

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 25 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**VEHICLE LENGTH RESTRICTIONS ON ROADS –  
TANNAGE BRAE & KNOWEHEAD, KIRRIEMUIR**

**REPORT BY THE HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report recommends that a permanent Order be promoted to provide exemption for refuse collection vehicles to the current vehicle length restriction in Tannage Brae and Knowehead, Kirriemuir.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the promotion and, if no objections are received or any objections are withdrawn, the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to provide an exemption, for refuse collection vehicles, to the current vehicle length restriction in Tannage Brae and Knowehead, Kirriemuir and on other roads leading from them.

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

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

**PLACE**

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 Reference is made to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of the Communities Committee held on 24 May 2016 at which it was agreed to the promotion and making of a Traffic Regulation Order to provide an exemption to current weight limit restrictions in Tannage Brae and Knowehead, Kirriemuir for refuse vehicles.

**4. PROPOSALS**

4.1 At present, over the entire lengths of Tannage Brae and Knowehead, Kirriemuir there is a maximum vehicle length restriction of 17 feet (5.2 metres). The restriction on these roads is for environmental purposes, rather than any structural defect affecting these roads, insofar as the nature of the roads makes them unsuitable for regular use by long vehicles. There are numerous residential and commercial properties located along the affected road and the current Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) relating to these restrictions does provide exemptions for vehicles being used for the conveyance of goods or merchandise to and from properties adjacent thereto and in connection with any building or maintenance works to these roads or services located therein or buildings adjacent thereto. However it has been noted that there is no formal exemption to the vehicle length restriction in the current TRO to permit vehicles being used for collection of refuse in the service of a Local Authority.

4.2 The Waste Operations service has requested that this omission be rectified to permit their vehicles, which exceed the maximum vehicle length restriction, to legally utilise these roads for the collection of refuse from premises served directly from these roads and on other roads leading from Knowehead and Tannage Brae. A location plan of the affected roads is shown in **Appendix 1**.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this proposal as no new or alteration to existing signage in the area will be necessary.

## **6. CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Director – People, Head of Finance and Legal, Service Leader – Legal and Democratic and Local Police Commander for Tayside Division have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**NOTE:** The following 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.

Communities Committee

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List of Appendices:- Appendix 1 - Location plan of affected roads.