

ANGUS COUNCIL**ROADS COMMITTEE - 5 JUNE 1997****ANGUS COUNCIL (FORFAR) (VARIATION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 1997****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION****ABSTRACT**

This Report proposes the introduction of a Traffic Order to impose one-way traffic westwards on Myre Road, Forfar between Castle Street and the eastern boundary of the entrance to the small car park, at Myre Road East, for a distance of approximately 20 metres. This proposal is designed to relieve congestion at the Myre Road/Castle Street junction and to improve pedestrian safety by providing an additional footpath in Myre Road.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee are requested to approve the formal publication of the draft Order as amended.

2. INTRODUCTION

Reference is made to Article 159 of the minute of meeting of Tayside Regional Council's Roads and Transport Committee held on 14 April 1992 instructing and authorising the preparation of an Order imposing one-way traffic westwards on Myre Road between Castle Street and the eastmost Myre Car Park access. Following the preparation of a draft Order and during the statutory consultation period 2 letters of comment were received. The Tayside Regional Council's Traffic Orders Sub-Committee held on 16 March 1993 considered these comments and the observations of the Director of Roads and Transport and the Chief Constable and authorised the formal publication of the draft Order unchanged. The draft Order was advertised in May 1993 and 2 letters of objections were received on behalf of local businesses. The Director of Roads and Transport and the Chief Constable considered these objections and recommended that the draft Order be amended by reducing the proposed length of one-way restriction with the result that it should be effective from Castle Street westwards to the eastern boundary of the entrance to the small car park, at Myre Road East, a distance of approximately 20 metres.

The proposed Order was not progressed further at that stage due to related land acquisition problems which have only recently been resolved. The land now acquired has been used to provide a slip road for left hand turning only traffic at the Myre Road/Craig o' Loch Road junction in anticipation of increased levels of traffic following the implementation of the one-way traffic measures.

3. CONSULTATION

Due to the length of time which had elapsed since the draft Order had first been publicised the statutory consultation process was undertaken afresh in April 1997 and following this one letter of comment was received. A summary of this letter and the observations of the Director of Roads and Chief Constable is attached hereto.

4. CONCLUSION

The Committee are requested to authorise the formal publication of the draft Order duly amended.

CATHERINE A COULL
Director of Law and Administration

NOTE: The background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report are contained in File TA/1/81.

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COMMENTS

Mr Ian D McConnell, Cyclists' Touring Club, Tayside District Association, 14¹/₂ Elliot Street, Arbroath

Mr McConnell has no objection to the proposed introduction of one-way traffic for motorised vehicles, however, he has requested that two-way passage for pedal cyclists be maintained.

OBSERVATIONS

The Director of Roads has considered the request by the Cyclists' Touring Club and whilst he would generally wish to accommodate cyclists' interests he is unable to do so in this case. The Director of Roads does not consider that there is a sufficient width at the Myre Road/Castle Street junction to provide a cyclist contra-flow lane given that large articulated vehicles use this junction to deliver to adjacent premises. Such large vehicles would require to encroach into the cyclist lane due to the narrowness of that section of Myre Road which would constitute a danger to the cyclists' safety.

The Chief Constable is in agreement with the Director of Roads view and also opposes this proposal on the grounds of road safety.

