

ANGUS COUNCIL
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
23 NOVEMBER 2010
KIRRIEMUIR TOWN CENTRE – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ALTERATIONS
REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT:

This report details the outcome of the public consultation undertaken in Kirriemuir on the proposal regarding the difficulties in the crossing of High Street and Bank Street in Kirriemuir.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the findings of the public consultation regarding difficulties being experienced by some pedestrians in the centre of Kirriemuir because of under foot conditions;
- (ii) approves the proposal to improve existing facilities.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 A local member from the Kirriemuir and Dean ward raised concerns on behalf of local residents regarding difficulties experienced in crossing The High Street and Bank Street in Kirriemuir over the setted carriageway surface because of the irregular under foot conditions created by the setts. On 1 June 2010 the Infrastructure Services Committee agreed to a public consultation, as detailed in report No 412/10, on proposals to remove the setts at existing crossing points in High Street and Bank Street, Kirriemuir and to replace the areas with a bituminous surface which would have a smoother texture than the current setts.

3 DETAILS

3.1 A consultation letter with a plan of the proposals was delivered to all the affected groups listed in Report No 412/10. (Appendix A) requesting a response by Monday 12 July 2010. In addition to indicating either their support or non agreement for the proposal, comments were also requested in support of their views.

3.2 In total 66 consultation letters (Appendix B) were issued to those listed in Appendix A In total 12(18%) responses were returned of which nine (14%) were in favour of the proposal and two (3%) were opposed to the proposal. One returned questionnaire requested that only the crossing point on Bank Street be considered for alteration.

3.3 Although there was a disappointing response from the consultation, the majority of responses returned expressed a desire for the proposal to go ahead.

3.4 In an effort to remove the irregularities within the sett surface and provide a smoother surfacing finish at the proposed crossing points (Appendix C), consideration was initially given to the application of a thin surfacing material. However a thin surface would be likely to debond rapidly resulting in an uneven surface which would look unsightly

3.5 The only viable solution would be the removal of the setts at the crossing points and the provision of a smoother surfacing material such as asphalt. This would require the installation

of edge restraints to constrain the edge of the setts. Conservation kerbs could be used for the purpose and the chosen colour could provide continuation with regards to aesthetics

- 3.6 The crossing at the High Street could be achieved in this manner by locally removing the setts and resurfacing the crossing with asphalt at an estimated cost of £5,000.
- 3.7 The crossing at Bank Street is more complex. Both the pattern and angle of the setts vary at the High Street/Bank Street junction. Engineering difficulties result when trying to form a crossing perpendicular to the kerblines due to the angle of the setts, the higher amount of cut setts and the lack of bond within the road surface at an area which is subject to braking and turning manoeuvres. The end product would also appear visually intrusive. To overcome these difficulties it is proposed to remove all of the setts in Bank Street from the junction area. At present the setts extend back from the junction for a total distance of approximately 18m. From that point eastwards the road surface is asphalt. It is proposed to remove all the setts in Bank Street from the junction eastwards for approximately 18m and resurface the junction area with asphalt. The estimated capital cost is £25,000.
- 3.8 The locations of these crossing points lie within the conservation area in the centre of Kirriemuir. Accordingly the council's Natural and Built Environment Manager was consulted in the preparation of this report. He has no comment to add to the report in this context.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The estimated total cost of the provision of a band of asphalt in High Street, the removal of the setts in Bank Street and resurfacing is £30,000. This expenditure can be contained within resources available to the Roads Division revenue budget in 2010/11.

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 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

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

- Communities in Angus are safe, secure and vibrant.

8 CONSULTATION

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

9 CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The results of the consultation are noted. It is proposed that the existing carriageway surface (setts) at High Street as shown in Appendix C, and all the setts up to the junction in Bank Street as shown in Appendix D, are removed and replaced with an asphalt surface to improve under foot conditions for pedestrians.

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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:-

Report No 412/10– Angus Council Infrastructure Services Committee – 1 June 2010

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APPENDIX A**PROPOSED LIST OF CONSULTEES**

- 1 Local Ward Members for the Kirriemuir and Dean area
- 2 Kirriemuir Community Council
- 3 Angus Access Panel
- 4 Affected Shop Frontagers
- 5 Age Concern, Kirriemuir
- 6 Tayside Police

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam

KIRRIEMUIR TOWN CENTRE – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ALTERATIONS

Angus Council has received concerns regarding pedestrians experiencing difficulties in crossing the High Street and Bank Street in Kirriemuir over the setted carriageway surface. The physical nature of the setts is such that the surface is irregular in places and the mortar joints between the setts are recessed creating potential difficulties for the elderly/infirm in the form of potential tripping hazards.

The Infrastructures Services Committee recently approved Report No 412/10 detailing the above with a subsequent remit to consult with interested parties with the view to improving the underfoot conditions for pedestrians over the width of the road at existing dropped kerb crossing points providing a smoother surface at the locations shown on the plan on the rear of this letter. The replacement surface would have a smoother texture than the current setts and would be better suited to the needs of pedestrians

I would welcome your views and comments on the proposal and would ask you to complete the section below and return by the 12 July 2010.

I agree to the removal of the setts

I do not agree to the removal of the setts

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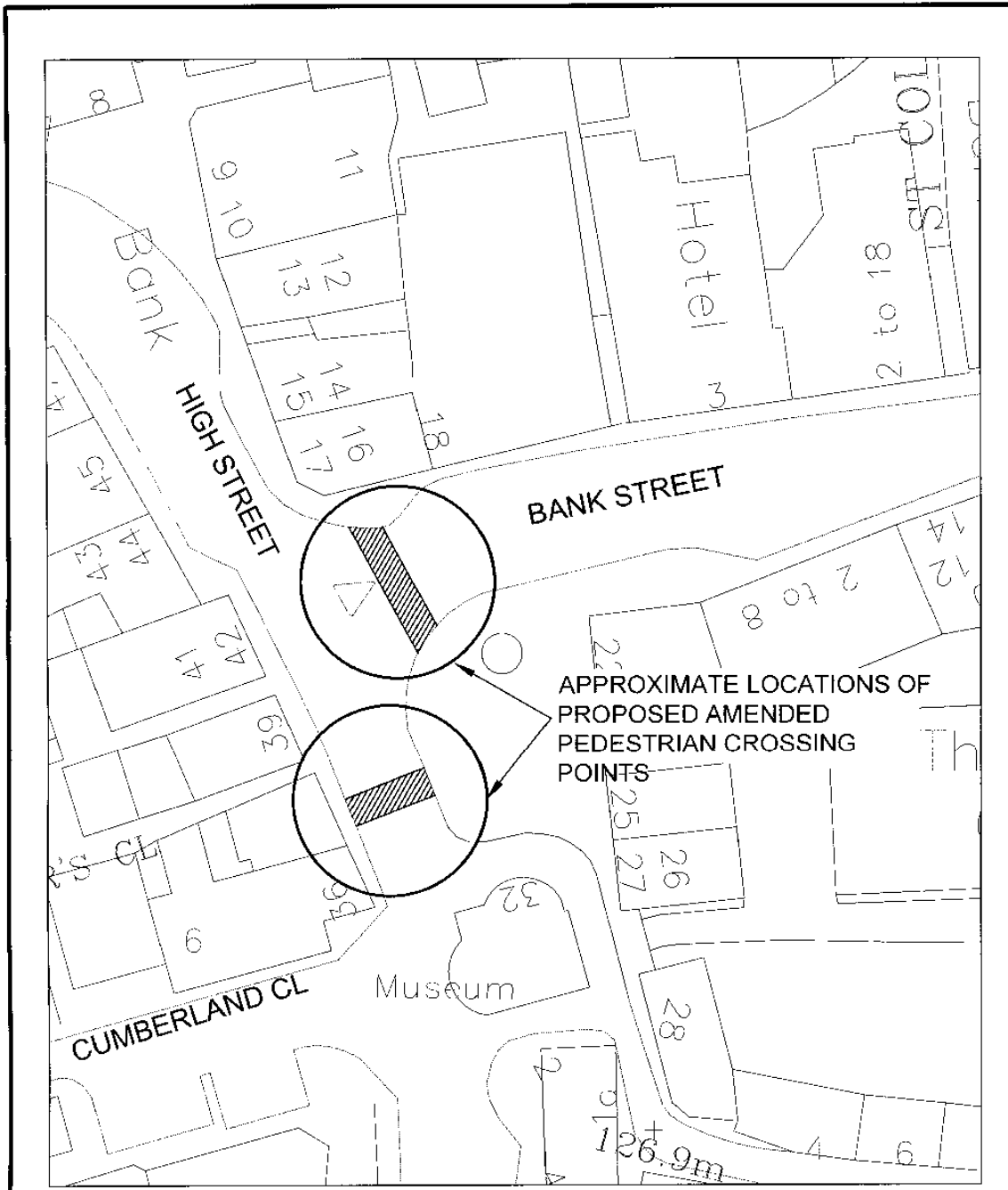
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Please return your completed form by Friday 12 July 2010 to


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APPENDIX C



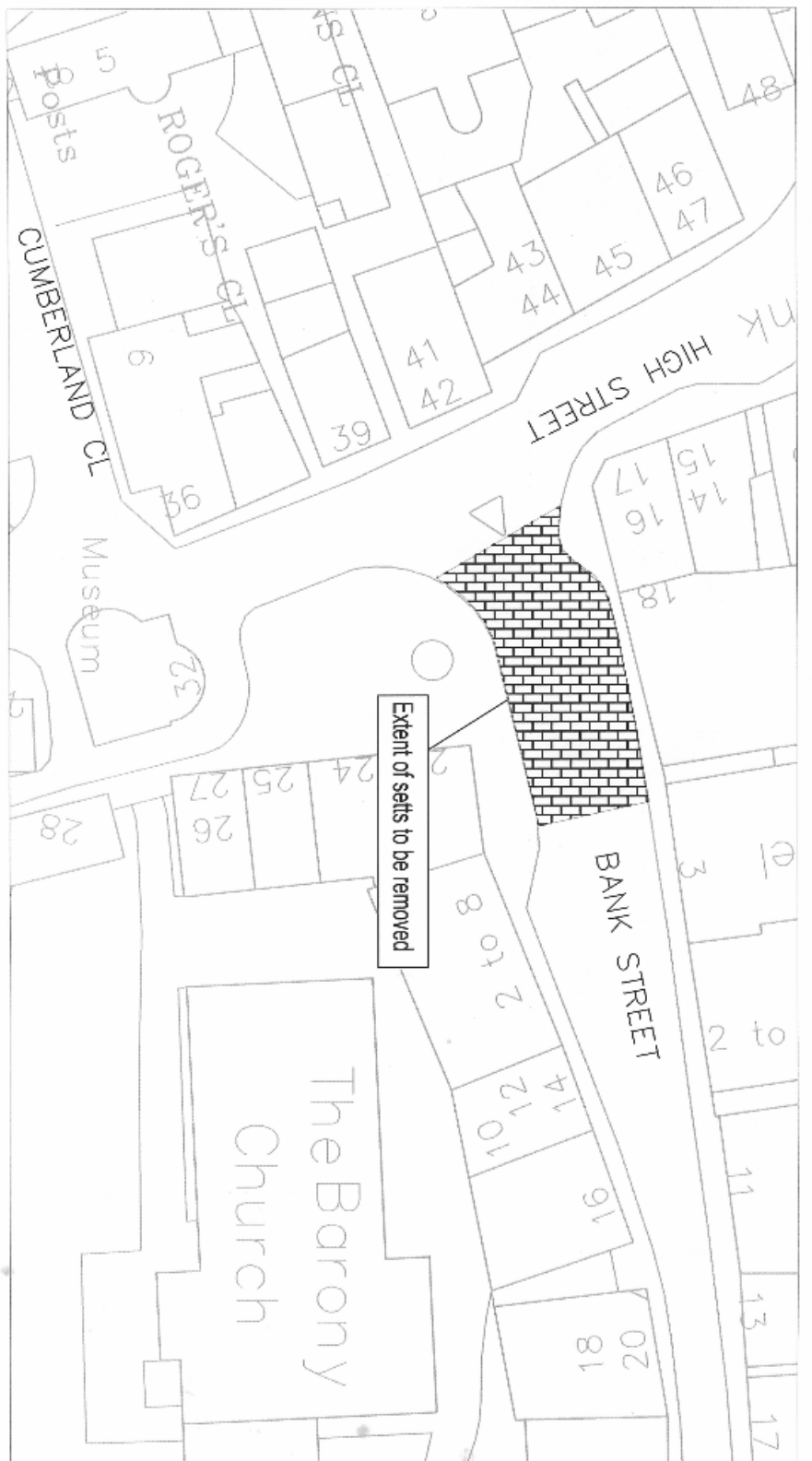
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