

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

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PROPOSED JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS, A933 FORFAR ROAD/CAIRNIE ROAD/
KEPTIE ROAD, ARBROATH: RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report presents the results of the public consultation regarding proposed junction improvement options (mini-roundabout or traffic signal control) for the A933 Forfar Road/Cairnie Road/Keptie Road junction in Arbroath.

1 RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the committee:

- (i) notes the comments received during the consultation process regarding the two options being considered for junction improvements for the A933 Forfar Road/Cairnie Road/Keptie Road in Arbroath.
- (ii) notes the level of support in favour of the traffic signal control option.
- (iii) approves the provision of traffic signal control at the junction.
- (iv) instructs the Head of Roads to proceed with the provision of signalised control at the junction.

2 DETAILS

2.1 Report No. 57/09 submitted to the Infrastructure Services Committee on 20 January 2009, and referred to the full Council meeting on 19 February 2009 for approval, detailed the format and timescale for public consultation regarding proposed options to improve the A933 Forfar Road/Cairnie Road/Keptie Road junction in Arbroath.

2.2 The consultation documents were issued on 25 February 2009 to approximately 390 residential and business addresses within the surrounding area of the junction (as shown on the plan in Report No. 57/09). Consultation documents were also sent to 22 named statutory consultees and were available from Arbroath Access Office, local supermarkets and Cairnie Road Shell Filling Station for the general public who might wish to comment on the proposed options.

The consultation questionnaire was also available for completing online via the council's website.

2.3 359 complete responses were received (268 postal & 91 online) by the closing date of 23 March 2009. Of these responses 284 (79%) preferred the traffic signal control option with 71 (20%) favouring the mini-roundabout option and 4 (1%) selected no change. The comments which were provided through the responses have been lodged in the members' lounge for the reference of the members of the Committee. A selection of those comments received is shown in Appendix 2.

- 2.4 From those responses received from the residential and business addresses within the surrounding area of the junction 84 (81%) preferred the traffic signal control option, 19 (18%) selected the mini-roundabout option and 1 (1%) indicated no change. A selection of comments provided with the responses is provided in Appendix 2 to this report.
- 2.5 A letter was received from the solicitors representing Calden Limited the proprietors and operators of the Shell Filling Station, Cairnie Road. Their preferred option is for a mini-roundabout. They raised concerns regarding accessibility to the Filling Station if traffic signals were installed due to vehicles waiting at the traffic lights blocking the entrance and exits to the Filling Station and possible loss of business as a result. It is proposed to install yellow box junction markings on Cairnie Road to keep the entrance and exits to the Filling Station free from stationary traffic as well as at East Muirlands Road/Keptie Road, West Way/Keptie Road and Elmfield Avenue/Forfar Road junctions.
- 2.6 Eight responses were received from the 22 named consultees. Of these responses six (Tayside Police, Tayside Fire & Rescue, CTC, Arbroath Business Association, Arbroath Community Council & Angus Access Panel) selected the traffic signal control option and two (Stagecoach Strathtay & Central Taxis) favoured the mini-roundabout option.
- 2.7 It is recommended that the Committee agree to the provision of traffic signal control at this junction.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The installation of traffic signal and pedestrian control at this junction is estimated to cost approximately £60,000 which can be funded from the Traffic Signals capital budget for 2009/10. There would also be ongoing maintenance costs of £600 per annum, which will require to be contained within future year's revenue budgets.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 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.

6 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

- 6.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

15. **Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.**

- Population changes are identified and planned for.
- Resources are used effectively.
- Services are targeted at those in greatest need.
- There is greater community involvement in the planning and delivery of services.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance, Head of Law and Administration and the Chief Constable were consulted in the preparation of this report. The Chief Constable's response has been provided as Appendix 1 to this report.

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report details the result of the responses received to the public consultation regarding proposed junction improvements at the A933 Forfar Road/Cairnie Road/Keptie Road junction in Arbroath.
- 8.2 The Committee is asked to note the level of support in favour of the traffic signal control option.
- 8.3 It is therefore recommended that the Committee agree to the implementation of a signalised junction at this location, funded from the Traffic Signals capital budget for 2009/2010.

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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:-

57/09 – Junction Improvements, A933 Forfar Road/Cairnie Road/Keptie Road, Arbroath – Consultation Proposals: 20 January 2009

1152/08 - Proposed Junction Improvements, A933 Forfar Road/Cairnie Road/Keptie Road, Arbroath: 25 November 2008

Appendix 1



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Dear Mr Green

**Consultation regarding Proposed Junction Improvements
A933 Forfar Road/Cairnie Road/Keptie Road, Arbroath**

Thank you for your letter of 27th February 2009 regarding the above subject.

I can confirm that the views of Tayside Police have not changed since these proposed improvements were first discussed some months ago.

We firmly believe that the safest option for all road users is a traffic-light controlled junction, incorporating Toucan style pedestrian crossings as schematically represented on the public consultation docket.

I trust you will find this information satisfactory.

Yours sincerely

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Inspector

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Appendix 2**Selected comments received in support of traffic signal control:**

"I use this road every weekday. I think traffic lights would be better than a mini-roundabout because there are always lorries trying to get in or out of the junction. A roundabout would make manoeuvring too difficult"

"Traffic signal control is a much fairer and safer option for all users, including pedestrians"

"There is only a problem with the traffic at peak times so hopefully the lights wouldn't cause unnecessary delays at other times"

"Traffic lights should help to act as a slowing down mechanism for speeding traffic coming into and exiting the town, many of whom are doing 40+mph on this stretch of Cairnie Road"

Selected comments received in support of a mini-roundabout:

"Traffic signal control would probably cause problems with cars queuing down Keptie Road blocking the exit from East Muirlands Road"

"From experience I find traffic lights cause hold-ups and a build-up of traffic whereas roundabouts, mini or otherwise, keep the traffic flowing"