

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

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Report by Director of Environment

THE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (NEWTON AVENUE, BARRHEAD)
(ONE WAY) ORDER 2015

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is for the Council to approve the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Newton Avenue, Barrhead) (One Way) Order 2015". This will have the effect of making Newton Avenue a one-way with the direction of traffic limited to north-east and then south-east, from the extended eastern kerbline of Larchwood Terrace to the extended northern kerbline of Oakbank Drive (see Appendix 1).

RECOMMENDATIONS

2 It is recommended that the Council approve the making and confirmation of "The East Renfrewshire Council (Newton Avenue, Barrhead) (One Way) Order 2015" and delegates to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

BACKGROUND

3. Due to the alignment of the road, high demand for parking, and vehicular and pedestrian conflict, concerns have arisen relating to the safe flow of vehicles and in particular for larger vehicles such as buses and refuse collection vehicles along a short section of Newton Avenue, Barrhead between Larchwood Terrace and Oakbank Drive.

REPORT

4. As a result of the road alignment and parking taking place on the section of Newton Avenue between Larchwood Terrace and Oakbank Drive, the road effectively functions as a single lane carriageway which creates difficulties for vehicles travelling in opposite directions. Vehicles regularly mount the footway in order to pass each other and consequently pedestrian safety is compromised.

5. To reduce the road safety risk to pedestrian and vehicular traffic it is considered necessary to introduce a one-way operation for vehicular traffic on the section of Newton Avenue between Larchwood Terrace and Oakbank Drive, a distance of approximately 232 metres. The direction of travel will be eastbound between Larchwood Terrace and Oakbank Drive.

6. A one-way operation combined with the proposed 'No Waiting' restrictions on one side of Newton Avenue, as recommended in "The East Renfrewshire Council (Barrhead Area) (On-Street) (Waiting and Loading) Order 2015", will help to reduce road safety risks in this area.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

7. There will be minimal additional costs incurred by making this Traffic Regulation Order. Any expenditure required for new lines and signs will be provided from within the existing Roads and Transportation Service budget.

CONSULTATION

8. Consultation in compliance with "The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) Scotland Regulations 1999 (and subsequent amendments)" was undertaken between 28 January and 23 February 2015. The emergency services and all other organisations / persons likely to be affected by any provision in the order (including Barrhead Community Council and the local members) were notified individually of the proposals. Notices of the proposals were also published within the local 'Barrhead News' newspaper. There were no formal objections received from any statutory consultees including Police and bus operators.

9. One formal objection was received on the grounds of increased volume of traffic on Larchwood Terrace. Larchwood Terrace connects Newton Avenue and Divernia Way and is a route drivers will take to access Newton Avenue from Oakbank Drive. The objector enquired as to the lack of Larchwood Terrace being on a gritting route and the possibility of a dangerous situation during the winter months as increased traffic increases the chances of an accident. Given the relative short length of Larchwood Terrace (55 metres) and the inclusion of Newton Avenue and Divernia Way on gritting routes, the Roads and Transportation Service do not believe this would create a dangerous situation as residual grit from Divernia Way and Newton Avenue would provide enough traction on Larchwood Terrace during the winter months. Following a response to the objection which explained the above, the objection was not maintained.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

10. Police Scotland, the statutory consultees, Local Members, frontagers and the public were consulted on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

11. Newton Avenue will operate a one-way operation from the extended eastern kerblines of Larchwood Terrace to the extended northern kerblines of Oakbank Drive.

12. There will be no staffing, property, IT, equalities or sustainability implications arising from the proposals.

CONCLUSIONS

13. "The East Renfrewshire Council (Newton Avenue, Barrhead) (One Way) Order 2015", introducing a one-way operation for vehicular traffic on a section of Newton Avenue, Barrhead, will address road safety issues by promoting safe travel thus contributing to a reduction in potential accident casualties as per the aims of the Councils current Local Transport Strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. It is recommended that the Council approve the making and confirmation of “The East Renfrewshire Council (Newton Avenue, Barrhead) (One Way) Order 2015” and delegates to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

Director of Environment

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

East Renfrewshire Council Local Transport Strategy 2008-2011

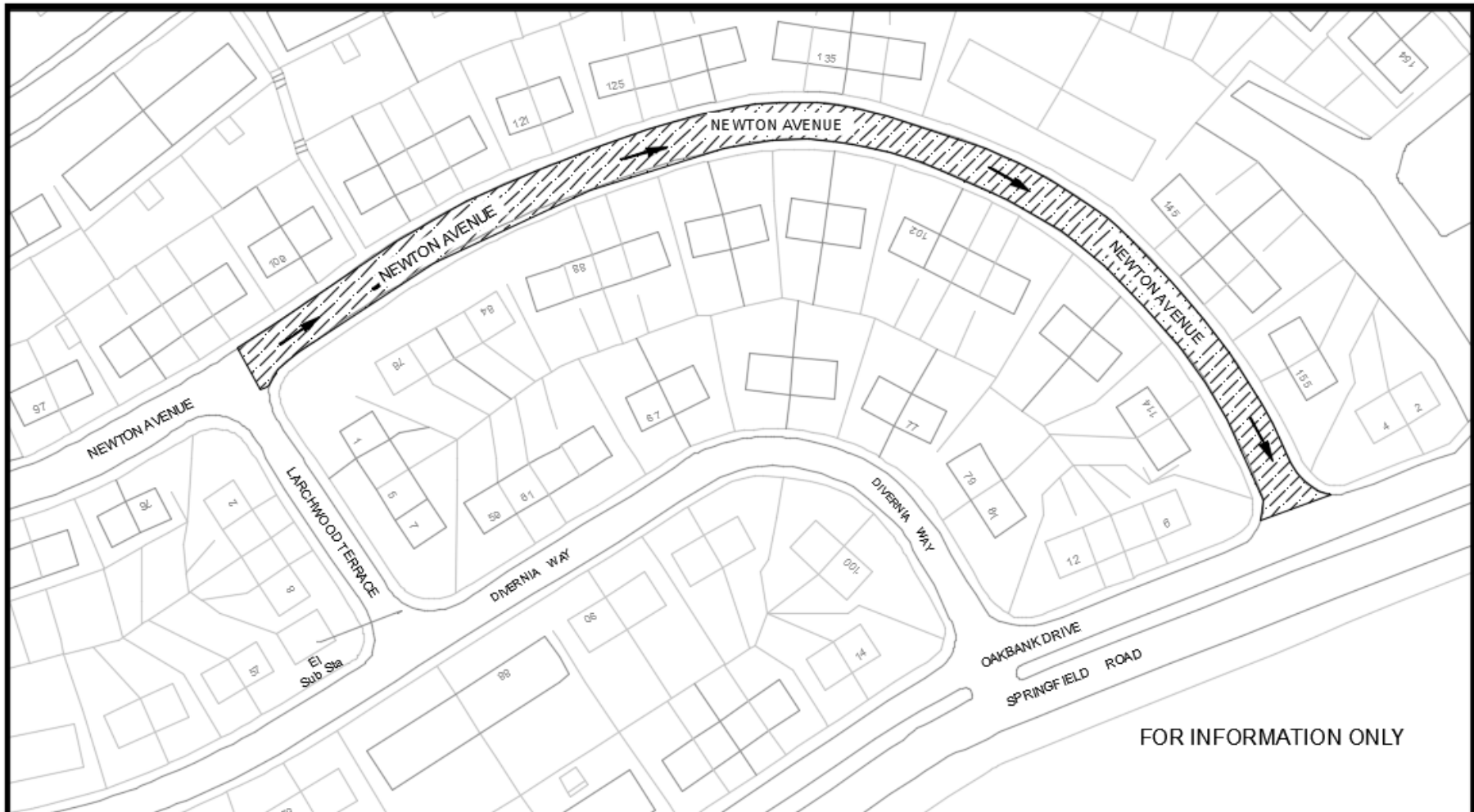
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KEY WORDS

A report to Council seeking approval to introduce a One-Way operation for vehicular traffic on a section of Newton Avenue Barrhead; TRO; Traffic Regulation Order; One-Way; Newton Avenue

Appendix 1



FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Drawing Info.



Section of Road to be made one-way

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