

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

DAMACRE ROAD, BRECHIN – ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

REPORT BY HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE

ABSTRACT

This report informs the Committee that representations have been made to the Council in relation to traffic safety in Damacre Road, Brechin and seeks authority to undertake formal consultation on traffic management proposals for the street.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) notes the concerns raised by local residents;
- (ii) agrees to the Head of Infrastructure undertaking public consultation on proposals for the introduction of a one-way traffic management system; and
- (iii) notes that a further report will be brought forward to this Committee following completion of the proposed consultation.

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

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

PLACE

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities.
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Local residents in Damacre Road, Brechin have contacted local members in relation to the nature of traffic movements and the limited on-street parking opportunities available in this street and in the area generally.
- 3.2 Roads officers visited the street to meet with local members and observe the current situation where the generally narrow width of the street coupled with intermittent on-street parking along its length can cause minor congestion and restrict traffic flow. Further the junction of Damacre Road onto the busy B966 Southesk Street has restricted kerb radii making it difficult for vehicles turning into and from the junction and visibility for vehicles exiting Damacre Road into Southesk Street is particularly poor due to the historical layout of the adjacent building lines in Southesk Street.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 Following the above meeting traffic management options were considered to improve the situation, including the introduction of a one-way traffic restriction along the entire length of the street in a westerly direction; that is from Southesk Street towards City Road. This would potentially ease congestion as it would remove conflict with oncoming traffic. It would also make entering Damacre Road from Southesk Street easier as there would be no exiting traffic restricting the junction. There may also be scope to provide some additional on street car parking in Damacre Road.

- 4.2 The above proposals may however increase traffic speeds along the street and disadvantage some local road users who may use Damacre Road in an easterly direction to travel to local services such as the library and local supermarket. As such it is recommended that a formal consultation should be carried out in order to obtain the views of the local community and if appropriate develop the proposals for the area.
- 4.3 The outcome of such consultation would be subject to a future report to this Committee.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At this stage there are no financial implications other than the costs associated with the consultation which can be contained within the Roads Revenue budget for 2018/19.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Place, the Head of Finance and Legal and the Local Police Commander of Tayside Division were consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed 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.

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