

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

29 AUGUST 2002

VISIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS JUNCTIONS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report updates the Committee on the progress with the various junction improvement schemes already approved by the Committee and presents a list of further potential schemes which require to be investigated.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the committee agree:-

- (i) to note the progress with the various junction improvements previously agreed by Committee,
- (ii) to approve the investigation of junction improvements at the sites listed in Appendix A and,
- (iii) to approve the acquisition of the required land for these improvements.

2 DETAILS

Report No 1350/01 approved by the Roads Committee on 22 November 2001 listed a number of junction improvement schemes. These have now all been completed or have been ordered with the exception of:-

- a) A934 at Farnell Crossroads where it is now expected that agreement on the land required will be settled shortly and,
- b) C29 Netherbow where an obstruction notice has been served on the landowner.

Further possible junction schemes have now been identified and these are listed in Appendix A. A set of plans showing the locations of these proposed visibility improvements has been placed in the Members' Lounge.

No detailed design work has yet been carried out on these potential schemes. With schemes of this nature, where land is required for the improvement, there is normally a significant delay before the negotiations are concluded and entry can be gained to

the land. It would therefore be of benefit if negotiations with the landowners could be started as early as possible ie before all the detail design work has been carried out.

Clearly where any improvement can be contained within the existing road boundary there is no potential problem associated with the acquisition of the land and schemes can be commenced once committee approval has been granted. It is proposed that a report listing a final programme of junction improvements for 2002/03 be presented to the Roads Committee for consideration.

Appendix A is not exhaustive and investigations are ongoing to identify other junctions where poor visibility is a problem. Any other sites which are identified will be investigated and reported to the Roads Committee.

3 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no additional financial implications at this time beyond those outlined in report 1350/01. Details of costs and programming for the further possible schemes listed in Appendix A will be prepared for the next Roads Committee report. There is provision of £25,000 for such schemes within the current Roads Department Capital budget under the head Road Safety and Traffic Calming.

4 **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

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.

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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 a material extent in preparing the above Report:-

Report No654/00 Visibility Improvements at Various Road Junctions approved by the Roads Committee on 8 June 2000.

Report No 677/01 Utilisation of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund approved by the Roads Committee on 14 June 2001

Report No 931/01 Visibility Improvements at Various Road Junctions approved by the Roads Committee on 23 August 2001.

Report No 1350/01 Visibility Improvements at Various Road Junctions approved by the Roads Committee on 22 November 2001.

Report No 121/02 Visibility Improvements at Various Road Junctions approved by the Roads Committee on 24 January 2002.

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APPENDIX A

1. Hume Street/Western Road, Montrose. Awkward junction which is busy with supermarket traffic. Hume Street is a main access route to the town centre. Possible mini roundabout scheme here.
2. U328/U328(1) at Gourdie Brae – Liff School junction. Poor visibility for emerging traffic.
3. A926/B9128 Zoar, Forfar. Consider small roundabout to create gateway effect. Possible future development off A926 might give an opportunity for outside funding.
4. B961/C4 at Drumsturdy Road. Poor visibility for traffic emerging onto Drumsturdy Road.
5. A933/U495. Muirheads - Boysackhill. Existing STOP sign. Investigate improvement to visibility which would allow this sign to be removed.
6. A932/U468 Guthrie. Existing STOP sign. Investigate improvement to visibility which would allow this sign to be removed.
7. B9127/U360(3) Kinnettles. Poor visibility for traffic emerging onto B9127.
8. B9134/U368 Carseburn. Poor visibility for traffic emerging onto B9134.
9. U459/U460 Auchterforfar. Poor visibility for traffic emerging onto U459.
10. B9128/C53 Idvies/Letham Road. Poor visibility for traffic emerging on to the B9128.
11. C31/U400 Junction to Memus from Kirriemuir to Carston Road. Poor visibility to the left for traffic emerging on to C31