

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

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A90 FORFAR BY-PASS JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS
ROAD CLASSIFICATIONS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report informs the Committee of proposals to reclassify certain roads as a result of the junction improvements on the A90 Forfar Bypass which are currently under construction.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to homologate the action taken by the Director of Roads in proposing to the Scottish Executive:-

- (i) the reclassification as the A94 that section of the A929 Glamis Road, Forfar from its junction with the A926 Craig O' Loch Road/A926 Dundee Loan and West High Street, Forfar to the new grade separated junction on the A90(T) Edinburgh – Perth – Aberdeen Trunk Road.
- (ii) the classification of the new sections of road presently under construction at the new grade separated junctions on the A90(T) Edinburgh – Perth – Aberdeen Trunk Road.

2 INTRODUCTION

Glamis Road, Forfar is part of the A Class Forfar – Coupar Angus - Perth Road and is classified as the A929 from its junction with the A926 Dundee Loan, Forfar to its junction with the A90 trunk road. The road continues on from the other side of the Forfar Bypass westwards to Perth via Coupar Angus and is classified over that length as the A94. With the construction of a new underpass across the trunk road the Forfar – Coupar Angus – Perth Road will form a continuous link through the junction. For continuity and simplicity of route classification it is therefore proposed to re-classify the A929 Glamis Road, Forfar as “A94”.

Various new sections of road are being constructed as part of the grade separated junctions on the Forfar Bypass and these will require to be classified.

3 DETAILS

The classification A929 used to define the old single carriageway trunk road from Dundee to Forfar (including Glamis Road in Forfar). When the trunk road was

reclassified as the A90 some years ago, it left a short isolated stretch of A929 along Glamis Road in Forfar.

On completion of the new grade separated underpass at the Glamis Junction on the A90 Trunk Road, the Forfar - Coupar Angus - Perth Road will no longer be severed by the dual carriageway. The sign layouts associated with the new junctions have been designed and in order not to delay the manufacture of the signs, a request has been submitted to the Scottish Executive to reclassify the existing A929 Glamis Road, Forfar as the A94. Thus the whole length of road from Forfar to Perth via Coupar Angus will be classified "A94".

At the same time the sections of new road created by the grade-separated junctions which are currently under construction will also be classified "A94" on the Forfar – Coupar Angus - Perth Road and "A926" on the Forfar to Kirriemuir Road.

The power to classify or re-classify roads rests with the Scottish Ministers "after consultation with" the local roads authority (under Section 11 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984). In practice where the Council sees a need to classify or re-classify a road in its area the Director of Roads would write to the Scottish Executive putting forward recommendations to this effect. As a matter of courtesy and to inform members of any proposed changes the Director would normally submit a report to this Committee detailing the proposed classifications before writing to the Scottish Executive. In this case however, due to the time pressures and contractual requirements of the Design and Build contract for the A90 Forfar By-Pass Junction Improvements, the Director was obliged to submit recommendations to the Scottish Executive in advance of reporting to this Committee. The Committee is therefore asked to homologate the Director's action in requesting re-classification/classification of roads affected/constructed as a result of the Junction Improvements on the A90.

The roads affected are described in the attached schedule, Appendix 1 – Classification Schedule and a plan (Drawing No TO2-07/1) showing these proposed re-classification/classification measures has been placed in the Members' Lounge and is displayed for the Committee's perusal.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for Angus Council arising from this report. The new traffic signs required as a result of the A90 Junction Improvements will incorporate the new route classifications in the sign designs. The costs of providing the new signage is covered in the A90 Forfar By-Pass Junction Improvements Design and Build Contract and these costs will therefore be met in full by the Scottish Executive.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

6 **CONSULTATION**

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

7 **CONCLUSION**

It is proposed to re-classify the A Class Glamis Road, Forfar (currently classified as the A929) as the A94 and also to classify the sections of new road created by the construction of grade separated junctions on the Forfar By-pass. The necessary recommendations have been submitted to the Scottish Executive.

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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 any material extent in preparing this Report:-

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Classification Schedule and Drawing No. TO2-07/1.

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APPENDIX 1**CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE****DESCRIPTION OF ROADS****New
Route Numbers****1 Forfar – Coupar Angus Road – Perth (part)**

That length of new road commencing at its junction with the new roundabout (A94) and proceeding generally in an easterly direction for a distance of 0.24 miles (0.39 kilometres) or thereby to and including the new roundabout at its junction with the A94 (formerly A929)

A94

[Marked A-B on plan]

2 Forfar – Coupar Angus Road – Perth (part)

That length of road (formerly Principal (A929) commencing at its junction with the A90(T) Edinburgh – Perth – Aberdeen Trunk Road and proceeding in an easterly direction for a distance of 1.29 miles (2.07 kilometres) or thereby to its junction with Dundee Loan, Forfar (A926)

A94

[Marked C-D on plan]

3 Forfar – Kirriemuir Road (part)

That length of new road commencing at its junction with the new roundabout (A926) and proceeding generally in an easterly direction for a distance of 0.25 miles (0.4 kilometres) or thereby to and including the new roundabout at its junction with the A926

A926

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Other links as shown on plans.