

REPORT NO 1230/02

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

17 OCTOBER 2002

ABBEY PATH, ARBROATH
VARIATION OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report deals with a previously considered proposal to vary the current traffic management arrangements in Abbey Path, Arbroath.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree to abandon the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to vary the current prohibition of driving restriction southwards in Abbey Path to exempt taxis.

2 DETAILS

Report No 1165/00 - Traffic Arrangements at Abbey Path, Arbroath was approved by the Roads Committee on 12 October 2000.

That Report considered the traffic management arrangements in Abbey Path and requests by local taxi firms to vary the current traffic management arrangements to allow taxis to drive south on Abbey Path.

The Committee agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the exemption to the southbound prohibition of driving in Abbey Path to include taxis.

The new Traffic Regulation Order was drafted, however its progress was deferred for further consideration following a fatal accident at the High Street/Abbey Path junction. The fatality involved a child cyclist riding against the one-way traffic flow in High Street who was struck by a bus travelling southwards out of Abbey Path.

As a result of this fatal accident the junction has been the subject of a full investigation into its safety and any possible improvements to its layout.

After due consideration of the situation and in consultation with Tayside Police it is considered inappropriate to continue with the proposed Order which would increase the level of vehicular traffic movements in Abbey Path through the affected junction.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this proposal.

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 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 the light of a review of road safety and traffic management arrangements following a fatal accident at the High Street/Abbey Path junction it is considered inappropriate to continue with the promotion of a Traffic regulation Order to extend the exemption to the southbound prohibition of driving in Abbey Path to taxis.

It is proposed therefore that the promotion of this Traffic Regulation Order be abandoned.

R W McNeil
DIRECTOR OF ROADS

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 any material extent in preparing this Report:-

Report No 1165/00 - Traffic Arrangements at Abbey Path, Arbroath - Roads Committee 12 October 2000.

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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