

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

23 AUGUST 2001

WEIGHT LIMITS ON BRIDGES

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report recommends that permanent Traffic Regulation Orders be promoted to limit the weight of vehicles using various bridges within Angus.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the promotion of the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders to revoke the current Tayside Region (Weight Limits on Bridges) (Consolidation) Order 1987 and create an Angus Council Traffic Regulation Order limiting the weight of vehicles using certain bridges in Angus.

2 DETAILS

At present the regulation of weight limits on bridges is enforced under the terms of the Tayside Region (Weight Limits on Bridges) (Consolidation) Order 1987. Following the dissolution of Tayside Regional Council it was intended that in time all existing Tayside Region Traffic Regulation Orders would be replaced with Angus Council Orders.

With significant changes to weight limits on bridges brought about by bridge repairs and replacements, as well as ongoing bridge assessments, it is therefore intended to promote an Angus Council Traffic Regulation Order limiting the weight of vehicles using certain bridges in Angus.

The existing Tayside Region Order would be revoked.

Following the most recent assessment of bridges in the Angus Council area it is considered that certain bridges are unsuitable for use by large vehicles and require the maximum weight of vehicles using them to be limited as listed below.

(i) Dean Water Bridge Forfar - 3 Tonnes

carrying the unadopted Orchard Loan – Lochside Road over the Dean Water;

(ii) Lunan Bridge - 7.5 Tonnes

carrying the Newton - Lunan - Montrose Road (C45) over the Lunan Water;

(iii) Horniehaugh Bridge Memus - 16 Tonnes

carrying Dykend Road (U401) over the White Burn;

(iv) Dunlappie (Dalhousie) Bridge Edzell - 25 Tonnes *

carrying Dunlappie Road (C45) over the West Water.

*This Bridge is currently closed to all vehicular Traffic. The proposed weight limit will apply to the proposed replacement bridge.

The following bridges which appear in the Schedule to the existing Tayside Region Order are omitted as they have been strengthened or replaced.

Balmullie Mill Bridge, Inverkeillor.

Downie Mill Bridge, Newbigging.

Ewnie Bridge, Glamis.

Glen Prosen Bridge, Glen Prosen.

Hume Street Bridge, Arbroath.

Kirkton Bridge, Kinnettles.

Mill of Aucheen Bridge, GlenEsk.

Pitforthie Road Railway Bridge, Brechin.

Templeton Bridge, Strathmartine.

Eassie Farm Bridge, Glamis.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from the proposals.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

5 CONSULTATION

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.

6 CONCLUSION

The promotion of Traffic Regulation Orders to implement these proposals are therefore necessary.

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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.

REFERENCES

THE TAYSIDE REGION (WEIGHT LIMITS ON BRIDGES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 1987

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