

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

12 OCTOBER 2000

PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

ON ST THOMAS CRESCENT ARBROATH

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report relates to the consultation exercise carried out in respect of the proposal to introduce one-way traffic on a section of St Thomas Crescent Arbroath.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

- (i) to note the response to the consultation letters sent to residents in the roads directly affected by the proposal to introduce one-way traffic on a section of St Thomas Crescent, Arbroath.
- (ii) to proceed with the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce one-way traffic (east to west) on the section of St Thomas Crescent, Arbroath between its junctions with Fisheracre/Culloden Terrace and Noran Avenue.

2 INTRODUCTION

Previous References:-

Report No. 587/99 – Roads Committee 8 June 1999 when the Committee agreed in principle to the proposal but decided to take no further action until residents had been given an opportunity to express their views on the matter.

3 BACKGROUND

St Thomas Crescent runs between Brechin Road and Fisheracre/Culloden Terrace. Its junction with Fisheracre/Culloden Terrace is considered potentially hazardous for emerging drivers due to very restricted visibility particularly to the north.

It was therefore recommended, in the interest of traffic safety, to introduce a one-way traffic arrangement (east to west) in St Thomas Crescent over that section between its junctions with Fisheracre/Culloden Terrace and Noran Avenue.

The Committee agreed in principle to the proposal but decided that it should be deferred pending consultation with local residents on the matter.

As a result of the above a consultation letter (Appendix 1) outlining the proposal and including a location plan was sent to all residences in St Thomas Crescent, Noran Avenue and Townhead Road which were considered to be those residents most directly affected by the proposals. The letter had a tear-off strip which those making a response could complete either to indicate that they had no view on the proposal or to provide their comments.

Residents were given three weeks to reply and at the end of the consultation period from the total of 162 letters sent out 57 replies (35%) had been received.

Of those replies received:-

39 (69%) were in favour of the proposals and
15 (26%) had no view on the proposals.

Of the remaining three replies only one objected outright to the proposal but gave no reason whilst the other two expressed concerns that it may increase traffic on the surrounding streets. The Director of Roads has considered these concerns but does not anticipate that this effect will result from the proposals.

The lack of response from the remaining 65% of those consulted is taken to indicate that they have no strong views or at least no objections to the proposals.

In view of the support of the majority of local residents who responded to the consultation letter it is considered that the one-way traffic proposals should proceed and the appropriate Traffic Regulation Order should be promoted.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The costs of promoting the Order (advertising, etc) and of the necessary signage and road markings once the Order is made will be nominal and can be contained within the Roads Traffic Revenue Budget for 2000/01.

5 **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Planning and Transport and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

6 **CONCLUSION**

The existing junction of St Thomas Crescent with Fisheracre/Culloden Terrace is considered to be dangerous and a one-way traffic arrangement would appear to offer a solution to the problem. Local residents appear to support the proposals and therefore the promotion of the appropriate Traffic Regulation Order should now proceed.

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DIRECTOR OF ROADS

NOTE:

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report:-

Report No. 587/99 – Angus Council Roads Committee - 8 June 1999 - St Thomas Crescent Arbroath – One-Way Traffic.

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