

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

1 DECEMBER 1998

A933 ARBROATH - BRECHIN ROAD AT RM CONDOR ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This Report considers the problems associated with dangers posed by fast moving vehicular traffic to all types of traffic entering and exiting Royal Marine Condor north of Arbroath.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the committee agree:-

- (a) to note that short term traffic measures to improve safety at the existing entrance to RM Condor north of Arbroath are being investigated by the Director of Roads for implementation;
- (b) that the Director of Roads investigates longer term measures to promote a jointly funded roundabout scheme to cater for both access to the Base and incorporation of the Letham Road junction at the south west corner of the Base.

2 INTRODUCTION

There have been discussions between Royal Marine Condor and Angus Council on the subject of traffic measures on the A933 parallel to the Base. The dangers posed by fast moving vehicular traffic to personnel entering and exiting Royal Marine Condor have been a cause for concern over the years. These worries are substantiated by accident statistics. The MoD has expressed their concern regarding the potential for accidents unless positive steps are taken to reduce traffic speed and to alert drivers to the hazards along this stretch of road.

3 DETAILS

In May 1998, Babbie Group consultants, on behalf of Defence Estates Organisation (for RM Condor) applied for planning permission for a new access to the Base (approximately 1km south of existing entrance). This was approved by the Development Control Committee on 3 September 1998. Following discussion on the likely programming of such works and financial implications, the Director of Roads, the Police and elected members met representatives of the MoD and it was agreed to investigate both short term and long term measures.

Short term measures being considered include such items as:-

- double-white centre lines on the approach from Colliston to prohibit overtaking at the current blind spot;
- red-coloured carriageway surfacing with ‘Slow’ markings on both approaches to the Base entrance;
- additional signage on both approaches advising of possible ‘troops marching’ or something similar;
- provision of ‘bend/junction signs’ indicating access to the base etc;
- possibility of hatched markings along the route past the base (road width might not be adequate in this respect).

As a longer term measure, in the light of the relatively close proximity of the Letham Road junction (U494 Paradise Road) at the south west corner of the Base, it was agreed that consideration be given to promoting a jointly funded roundabout scheme to cater for both access to the Base and incorporation of the Letham Road junction. This would involve bringing the junction north and westwards.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Revenue

Short term measures have not been costed in detail at this stage but will be funded from the existing Traffic Revenue Budget. There will be a small financial implication in investigating the feasibility of a jointly funded roundabout scheme which can be contained within the Roads Department Staffing Budget.

Capital

Following preliminary investigation of the longer term measures (roundabout) a further report will be brought forward detailing the overall financial implications and proposals for the joint funding arrangements.

5 **CONSULTATION**

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

6 **CONCLUSION**

To improve safety at the existing entrance to RM Condor, the Director of Roads is investigating short term measures for implementation. At the same time, it is

desirable that a roundabout scheme be investigated to cater for both access to the Base and the Letham Road junction.

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NOTE

No 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 the above Report.

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