AGENDA ITEM NO 13

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

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ANGUS COUNCIL (CASTLE STREET, FORFAR) (ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the objections received during the consultation process and approves the making of the Order.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 In March 2010 (Report No 195/10) the Committee authorised the Director of Infrastructure Services to undertake public consultation on the proposal to make Castle Street one-way southwards from Victoria Street to Myre Road.

2.2 Reference is made to Article 22 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee held on 1 June 2010 which noted the findings of the public consultation and agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order for the modified option to make Castle Street one-way southward from Canmore Street to Myre Road.

3 CONSULTATION AND PUBLICATION.

3.1 The proposed Order was advertised in the Courier and Advertiser on 20 August 2010. In response to the publication of the proposals one objection was received and has not been withdrawn.

3.2 In respect of the objection which was not withdrawn, details of the proposed restrictions with reference to plans, brief details of the objector, the grounds for their objection and the response made on behalf of the Head of Roads are listed below. Copies of all correspondence in connection with the outstanding objection are available for viewing in the Members’ lounge.

4 DETAILS

4.1 The section of Castle Street, Forfar from its junction with Canmore Street to its junction with Myre Road is proposed to be restricted to one-way traffic movements in a southwards direction only, as shown on the attached plan No T.FORF/ONE-WAY/10/01(Appendix 1).

4.2 An objection to the proposals was submitted by CTC/Right to Ride Network. The basis of their objection is that the proposals will make the town centre of Forfar less accessible for cyclists and other non motorised road users.

4.3 The Head of Roads responded on the basis that Castle Street between Canmore Street and Myre Road is in places too narrow to cater for two way traffic and permit servicing of adjacent properties. As some of the shops rely on passing trade and the majority of shops require servicing from the street there is a continuing need for traffic to access Castle Street. The proposed one-way restriction addresses the congestion issue whilst maintaining vehicular access.
In the light of comments received during the public consultation the extent of the restriction has been reduced. This allows cyclists and other road users to use Queen Street and Canmore Street as a nearby alternative route to the affected length of Castle Street.

It is not considered that the proposals will have a detrimental effect on pedestrians and those with mobility handicap as it will allow possible future footway widening in Castle Street.

The estimated cost of implementing the overall proposals is £12,000 which will be met from the 2011/2012 Infrastructure Services Roads Division (Traffic) Revenue Budget. Additional maintenance costs will amount to £1,200 per annum and this will require to be met from future years’ Roads Revenue Budgets.

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

The issues contained in this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

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

Having taken into consideration the views expressed by the objector to the proposals the Head of Roads considers that the terms of the draft Order are reasonable and appropriate and that the Council should note the objections as lodged and proceed with the Order as currently drafted.

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 a material extent in preparing the above report.