

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Title of Report: Parking Restrictions St Mary's Walk

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Report of: Director of Public Works

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To seek, by means of regulation under Section 59 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Title 63.1), the implementation of Parking Restrictions on part of St Mary's Walk in the vicinity of the King Edward Memorial Hospital, during specified hours and days of the week.

1.2 To also seek direction in relation to the further investigation of options and costs for off street parking provision which could be made to reduce the displacement effect that the above regulations will cause and to address existing parking problems in the general area from KEMH to Town Hall

2.0 Recommendations

That parking restrictions be approved for;

2.1 the North side of St Mary's Walk, between the junction with Cable Street and the Junction with Reservoir Road;

2.2 the South side of St Mary's Walk, between the junction with the entrance to the 'Hospital' car park and the junction with Reservoir Road.

2.3 That DPW be directed to undertake further investigation and present costed options for the provision of additional off-street parking in the general area from KEMH to Town Hall

3.0 Summary of Financial Implications

3.1 The cost of provision and erection of the required signage for the parking restrictions will be met from within the present budget of the Public Works Department.

3.2 Investigation of off street parking options will not incur additional costs.

4.0 Background

4.1 The parking of cars in the vicinity of the King Edward Memorial Hospital has been a difficulty for many years. With the ever increasing number of vehicles on our streets it becomes even more so. The provision of a car park on the south side of St Mary's Walk, to the East of the Sheltered Housing, was expected to provide long term parking for staff which would leave the on street parking, directly opposite the hospital main entrance, for patients. This has not proved to be the case. Some vehicles take up parking spaces in this area on a first come first served basis and may remain there all day denying the space to patients attending appointments.

4.2 A short consultation was conducted with the management and staff of the King Edward Memorial Hospital following a suggestion that parking in the area of St Mary's Walk, directly opposite the hospital, should be restricted to allow the use of this area by patients and allow a natural flow of parking as patients attend and depart their appointments.

The time limit would have to be sufficient for an average appointment and follow up action such as attending the dispensary for medication.

The restriction needed to cover the peak activity time at the hospital, which was determined as being Monday to Friday of each week between the hours of 0800 to 1700 hours, but permit longer term parking by staff and other visitors to the area during the evenings, at night and during the whole of the weekend.

Normal practice has been for parking to be in the southern half of the carriageway and it is considered sensible that this be reinforced by imposing a full parking ban on the northern half as otherwise individuals could park on that side outwith the restricted parking area and controls.

It is however considered that the time limited parking restrictions will result in additional parking pressures elsewhere, and to this end options are shown for consideration.

It is also the case that there are already parking problems in the whole block on which the KEMH is sited, at Secretariat, to the rear of Police Cottages, on Barrack Street and at Town Hall.

4.3 It is recommended that the following parking restrictions be approved and implemented by regulation under Section 59 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Title 63.1) and should come into force as soon as possible on publication in the Gazette.

4.3.1 Limits of No Parking Area:

(a) The North side of St Mary's Walk between the junction with Cable Street and the Junction with Reservoir Road;

4.3.2 Parking Restrictions:

(b) The South side of St Mary's Walk between the junction with the entrance to the 'Hospital' car park and junction with Reservoir Road.

4.3.3 Parking Restrictions:

- (a) A person must not cause a motor vehicle to be parked or wait in a restricted area for a period of more than one hour;
- (b) A person must not cause a motor vehicle to be parked or wait in a restricted area within two hours of previously causing the vehicle to be parked or wait in a restricted area;
- (c) Subsections (a) and (b) above shall apply Monday to Friday of each week between the hours of 0800 and 1700 hours.

4.3.4 Exceptions to Parking Restrictions:

- (a) So as to permit a passenger or passengers to alight from or get onto a motor vehicle
- (b) So as to permit loading or unloading
- (c) As may be permitted or required by a police officer in uniform

4.4 Impacts on Other Parking

The placing of parking restrictions on St Mary's Walk will inevitably displace some of those currently using the on street parking, which equates to 6 parking spaces.

There are already problems with insufficient parking in and around KEMH and the Secretariat and it seems more probable than not that some individuals wishing to park near KEMH for periods greater than two hours will park in the Secretariat area and walk through, increasing problems in that area.

It is suggested that this and the wider parking issues in the general area should be addressed by the formation of more off-street parking.

Sites immediately adjacent to KEMH have been identified and are shown on the plan attached at Appendix A, one offering four spaces within the curtilage of KEMH, the other up to twelve to the west of Reservoir Road in the margins of the FICS site, which could serve both KEMH and FICS.

Additionally there has also been a recent submission made by Stanley Services to the Lands Committee in relation to possible shared parking provision to the south of Police Cottages, which could also alleviate parking issues in the general area. This is yet to be considered by the Lands Committee but appears worthy of further investigation. A similar scheme had been under discussion with the previous owners of Malvina House but these had lapsed with the change of ownership.

A view is sought from Members as to whether resources should be applied to further investigating and costing additional off street parking provision for the area, or if it this is not considered a priority or likely to be funded.

It is suggested that at the very least, in order to at least partially offset the effects of the parking controls on St Mary's Walk that the creation of the four spaces within the

curtilage of KEMH be considered for costing with a view to placement in the 2011/12 capital programme.

5. Financial Implications

The cost of provision and erection of the required signage will be met from within the present budget of the Public Works Department.

Investigation of off street parking options will not incur additional costs.

No other financial implications are foreseen at this stage.

6.0 Legal Implications

The parking ban and restrictions, if approved, will be implemented by regulation under Section 59 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Title 63.1) and would come into force on publication in the Gazette

7.0 Human Resources Implications

There are no human resources implications in this proposal.

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Scale 1:250

FICS Sports Field

Proposed 12 no. parking spaces

Top of bank

33.76

Reservoir Road

Block Wall

Gate

Vehicle access

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R6

Valve Chamber

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Proposed 3 no. parking spaces

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Shaded area denotes parking for small trailer

Area for rubbish skips/bins

KEMH

Saint Mary's Walk

3 SPACES RESERVED FOR ONE HOUR PARKING

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Proposed Parking at KEMH and FICS Sports Field

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