation Orders.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 A public hearing in front of an independent Reporter was held on 28 May 2015 in order to consider the single objection made and not withdrawn in relation to the proposed Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014. The Reporter undertook a preliminary site visit on 5 March 2015, an accompanied site visit on 29 May 2015 and, published his recommendations on 28 July 2015. Officers have considered the Reporter's recommendations and this report includes Officers' recommendations, along with the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for approval.
- 2.2 Before the public hearing, the proposals had been issued for public consultation between 11 November and 2 December 2014 and advertised in the Greenock Telegraph. Full details of the proposals had been made available for public inspection during normal office hours at the Customer Service Centre, the offices of the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services, Central and Gourock libraries and on the Council's website.
- 2.3 Under the terms of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, the Committee is asked to note that, if approved, the Order may not be implemented until the making of the Order has been advertised to allow any persons, who so wish, a period of six weeks to question the validity of the Order or any of its provisions, on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that a requirement of the Act or Regulations made under the Act has not been complied with.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 3.1 notes the recommendations of the independent Reporter;
- 3.2 accepts the Reporter's recommendations in full; and
- 3.3 recommends to The Inverclyde Council the making of the Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014.

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Head of Environmental & Commercial Services

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In 2010 the Council asked the local urban regeneration company, Riverside Inverclyde, to develop plans for the regeneration of Gourock Waterfront. The company appointed a design team to develop proposals for the improvement of the public area around Pierhead with a physical connection along the waterfront to the Kempock Street car park.
- 4.2 Planning permission Reference Number 12/0212/IC was granted on 7th March 2013 for public realm and traffic works including “alterations, extensions and improvements to existing car parks at Kempock Street and Pierhead / Railway Station together with associated engineering and reclamation works; the formation of a new single carriageway road to the north of Kempock Street with associated new and altered road junctions and layout”. The notation on the street layout plan accompanying the application indicates a one-way system that accords with the proposed Order. Construction commenced in December 2014. The works are scheduled for completion in September 2015.
- 4.3 The Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014 proposes one-way working in a westbound direction on Kempock Street and one-way working in an eastbound direction on Lower Kempock Street, which is a new single carriageway road now under construction which will connect Shore Street and Albert Road. As well as relieving Kempock Street of eastbound traffic, the road will allow vehicles to access the Kempock Street car park. The proposed Order is included in the Appendix to this report.
- 4.4 The proposals were issued for public consultation between 11 November and 2 December 2014 and advertised in the Greenock Telegraph. Full details of the proposals were made available for public inspection during normal office hours at the Customer Service Centre, the offices of the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services, Central and Gourock libraries and on the Council’s website. The public consultation attracted one objection which was made and not withdrawn.
- 4.5 A public hearing in front of an independent Reporter was held on 28 May 2015 in order to consider the single objection made and not withdrawn in relation to the Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014. The Reporter undertook a preliminary site visit on 5 March 2015, an accompanied site visit on 29 May 2015 and, published his recommendations on 28 July 2015. Officers have considered the Reporter’s recommendations and this report includes Officers’ recommendations, along with the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for approval.

5.0 DIRECTORATE FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS, REPORT TO INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

- 5.1 The Reporter published his report on 28 July 2015 and recommended that the Council make the Order without modification. Officers recommend that the Reporter’s recommendation be accepted.

6.0 NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014 will be put before Inverclyde Council for approval to make the Order.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 a) The Head of Legal and Property Services has been consulted on this report.
b) The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Financial:

One Off Costs

| Cost Centre | Budget Heading | Proposed Spend this Report | Virement From | Other Comments |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| Gourock Transport Project | Other expenditure | £500 | | Costs included in Gourock Waterfront contractor's fee |

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

| Cost Centre | Budget Heading | Annual Net Impact | Virement From (if applicable) | Other Comments |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
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8.2 Human Resources

This report has no implications for human resources.

8.3 Equality and Diversity

This report has no implications for the Council's equality and diversity policies.

8.4 Repopulation

This report has no implications for the Council's repopulation policies.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 Reporter's report published on 28 July 2015.

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

**GOUROCK WATERFRONT
(ONE WAY ONLY) ORDER 2014**

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

GOUROCK WATERFRONT (ONE WAY ONLY) ORDER 2014

We, The Inverclyde Council in exercise of the powers conferred on us by Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consulting the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland (Seirbheis Phoilis na h-Alba) in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby make the following Order:

1.0 Commencement and citation

1.1 This Order may be cited as "The Inverclyde Council, Gourock Waterfront (One Way Only) Order 2014" and shall come into operation on #####.

2.0 Interpretation

2.1 In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expression has the meaning hereby respectively assigned to it:

"Vehicle" means a vehicle of any description and includes a machine or implement of any kind drawn or propelled along roads whether or not by mechanical power.

3.0 Prohibition and restriction

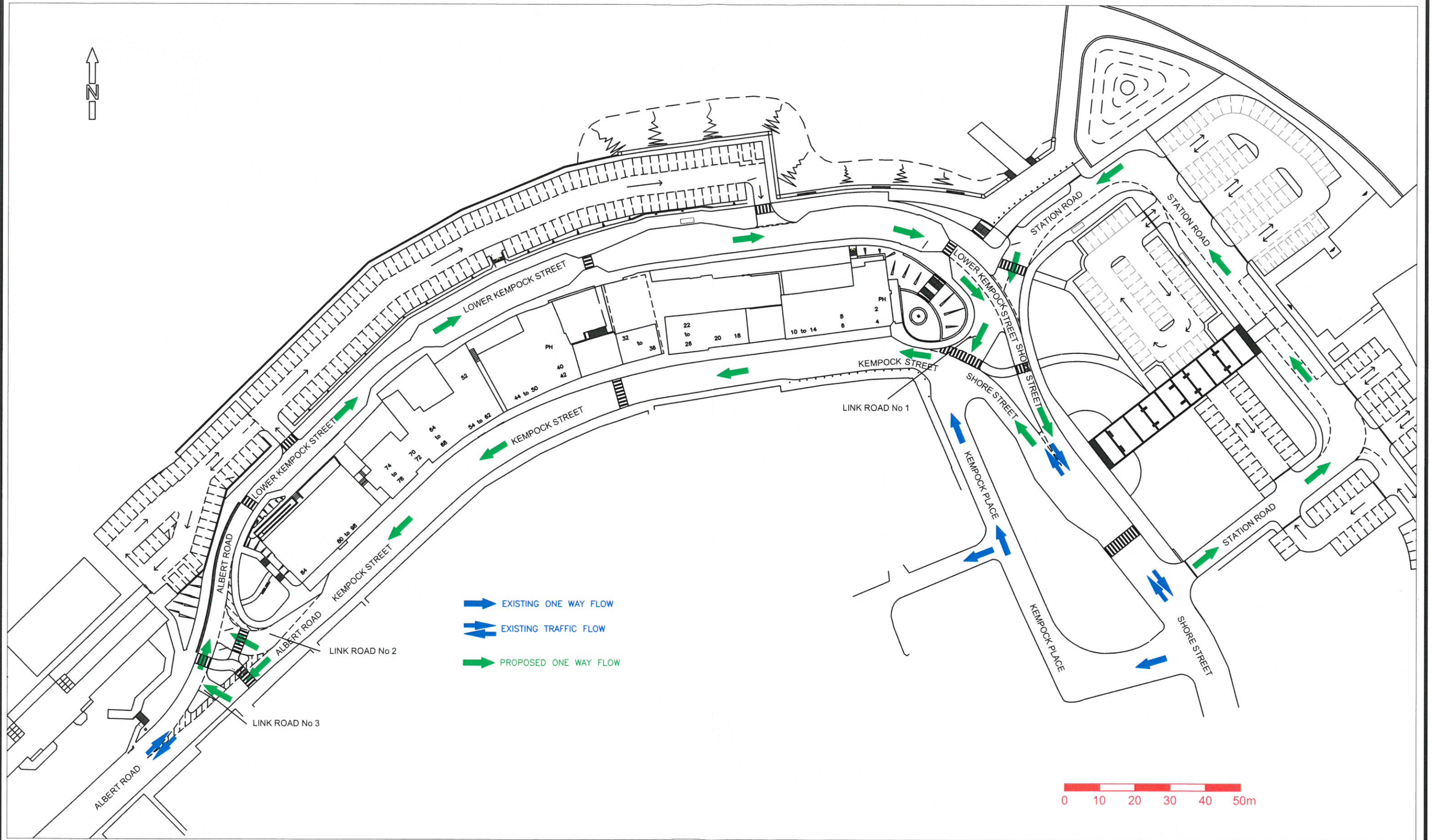
3.1 No person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any Vehicle on the lengths of road specified in Column 1 of the Schedule to this Order otherwise than in the direction specified in Column 2 of the said Schedule as referred to in the plan annexed to this Order.

Sealed with the Common Seal of The Inverclyde Council and subscribed for them and on their behalf by

SCHEDULE

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL GOUROCK WATERFRONT (ONE WAY ONLY) ORDER 2014

| <u>Length of Road in Inverclyde within the Town of Gourock</u> | <u>Permitted Direction of Travel</u> |
|--|---|
| <u>Albert Road</u> From Kempock Street southwestwards for a distance of 136 metres or thereby | Southwestwards |
| From Lower Kempock Street southwestwards for a distance of 145 metres or thereby | Northeastwards |
| <u>Shore Street</u> From Kempock Street southeastwards for a distance of 66 metres or thereby | Northwestwards |
| From Lower Kempock Street southeastwards for a distance of 77 metres or thereby | Southeastwards |
| <u>Kempock Street</u> For its entire length, from Shore Street to Albert Road. | Westwards |
| <u>Lower Kempock Street</u> For its entire length, from Albert Road to Shore Street. | Eastwards |
| <u>Station Road</u> For its entire length, from Shore Street to Lower Kempock Street. | Northeastwards, then Northwestwards then Southwestwards |
| <u>Link Road 1</u> From Lower Kempock Street southwestwards to Kempock Street for a distance of 74 metres or thereby | Southwestwards |
| <u>Link Road 2</u> From Albert Road Northwestwards to Albert Road for a distance of 73 metres or thereby | Northwestwards |
| <u>Link Road 3</u> From Albert Road Northwestwards to Albert Road for a distance of 14 metres or thereby | Northwestwards |



Consultancy Section

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420x297 (A3)

71 EAST HAMILTON STREET
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GOUROCK WATERFRONT
ONE WAY ONLY RESTRICTIONS

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