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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

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ALTERATIONS TO THE STATUS OF SECTIONS OF ROAD
AT NEWTON ROAD AND SHANWELL ROAD, CARNOUTIE

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT
This report deals with proposals to alter the status of sections of road at Newton Road and Shanwell Road, Carnoustie.

1  RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to the promotion of the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders (a) to convert a section of Newton Road to cycletrack and (b) to prohibit driving over a section of Shanwell Road, Carnoustie.

2  DETAILS.

2.1 As part of a proposed residential development on the north side of Newton Road the developer is required to carry out a number of improvements to the surrounding public road network.

2.2 These road improvements include:-

   (i) increased radii at the Newton Road/Balmachie Road junction;

   (ii) the widening and part realignment of Newton Road between Balmachie Road and Queen Street;

   (iii) realignment of the Newton Road/Queen Street junction;

   (iv) the formation of a new roundabout junction on Balmachie Road to serve the new housing development and a new link road to Carnoustie High School;

   (v) the closure of the existing sub-standard Balmachie Road/Shanwell Road junction to vehicular traffic.

2.3. These road improvements result in the status of certain lengths of existing roads requiring to be altered.

2.4 The realignment of Newton Road in the vicinity of its junction with Queen Street results in a section of existing Newton Road being no longer required for vehicular
traffic. Nevertheless it is considered that it should be retained on the List of Public Roads but as a cycletrack for use by pedestrian and cycle traffic only.

2.5 As part of the proposed housing development on the east side of Balmachie Road the developer has agreed to the formation of a new roundabout junction to serve the development and also to form a new access road leading to Carnoustie High School.

2.6 The existing Balmachie Road/Shanwell Road junction has extremely limited visibility sightlines to the south and the proposed new roundabout junction will permit this poor junction to be closed to vehicular traffic. Pedestrian right of passage will be retained.

2.7 The closure of the junction will require the prohibition of driving over a short section of the existing Shanwell Road.

2.8 Details of the affected sections of Newton Road and Shanwell Road are indicated on the attached drawing.

3  FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of implementing the proposals will be met by the developer of the adjacent housing development under the terms of a Section 75 agreement entered into with the Council as part of the planning consent for the housing development.

3.2 A minimal reduction in maintenance costs can be anticipated. This will assist in managing increased roads authority financial commitments arising from the addition of new roads to the List of Public Roads.

4  CONSULTATION

4.1 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.

5  CONCLUSION

5.1 In the interest of traffic safety and free traffic flow a number of road improvements are proposed as part of a large housing development in Carnoustie. These include some road realignment and the promotion of appropriate Traffic Regulation Orders are required to rationalise the situation in relation to the affected existing public road.

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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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