

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**ROADS COMMITTEE**

**12 OCTOBER 2000**

**TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT ABBEY PATH, ARBROATH**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS**

**ABSTRACT**

This report recommends that the Committee agree to the promotion of a Traffic Order varying the existing restriction on taxi movements along Abbey Path.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to agree to the promotion of a Traffic Order varying the existing prohibition of entry at the east end of Abbey Path, to exempt licensed taxis.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

Reference is made to Article 9 of the Minute of Meeting of the Roads Committee held on 27 January 2000 authorising the preparation of an Order varying the previous traffic management arrangements pertaining to various roads in the vicinity of Arbroath Abbey. The existing Order was approved by the Council on 27 April 2000.

**3 DETAILS**

The existing Order was introduced as a result of the construction of the new Abbey Visitor Centre and was instigated to protect the Arch and prevent its further deterioration as a result of the vibrations caused and emissions from passing vehicles and to reduce the vehicle/pedestrian conflict in the area.

In order to reduce delays for eastbound traffic and pedestrians' movements to and from the pedestrianised High Street it was decided to limit the movement of westbound traffic in Abbey Path to a minimum. This was achieved by prohibiting entry to Abbey Path at its east end, except for buses and cyclists.

As there is no representative body for taxi operators in the area the consultation exercise prior to promoting the Order did not cover taxis operators specifically. However, no objections were received from any taxi operators or drivers during the advertising stage of the existing Order.

Complaints have now been made by six taxi operators in the area and they have lodged a petition due to the increased costs on behalf of their customers.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The costs of promoting this Traffic Order (advertising etc) and the costs of the necessary signing once the Order is made will be nominal and can be met from the 2000-2001 Roads – Traffic Revenue budget.

**5 CONSULTATION**

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

**6 CONCLUSION**

The new traffic arrangements have been monitored in the vicinity of the Abbey and it is considered appropriate to extend the exemption to the prohibition of entry at the east end of Abbey Path to licensed taxis.

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NOTE

The following background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

Report No. 104/00 - Arbroath Abbey Development - Traffic Arrangements - Roads Committee 27 January 2000 and Planning and Transport Policy Committee - 27 January 2000.

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