

**ANGUS COUNCIL****ROADS COMMITTEE****27 NOVEMBER 1997****CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC OF LINK ROAD BETWEEN  
WARDS ROAD AND DRUMACHLIE LOAN - BRECHIN****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

Following the receipt of a petition from the residents of Wards Road, Brechin (who were concerned about road safety) this report considers the closure to vehicular traffic of the link road between Wards Road and Drumachlie Loan in Brechin.

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee agree that the link between Wards Road and Drumachlie Loan, Brechin be closed to motorised vehicular traffic.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

In 1989 to allow necessary reconstruction work on the road through the Brechin public park a temporary link road was constructed between Wards Road and Drumachlie Loan (Diagram 1). After the completion of the works this link road continued to be well used by the public and was therefore never closed up. In 1992 Tayside Regional Council approved a report recommending that the temporary link be made permanent and a scheme was prepared for a new junction arrangement for Wards Road, Park Road and Drumachlie Loan. This scheme had a low priority and was not constructed by Tayside Regional Council.

The scheme (estimated to cost £71,000) remained in Angus Council's Financial Plan for 1996 for construction in 1997/98 but was given a very low priority ranking at this time. Due to this low priority and to budgetary restrictions it was not included in the 1997/98 Capital Programme.

### 3 DETAILS

A petition was recently delivered to the local member signed by the residents of 22 of the houses at the east end of the Wards housing scheme complaining that the volume of traffic had increased and that the speed of some of the motorists was greater than 30 mph. The petitioners also stated that for safety reasons and especially for those who have small children in the area that they wished to have the road changed back to its original state ie a quiet cul-de-sac.

A request for traffic calming in Wards Road had previously been made in 1996 and this request was included in the report on Traffic Calming in Angus approved by the Roads Committee on 6 June 1996 (Report No. 468/96). At this time no action was recommended as Wards Road had low traffic volumes and speeds and no injury accident record.

Despite the concerns of the petitioners traffic volumes and speeds are still relatively low. Nevertheless it is likely that some motorists do drive in an inconsiderate manner and at inappropriate speeds.

By returning Wards Road to its original status as a cul-de-sac the through traffic will be removed and it is likely that the speed of the remaining traffic will be reduced. Given the concerns of the local residents and the relatively low cost of a closure this is an option worth pursuing.

It is proposed that only motorised vehicular traffic be prevented from using the link road so that pedestrians and cyclists can continue to use the link. The closure would be affected by the installation of bollards and fencing at the Drumachlie Loan end of

the temporary link road, with lockable bollards being provided to facilitate maintenance in the area.

#### 4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of the works is £1000 and this can be contained within the Traffic Revenue Budget of £75,000 under the Road Safety head, during the current financial year.

#### 5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Chief Constable and the Director of Recreation Services 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:-

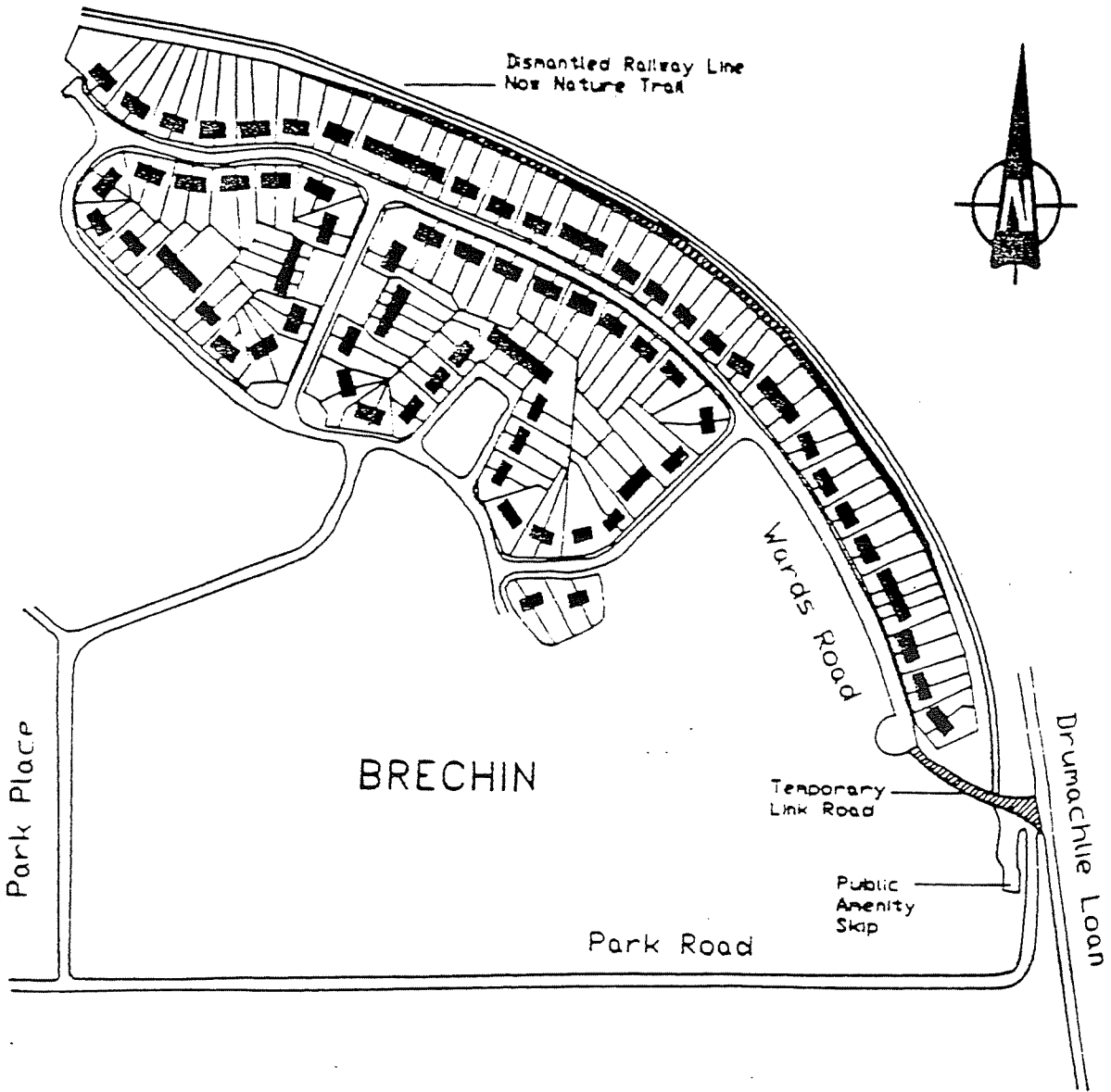
Report No. 1064/92 Link Road - Wards Road to Drumachlie Loan, Brechin. Capital Appraisal (Parts 1 & 2) approved by the Sub-Committee of the Roads and Transport Committee of Tayside Regional Council on 8 July 1992.

Report No. 468/96 Traffic Calming in Angus approved by the Roads Committee of Angus Council on 6 June 1996.

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