ANGUS COUNCIL
ROADS COMMITTEE - 14 JUNE 2001

ANGUS COUNCIL (MONTROSE AND FERRYDEN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) (VARIATION)
ORDER 2001

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION

ABSTRACT

This Report relates to the preparation of an Order to prohibit entry between Borrowfield Road (east) and Newhame Road and between Borrowfield Road (west) and Newhame Road, Montrose.

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee are asked to agree that the proposal to prohibit entry between Borrowfield Road (east) and Newhame Road and between Borrowfield Road (west) and Newhame Road, Montrose be abandoned and not now made.

2. INTRODUCTION

Reference is made to Article 9(c) of the minute of meeting of the Roads Committee held on 9 March 2000 instructing and authorising the preparation of an Order to prohibit entry between Borrowfield Road (east) and Newhame Road and between Borrowfield Road (west) and Newhame Road, Montrose.

This Order was commenced in September 1997 and members are referred to a number of previous reports as contained in the note to this Report. The reasons for proposing the Order were to eliminate unnecessary through traffic movements between Brechin Road and Newhame Road and in the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety.

The draft Order was advertised in May 1998 and an unusually high number of responses were received with 59 objections and 65 letters in support. The draft Order was not progressed further as it was decided to carry out various junction and road improvements in the area in the interests of road safety with the hope that a secondary benefit would be a reduction in the short-cutting problems. Unfortunately following the road improvements, the results of a traffic survey in Panter Crescent, one of the affected streets, indicated that the through traffic situation had not improved.

3. CONSULTATION AND PUBLICATION

A new draft of the Order containing minor amendments to the proposals was promoted following the Roads Committee of 9 March 2000.

The new proposals were sent to consultees with no adverse comments being received and the draft Order was formally advertised in February 2001. Again a very high level of responses were received with 154 objections and 5 letters in support.

The Director of Roads has considered the letters of objection and the reduced level of support and believes that the proposals remain the most appropriate means of dealing with the unnecessary through traffic in the Panter Crescent area. However, the Director of Roads does acknowledge that the proposed road closures would inconvenience the residents of the area. Many of the objectors have praised the Director of Road’s new traffic measures in the area for the improvements made to the general traffic situation.

In view of the level of objection the Director of Roads now recommends that the Order be abandoned and not now made. The Director of Roads will continue to review the situation in terms of possible future traffic management measures.
4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

It is considered that in following the recommendation in this Report, the Council would not be acting in any way which is incompatible with Human Rights.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and the Director of Roads have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The road closure on Borrowfield Road was budgeted in the region of £2,000 to be met from the Roads Department Revenue Budget for Traffic during 2000/2001. This will now no longer be required.

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NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report, are contained in file TA/1/120. Reports referred to 649/97, 874/97 and 892/98.