

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

21 APRIL 2009

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS - WAITING RESTRICTIONS, VARIATION OF SPEED LIMITS AND CONVERSION OF CYCLE TRACK TO FOOTWAY

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report informs the Committee of the making of three Traffic Orders relating to new waiting restrictions at Duntrune, various variations of speed limits and the conversion of a section of cycle track to footway at Dundee Road, Arbroath.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the making of the following Orders:

- (i) Angus Council (Variation of Speed Limits) Order 2009;
- (ii) Angus Council (Dundee Road Arbroath) (Conversion of Cycle Track to Footway) Order 2009;
- (iii) The Angus Council (Duntrune Waiting Restrictions) Order 2009.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Angus Council's Scheme of Delegation authorises the Head of Roads to approve the making of a Traffic Order by the Head of Law and Administration in instances where no objections are received or no significant amendments are proposed to an Order.

3 DETAILS

3.1 Reference is made to Articles 17 and 21 of the minute of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 4 March 2008 instructing and authorising the preparation of an Order for the purpose of varying current speed limits at various locations around the Angus Council area. This arose from a review by the Head of Roads of current speed limits on all 'A' and 'B' class roads in Angus.

3.2 Reference is made to Article 31 of the minute of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 26 August 2008 instructing and authorising the preparation of an Order for the purpose of converting a section of cycle track to footway at Dundee Road, Arbroath. This arose from concerns raised by residents at Elliot about cyclist passing their properties on the relatively narrow cycle track causing a potential hazard for pedestrians and drivers emerging from their driveways. As the adjacent carriageway at this point is a cul-de-sac and is very lightly trafficked it was considered appropriate to divert cyclists from the cycle track onto the carriageway and revert the unnecessary section of cycle track to footway.

3.3 Reference is made to Article 30 of the minute of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 26 August 2008 instructing and authorising the preparation of an Order for the purpose of introducing new waiting restrictions at Duntrune adjacent to Murroes Primary School. This arose from complaints by the School Board and

parents regarding inappropriate parking of vehicles at the adjacent road junction which was creating a hazard to pedestrian and traffic safety and free traffic flow.

- 3.4 The proposed Orders were duly advertised and no objections were received.
- 3.5 The Angus Council (Variation of Speed Limits) Order 2009 was made on 26 January 2009 and will become operational from 27 April 2009.
- 3.6 The Angus Council (Dundee Road Arbroath) (Conversion of Cycle track to Footway) Order 2009 (Dundee) Order 2009 was made on 26 January 2009 and came into operation on 16 February 2009.
- 3.7 The Angus Council (Duntrune Waiting Restrictions) Order 2009 (Dundee) Order 2009 was made on 16 March 2009 and will become operational from 27 April 2009.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The estimated costs of implementing the variation of speed limits proposals are £24,000 which can be met from the Traffic Section of the Road's Division 2009/10 Revenue Budget. The increased maintenance costs arising from this proposal will amount to approx £1,000 per annum which will be met from the Road's Division Revenue Budget in future years.
- 4.2 The costs of implementing the conversion of cycle track to footway proposals was £1,250 which was met from the Traffic Section of the Roads Division 2008/09 Revenue Budget. There is no change to maintenance costs arising from this proposal.
- 4.3 The estimated costs of implementing the Duntrune waiting restrictions proposals are £150 which can be met from the Roads Division 2009/10 Revenue Budget. The increased maintenance costs arising from this proposal will amount to approximately £30 per annum which will be met from the Road's Division Revenue Budget in future years.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The issues dealt with in this Report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 Following a review by the Head of Roads of speed limits on 'A' and 'B' class roads in Angus a number of changes to existing speed limits were identified. The promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to implement these changes was required.

- 8.2 A section of the existing cycle track on the north side of Dundee Road Arbroath at Elliot is considered unnecessary and its reduction in length is considered appropriate. The promotion of a Redetermination Order to implement this change was required and has been implemented.
- 8.3 Following complaints about traffic safety in the vicinity of Murroes Primary School waiting restrictions are considered appropriate. The promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to implement these changes was required.

ERIC S LOWSON
DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

NOTE:

The following 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 this Report:-

- Report No. 262/08 - Angus Council Infrastructure Services Committee - 4 March 2008.
Report No. 266/08 - Angus Council Infrastructure Services Committee - 4 March 2008.
Report No. 806/08 - Angus Council Infrastructure Services Committee - 26 August 2008.

Reports/DAM/PP
13 March 2009
REPORTS/speedscycletrackretro