

ANGUS COUNCIL**ROADS COMMITTEE****11 JUNE 1998****FORFAR - LETHAM ROAD**
HILLEND AND DUNNICHEN JUNCTIONS**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

This report considers proposals to acquire land at no cost at Hillend and at Dunnichen to allow future junction improvements

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree to authorise the Director of Property and the Director of Law and Administration to enter into negotiations to acquire land at Hillend and at Dunnichen on the Forfar to Letham Road to allow future junction improvements.

2 INTRODUCTION

During 1993, Laird Brothers (Forfar) Ltd were looking at the possibility of opening up a quarry on Dunnichen Hill. Discussions took place with the Roads and Transport Department of Tayside Regional Council with regard to the necessary road widenings and junction improvements to allow the development to proceed. In anticipation of the development Laird Brothers purchased the necessary land to permit the road improvements. It is now unlikely that the development will proceed for many years, if ever, and Laird Brothers have offered the land to Angus Council at no cost.

3 DETAILS

The junction at Hillend has always been a cause for concern. The visibility to the right from the Letham leg is very poor and with the land being available this would give the opportunity for a junction improvement.

Laird Brothers had also purchased land along the Dunnichen Hill Road from Dunnichen to improve it. From the Roads Authority point of view it is felt that a junction improvement at Dunnichen is desirable but that the improvement of the hill road does not have any priority.

It is therefore proposed that the land be acquired to enable the junctions at Hillend and at Dunnichen to be improved at a future date subject to the implications associated with the transfer of ownership from Laird Brothers to Angus Council being checked by the Director of Property and the Director of Law and Administration.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no acquisition costs involved but before acquisition the Director of Property and the Director of Law and Administration will check on whether there are any ongoing maintenance or other liabilities

5 CONSULTATION

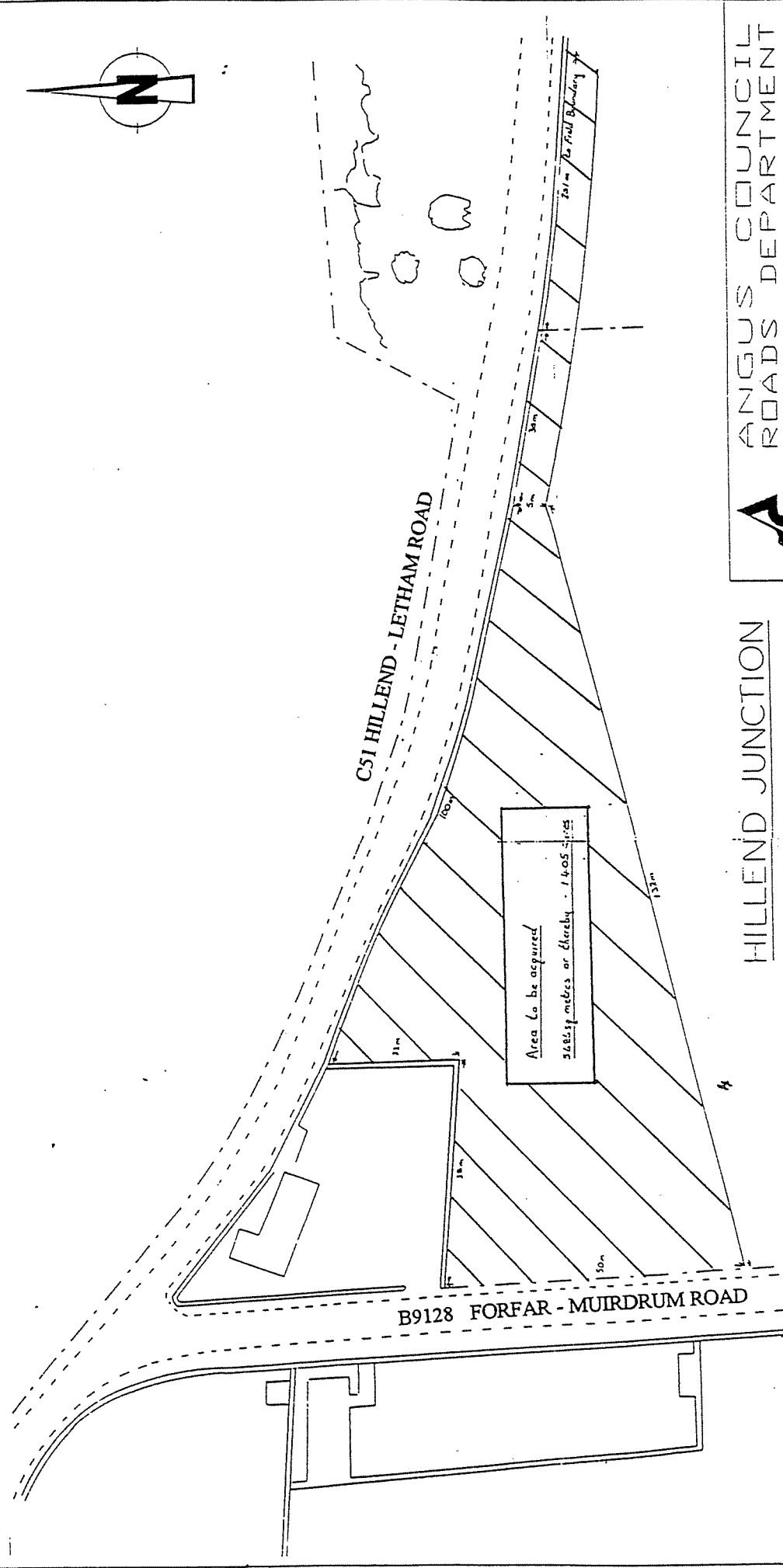
The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the Director of Property have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.


6 CONCLUSION

In order to allow these junction improvements to be carried out at a later date, the opportunity should be taken to acquire the necessary land now and at no cost. The junction improvement at Hillend would have the greater priority. Detailed schemes would be brought back to Committee in due course.

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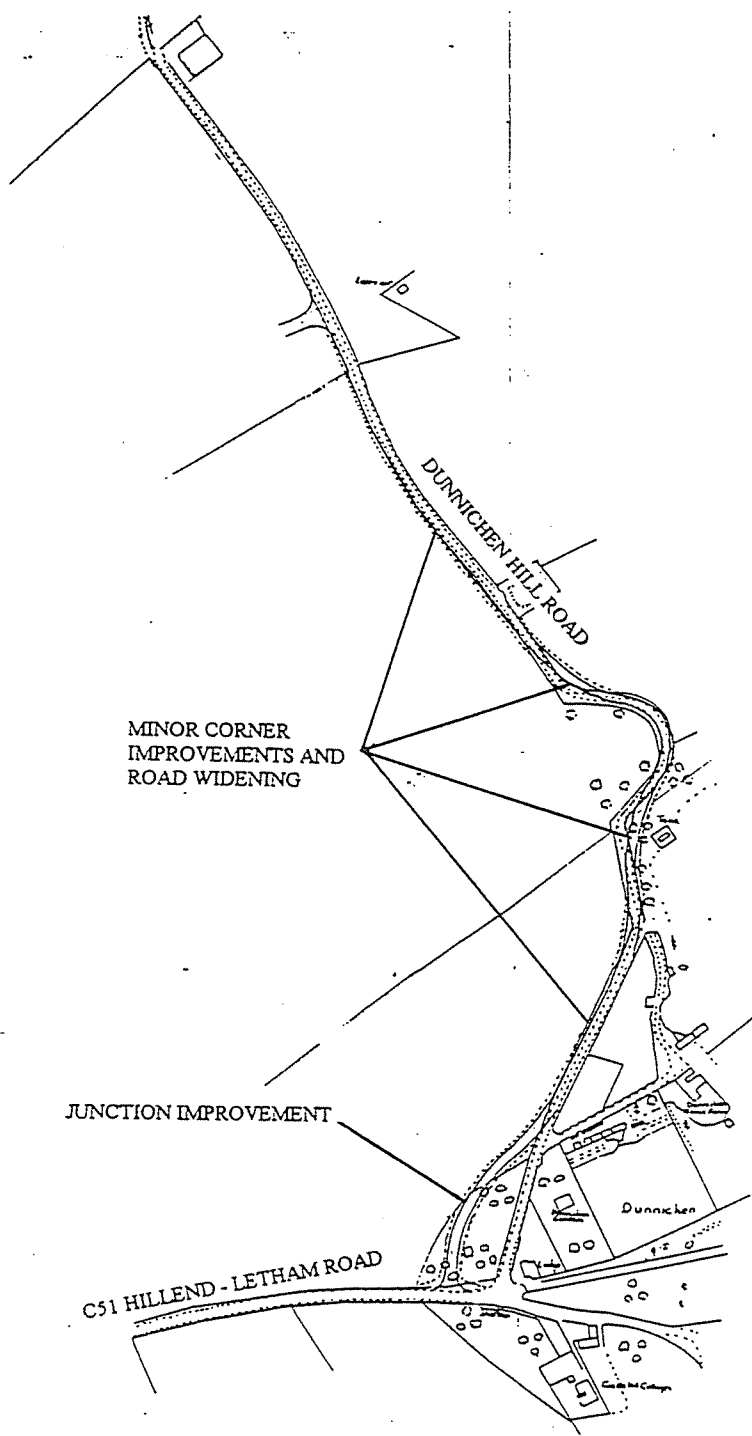
NOTE No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.





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