

**ANGUS COUNCIL****ROADS COMMITTEE****15 OCTOBER 1998****PANTER CRESCENT MONTROSE - UPDATE****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

This report gives an update on the situation with respect to the promotion of a Prohibition of Driving Order to effect closures of Borrowfield Road at its east and west ends to prohibit traffic travelling through the area using Panter Crescent as a short cut between Brechin Road and Newhame Road. The Committee is asked to note the situation following a public meeting held on 9 September 1998.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

- (i) to note the response to the proposals put forward at the public meeting held on 9 September 1998;
- (ii) that the promotion of the Prohibition of Driving Order for Borrowfield Road, Montrose should be suspended pending the provision of various traffic management measures and an assessment of their effectiveness in reducing the problem of short-cutting between the A937 (Coronation Avenue) and the A935 (Brechin Road) via Panter Crescent, Montrose.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

Members will recall previous reports to the Committees of 5 June 1997 (Report No 649/97) and 28 August 1997 (Report No 874/97) outlining proposals to close Borrowfield Road at two points to prevent short cutting traffic between Newhame Road and Brechin Road.

Members will also recall the previous report to the Committee of 27 August 1998 ( Report No 892/98) following the publication of the Traffic Regulation Order when in view of the weight of objection to the proposal the Committee agreed to junction improvements at Newhame Road/Northesk Road and Charleton Road/Coronation Avenue and to defer continuation of the Traffic Regulation Order pending the outcome of surveys to consider the effectiveness of those improvements. The Committee also agreed to a public meeting being held to explain the Councils proposals and obtain feedback on the overall situation.

### 3 **DETAILS**

A public meeting was held on Wednesday 9 September 1998 at Borrowfield Primary School Montrose attended by approximately 60 local residents.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Sandy West and a presentation was given by the Director of Roads following which there was a question and answer session.

The question and answer session raised a number of issues but there seemed to be a general consensus that improvements to the Newhame Road/Northesk Road and Charleton Road/Coronation Avenue junctions were desirable.

A number of questions were asked relating to the effectiveness and suitability of roundabouts given that some problems had been experienced with the new roundabouts on Basin View with particular regards to large vehicles. It was suggested by some speakers that traffic lights might be more appropriate.

It was also suggested that the situation in Panter Crescent should have been anticipated as a result of the opening of the Inner Relief Road and that a more widespread study of the traffic patterns was required to avoid a similar situation arising as a result of the proposed works.

The need for traffic lights at the Brechin Road/Northesk Road junction was questioned.

The speed of traffic in Borrowfield Road and Panter Crescent was an emotive issue and various means of traffic calming from road humps to 20mph speed limits to more police presence were suggested.

The Director of Roads answered all questions and agreed to consider all of the points raised. He also agreed to consider the issue of speeding traffic in Panter Crescent and Borrowfield Road but indicated that from the previous questionnaires road humps were the least favoured option by residents.

### 4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### 5 **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.

### 6 **CONCLUSION**

The feedback from the public meeting held on 9 September 1998 was generally positive towards the proposal to suspend the promotion of the Prohibition of Driving Order for Borrowfield Road, Montrose pending the provision of various traffic

management measures and an assessment of their effectiveness in reducing the problems of short-cutting traffic and speeding on Panter Crescent, Montrose.

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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 649/97 - Angus Council Roads Committee - 5 June 1997.

Report No 874/97 - Angus Council Roads Committee - 28 August 1998.

Report No 892/98 - Angus Council Roads Committee - 27 August 1998.

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