

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

17 OCTOBER 2002

HIGH STREET (PEEL PLACE), MONTROSE
ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report deals with proposals to introduce one-way traffic and traffic calming measures in a section of High Street (Peel Place), Montrose.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

- (i) to abandon the current draft Traffic Regulation Order to impose one-way traffic northwards only in a section of High Street (Peel Place), Montrose;
- (ii) to the promotion of an alternative Traffic Regulation Order to impose one-way traffic southwards only in a section of High Street (Peel Place), Montrose;
- (iii) to the introduction of traffic calming measures in a section of High Street (Peel Place), Montrose.

2 DETAILS

Report No 711/01 - Peel Place, Montrose – One Way Traffic was approved by the Roads Committee on 14 June 2001.

The report considered the current traffic flow situation in Peel Place, Montrose and the concerns raised about the inappropriate speed of traffic using Peel Place as a short cut to bypass the nearby busy High Street/George Street junction.

The Committee agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to impose northwards only one-way traffic in Peel Place which is the reverse of the existing 'unofficial' southwards one-way traffic arrangement.

The Traffic Regulation Order has been published and objections invited from the public.

A number of letters of objection have been received with claims that the proposal would create as many problems as it would solve. The main concerns expressed were that:-

- (a) the proposed new traffic arrangements would make access and egress for large vehicles servicing the shops more difficult;
- (b) the right turn from George Street into Peel Place would be difficult particularly for large vehicles;
- (c) the left turn from Peel Place into High Street would be difficult for large vehicles;
- (d) the existing short cut to avoid the main High Street/George Street junction acts as a natural left turn filter and reduces congestion at that junction.

The majority of objectors wished to retain the current traffic arrangements with the additional provision of traffic calming measures.

While the proposal for northwards only one-way traffic would have remedied the primary problem of inappropriate speeds in Peel Place it is accepted that it might have caused some inconvenience in relation to certain traffic movements. Nevertheless this is a very localised problem and there is obvious strong opposition to the proposal by residents and business proprietors within the affected street. It is therefore felt inappropriate to proceed with the original proposals.

However the current southwards one-way traffic arrangement operates on an unofficial basis and is not enforceable under any Traffic Regulation Order. It is therefore considered necessary to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to legalise the current situation. Without the reversal of traffic direction, the matter of inappropriate speeds remains to be dealt with and it is therefore proposed to install traffic calming measures in Peel Place.

The proposed one-way traffic arrangement and traffic calming measures are indicated on the attached plans.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of implementing these proposals is £2,500 which will be met from the 2003/2004 Roads Revenue Budget for Traffic Management and Road Safety. Additional maintenance costs will amount to £250 per annum and this will require to be contained in Roads Revenue Budgets for future years..

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

5 PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

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

6 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.

7 CONCLUSION

In view of the strength of opposition from directly affected residents and businesses it is not proposed to proceed with the original proposals approved by the Roads Committee of 14 June 2001 (Report No. 711/01).

It is however proposed that a Traffic Regulation Order be promoted to allow enforcement for the existing one-way traffic arrangements which are to remain. In addition the introduction of traffic calming measures in Peel Place is considered appropriate to reduce traffic speeds.

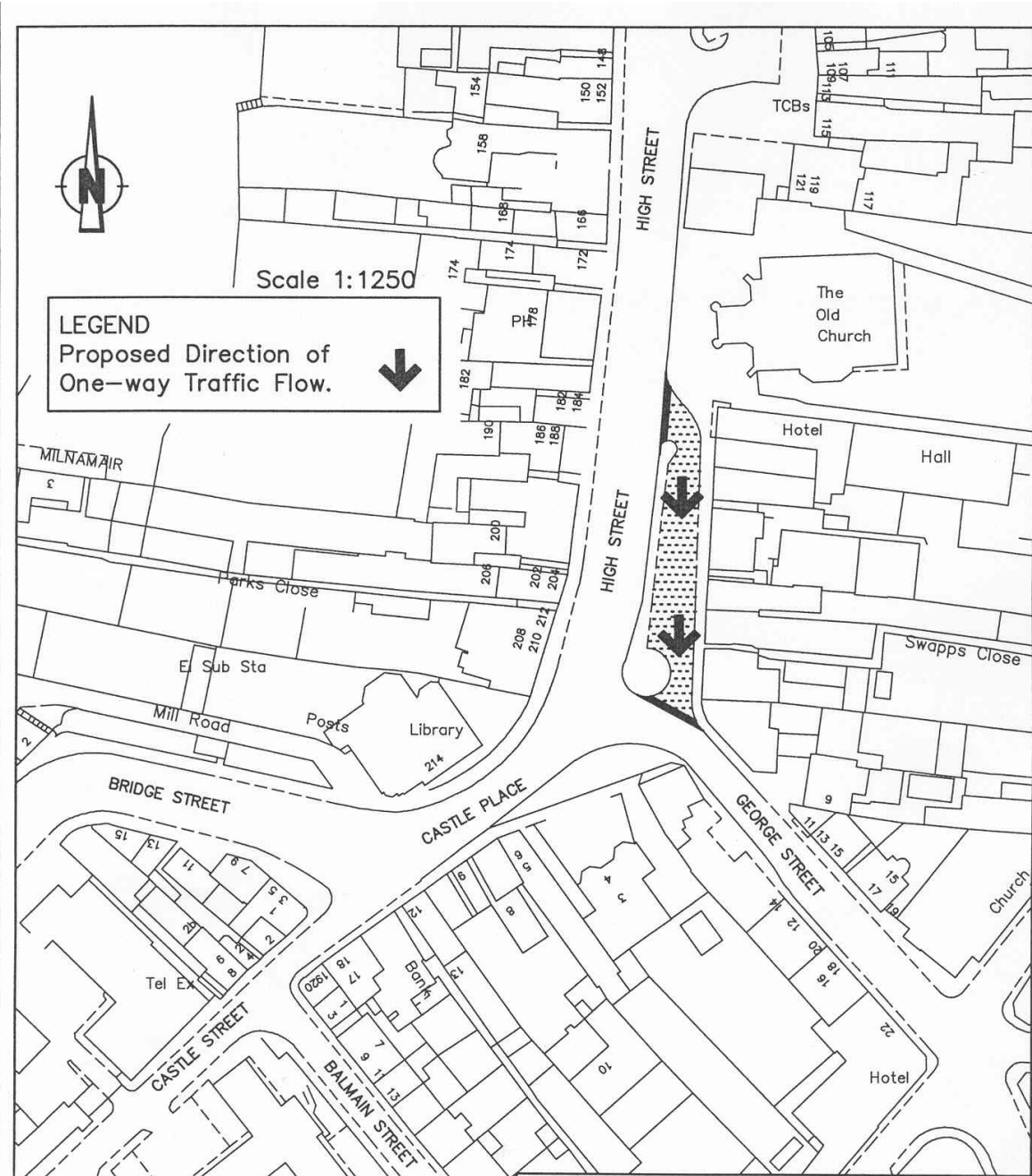
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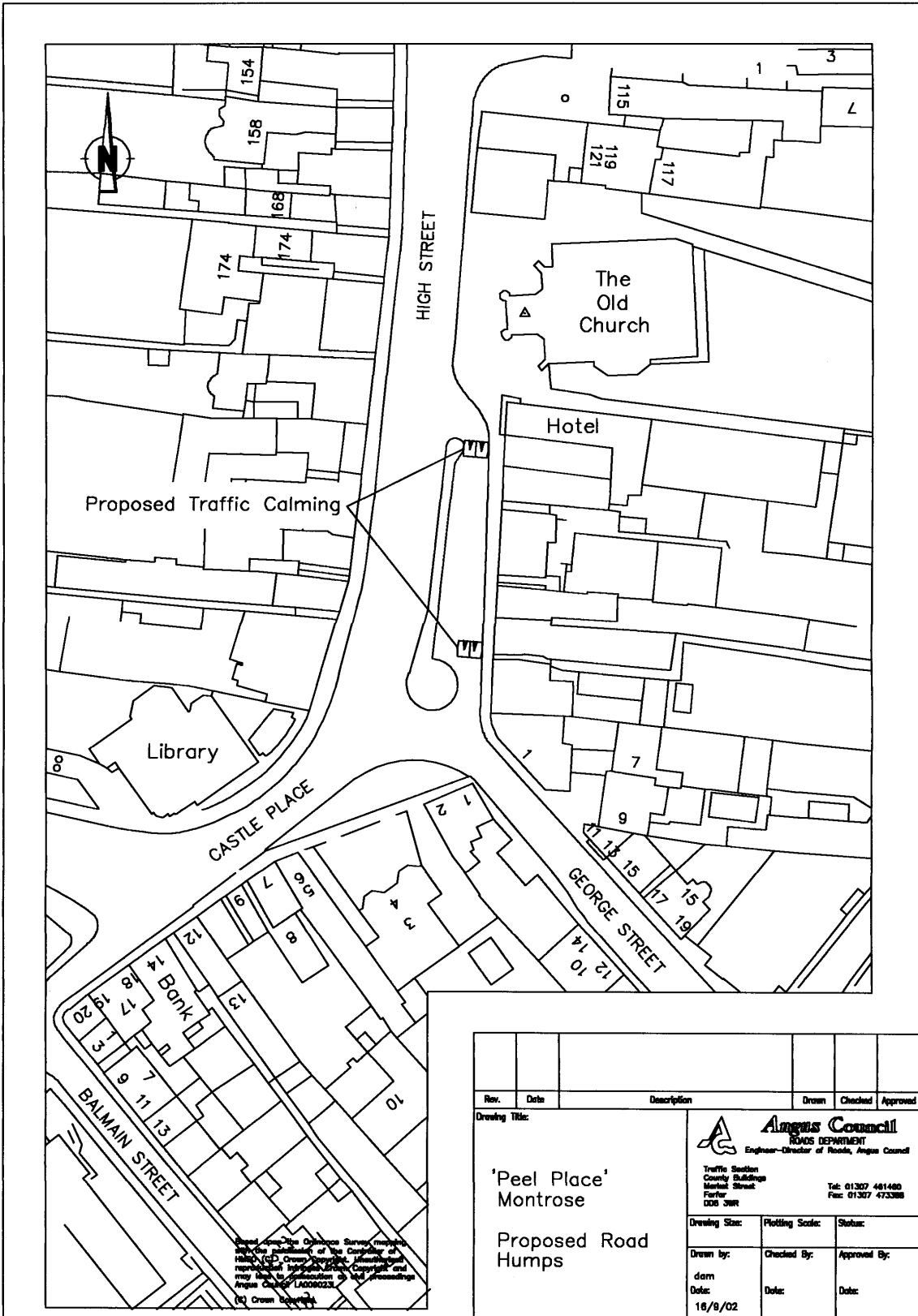
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