

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

KEPTIE STREET, ARBROATH – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – UPDATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE

ABSTRACT

This report seeks to update Committee on feedback from local businesses regarding the proposed crossing, seek approval for further consultation and delay the installation of the crossing pending the outcome of further consultation.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the contents of this report;
- (ii) agrees to consult further on the proposals and to delay the installation of the crossing pending the outcome of the further consultation and
- (iii) notes that a further report will be brought back to Committee following completion of the proposed consultation in due course.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

ECONOMY

- An inclusive and sustainable economy;

PEOPLE

- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being;

PLACE

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities;

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Report 385/17 to November 2017 Communities Committee sought Members' decision on the installation of the pedestrian crossing at Keptie Street, Arbroath.

3.2 The minute of the meeting records the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the site meeting which had been held at Keptie Street on 7 October 2017;*
- (ii) to note previous investigations and consultations undertaken following the request for a signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Keptie Street, Arbroath;*
- (iii) to note the current difficulties which pedestrians, particularly the elderly, encountered when crossing Keptie Street;*
- (iv) to note the results of the most recent site surveys carried out following the request to reinvestigate the possibility of installing a signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Keptie Street; and*

(v) to approve the installation of a pedestrian crossing in terms of option 1 as set out in Report No 264/17, between Helen Street and Garden Street, Arbroath.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Notification of the proposals was issued in mid July and resulted in feedback of problems for local businesses in terms of deliveries, citing lack of consultation and escalated to a petition against the crossing being raised, albeit not received by the council.
- 4.2 A site meeting was held on 27 July 2018 with the directly affected businesses. As a result of the issues raised the crossing works were put on hold pending this report seeking approval for further consultation and to delay the installation of the crossing pending the outcome of the further consultation.
- 4.3 Members are asked to agree to further consultation in the format proposed in Report 385/17, which noted:

The Committee are asked to now consider Report No 264/17 and to consider if any further consultation should be undertaken. If Committee are minded to consult it is suggested that this could be through a letter drop to those affected premises in the vicinity of the potential crossings; an on-street sample survey of users undertaken over a two day period, including a Saturday; letter drop to local sheltered housing; and use of the council's Have Your Say website.

In addition it is considered that consultation with the residents to the sheltered housing complex in Gowan Street be via a visit to the premises.

- 4.4 The proposed text details of the consultation are given in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.5 If Members agree to further consultation, the outcomes of such consultation would be subject to a future report to Committee.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications of the further consultation as noted in Report 385/17 is estimated at £1000 and would be contained within the Roads revenue budget for 2018/19.

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:

- Report No. 385/17 Communities Committee – 14 November 2017
- Report No. 264/17 Keptie Street, Arbroath – Pedestrian Crossing – 15 August 2017

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List of Appendices – Appendix 1 Consultation Document

APPENDIX 1



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Keptie Street, Arbroath – Proposed Signal Controlled Pedestrian Crossing

Angus Council is re-examining the need to install a signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Keptie Street, Arbroath. Previous road safety examinations made minor alterations, and there have been ongoing concerns expressed from users and a fatal accident in 2017 with 1 slight injury accident involving pedestrians on Keptie Street, within the 100m survey area.

A detailed investigation was subsequently undertaken in accordance with the Council's policy for the assessment and provision of signal controlled pedestrian crossings which determined a crossing is justifiable.

There are two design options that comply with the technical requirements set out for such a crossing:

LOCATION 1 – KEPTIE STREET, BETWEEN HELEN STREET & GARDEN STREET – gives the direct crossing from shops on either side of the street; close to Helen Street, Garden Street and Gowan Street; loses 5 parking and requires displacement of loading/unloading for businesses.

LOCATION 2 – KEPTIE STREET, BETWEEN GARDEN STREET & LOCHLANDS STREET – would require the bus stop to be moved further away from Garden Street and crossing is further way from Helen Street and Gowan Street; loses 16 parking spaces; has reduced visibility for westbound traffic

Your opinion is now being sought on whether or not you are in agreement with the placement of a signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Keptie Street, Arbroath and if in agreement your preferred location for the crossing facility.

Whatever your opinion, Angus Council would be obliged if you would take the time to look at the attached location options, respond to the question below and return it to the Council by **Friday 26 October 2018** so that your views can be taken into consideration.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to:

Traffic & Transport Manager or Arbroath ACCESS Office or www.angus.gov.uk/hys	
Angus House	Old Parish Church
Orchardbank Business Park	Kirk Square
FORFAR	ARBROATH
DD8 1AN	DD11 1DX

Question: Do you agree with the installation of a signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Keptie Street, Arbroath:

Yes at Location 1 between Helen Street & Garden Street

Yes at Location 2 between Garden Street & Lochlands Street

No I do not agree with any crossing provision at these locations

Comments:

Name:

Name of Business (if applicable):

Address:

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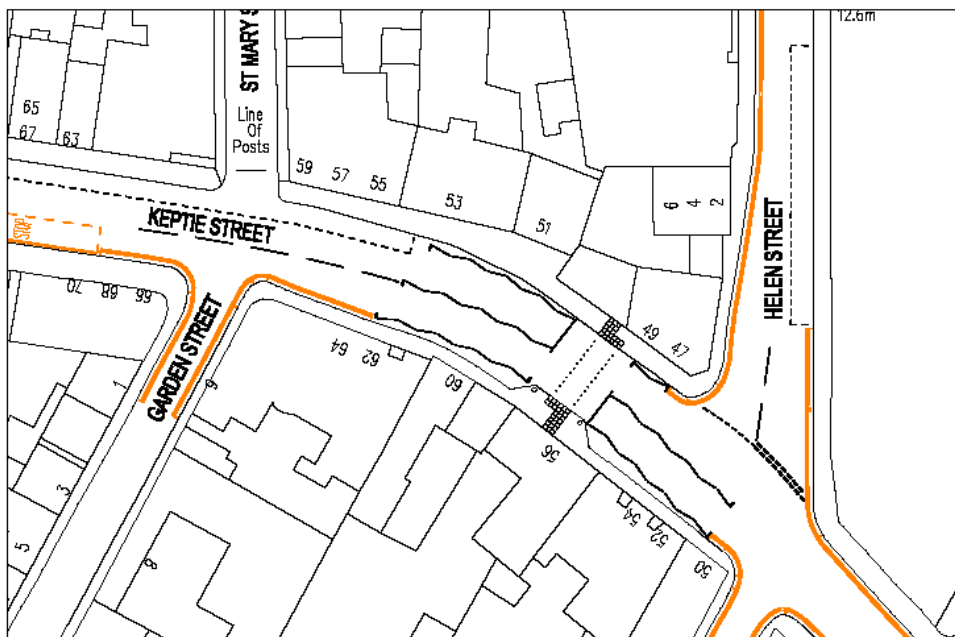
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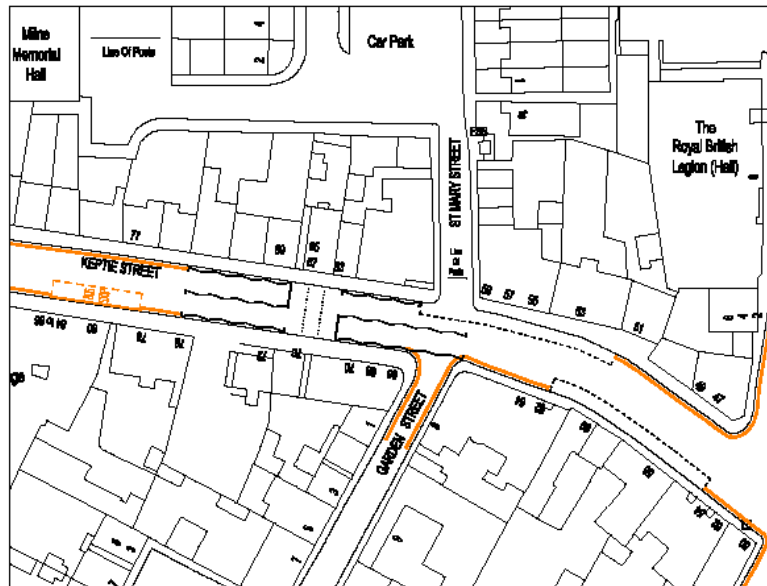
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LOCATION 1 – KEPTIE STREET, BETWEEN HELEN STREET & GARDEN STREET



This proposal will require the footway along the south of the crossing to be widened to 2m between Garden Street and Gowan Street such that suitable space would be available for pedestrians. A 3m footway build out would be required in the immediate vicinity of the crossing to provide the recommended visibility for westbound vehicles approaching the signals. The removal of approximately 26m (4 parking spaces) of existing on-street vehicle parking facilities adjacent to the southern footway as well as the removal of approximately 6m (1 parking space) of on-street vehicle parking facilities along the northern footway would be required to successfully deliver a signal controlled pedestrian crossing at this location.

LOCATION 2 – KEPTIE STREET, BETWEEN GARDEN STREET & LOCHLANDS STREET



This proposal would require the removal of approximately 62m (10 parking spaces) of existing on-street parking facilities adjacent to the northern footway in order to provide the recommended visibility for eastbound approaching vehicles. Recommended visibility distances are not possible for vehicles approaching westbound due to the curvature of the road and the buildings located along the southern side of Keptie Street. The existing bus stop would require to be relocated westwards which in turn would require the removal of approximately 26m (6 parking spaces) of existing on-street parking facilities to accommodate the installation of the crossing at this location.

Both standalone signal controlled pedestrian crossings meet current standards and guidance; however it should be noted that Location 2 has reduced visibility and is located out with the current desire line of pedestrians. Due to the location of various junctions and accesses on Keptie Street these are the only locations within the vicinity of Garden Street that meet the current standards and guidance for the installation of a signal controlled pedestrian crossing.