

AGENDA ITEM NO 4

REPORT NO 7/19

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2019

DAMACRE ROAD, BRECHIN – ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

REPORT BY HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE

ABSTRACT

This report presents the results of the public consultation process on proposals for the introduction of a one-way traffic management system in Damacre Road, Brechin.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the comments received during the consultation process;
- (ii) notes the range of opinions expressed by those who have responded to the consultation; and
- (iii) agrees not to proceed with the installation of a one-way system in Damacre Road, Brechin on the basis of the consultation responses.

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 Report 293/18 considered by the Communities Committee on 25 September 2018, detailed the format and timescale for public consultation regarding the proposal to install a one-way system on Damacre Road in Brechin. The proposal is represented on the plan appended to the report (see **Appendix 1**)
- 3.2 The consultation documents associated with this proposal were issued to approximately 68 residential and business addresses within the surrounding area of the proposed installation (see **Appendix 2**). Consultation documents were also sent to all affected groups listed in **Appendix 3** and were made available at Brechin Access Office for the general public to comment on the proposal. The consultation questionnaire was also available for completion online via the Council's website.
- 3.3 21 completed responses were received from individuals by the closing date of 9 November 2018. Of these responses 8 agreed with the proposal to introduce a one-way system and 13 disagreed with the proposal. The comments which were provided along with the returned consultation documents are shown in **Appendix 4**.

- 3.4 Whilst the number of responses to the consultation was relatively modest, the majority of returned consultation documents expressed a desire for the proposed one-way system in Damacre Road not to proceed.
- 3.5 Following completion of the consultation exercise on 9 November 2018, a further 3 documents were re-issued to business addresses in Damacre Road, as the Brechin Community Council reported that said businesses had not received the initial document. The comments from two of the businesses (City Royal Bar and Tayside Cycles) are contained in **Appendix 4**. The third business, Brechin Decorators is no longer trading. City Royal Bar were did not record whether it agreed or disagreed with the proposal in its response.
- 3.6 A response was received from Brechin Community Council expressing their disagreement with the proposals to introduce a one-way system on Damacre Road.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 Given that 62.5% of returned consultation forms are not in favour of the introduction of a one-way system in Damacre Road, it is recommended that the proposal to introduce a one-way system in Damacre Road does not proceed.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no further financial implications other than the costs associated with the Consultation exercise which can be contained within the Roads Revenue budget for 2018/19.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 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: The background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

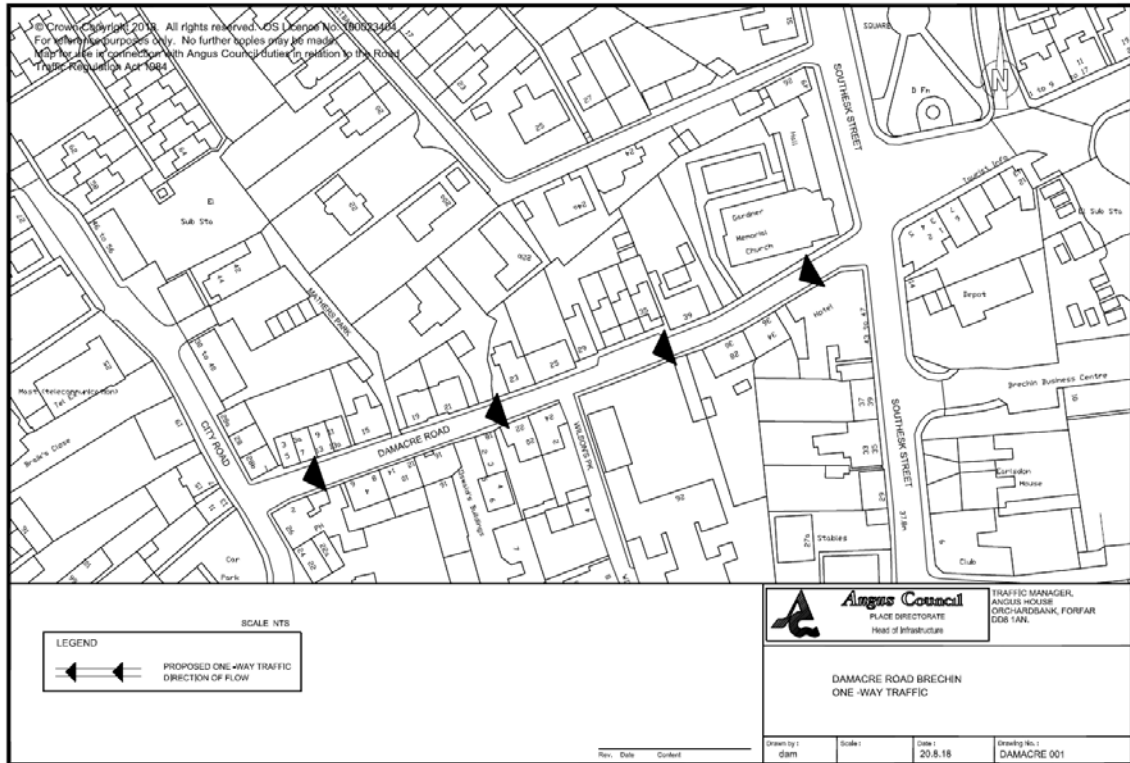
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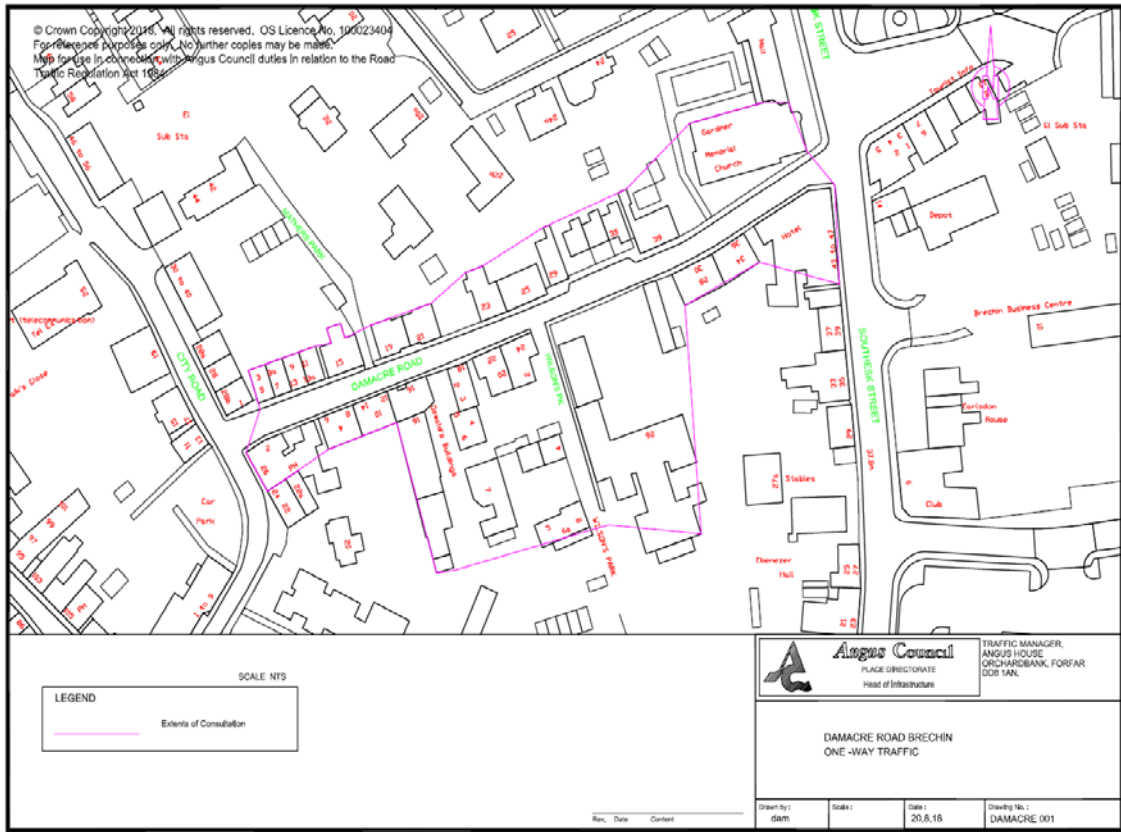
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Damacre Road, Brechin – One-Way Traffic Plan.



Extents of Consultation.



Proposed List of Consultees

Damacre Road, Brechin - Proposed One-Way Traffic Management System

LIST OF CONSULTTEES

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Consultation Comments

Damacre Road, Brechin - Proposed One-Way Traffic Management System			
	AGREE	DISAGREE	COMMENTS
	<u>Residents from Damacre Road & Wilson Park.</u>		
	AGREE &	DISAGREE	<p>We are business owners + residents of Damacre Road, We have mixed opinion regarding a one way system.</p> <p>We agree there is poor vision exiting Damacre Road onto Southesk Street making it unsafe at times. However if all vehicles are now going to be exiting Damacre Road + City Road via the junction at the bottom of High Street we feel it could cause a lot of congestion.</p> <p>A lot of elderly people live at Southport residential home which is located very close to this junction we feel the additional traffic could be a danger to them.</p> <p>As we own the City Royal bar located on the corner of Damacre Road + City Road we have a number of HGV deliveries per week. The majority of these deliveries come along Damacre Road from Southesk Street however they then turn around and exit the same way as the junction onto the High Street can prove difficult for the size of the vehicles.</p> <p>If a one way system was to be introduced along Damacre Road we feel some of the double yellow lines could be removed. Could the installation of traffic lights help? As both junctions have blind spots.</p> <p>HGV delivery driver's response "Easier to exit at Caledonian Hotel wider junction plus the sally army road is narrow HGV's need the whole junction"</p>
		DISAGREE	<p>To operate a one way system as illustrated , consideration to the effect that this would have on union street which currently is more of in need to be one way. This proposal would double or even treble the traffic on Union street which currently has parking on left all day and night. Also traffic from city road which has a one way section would have no alternative but to also use Union street causing even further congestion.</p>

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	AGREE	DISAGREE	COMMENTS
	<u>Residents from Damacre Road & Wilson Park.</u>		
		DISAGREE	Although one serious accident occurred recently at the Southesk St Junction the City Road / High St Junction has equally poor visibility. Making this road one way will just increase the volume of traffic at this junction and create the problem at the other end of the street and increase traffic on the High Street and Union Street, both of which have also had serious accidents in the recent past (car hit flats on Union St approx. 2 years ago and a car hit the New Diamond take away on the High St. approx. 8 years ago). Also, the bend at the bottom of City Road isn't wide enough for 2 cars to pass without mounting the pavement - the introduction of additional HGV traffic during the construction of the Damacre Centre Social Housing project is likely to cause a danger on this bend. As someone who pulls out of the Southesk Street and High Street junctions regularly I feel that the Southesk St issue could be resolved by extending the double yellow lines currently outside the Caledonian Hotel further down Southesk Street increasing the visibility splay. I would fully support a 20mph zone or other traffic calming measures on the street however.
	AGREE		Would like private parking outside my house if posable.
		DISAGREE	I am a resident of Damacre road. And do NOT want a one way system. It will increase traffic speed and city road insufficient also for exiting. The solution is to make it 20mph and put in speed humps
	AGREE		We welcome this proposal especially with the new houses that are to be built. The Southesk St. junction is treacherous and this proposal would reduce the risk. As a resident of nearly 30 years in this street I have witnessed a growing tendency for motorists to speed incredibly fast in either direction.
	AGREE		traffic speed-calming is also required no report by police from 4 years ago, on pageant day, that police van chased an Audi saloon eastward in Damacre road, car did not stop @ Southesk St. junction and shot-up park road @ over 70 MPH
		DISAGREE	Making it one way will allow traffic to go along faster and make it less safe for pedestrians. Why not have traffic lights at junction with Southesk St., that would also allow pedestrians to cross over to St Ninian's Sq. shops from Damacre without having to wait for ages to cross directly over, or cross 5 roads when using the pedestrian crossing at the library.

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	AGREE	DISAGREE	COMMENTS
	<u>Residents from Damacre Road & Wilson Park.</u>		
	AGREE		With current road layout it would be very difficult to turn left with a minibus and trailer from scout hall. Wilson parks entrance would require double yellows to allow turning.
		DISAGREE	Firstly, 25 years in this shop and the traffic volume has never felt particularly high. You can see no problem the parked cars are the problem. Maybe more breakup, using double yellow lines would help? This is also the only connecting link for city road and for the High Street. It will force more traffic from City Road along the already tricky Union Street.
<u>Residents from Damacre Road & Wilson Park.</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	
	<u>Non-residents</u>		
		DISAGREE	I feel extending the double yellow lines where Damacre road meets Southesk Street would be sufficient. This would avoid congestion at the junction and aid visibility. I lived on Damacre Road for many years with my parents and they continue to live their now and congestion elsewhere on the road is very rare.
		DISAGREE	It is hard enough trying to turn left coming out of Wilson park without it being one way there is double yellow lines but people still park on them.
		DISAGREE	Looking forward to Damacre Centre housing development, how will bin lorry be able to turn left if cars are still able to park on North side of Damacre Rd. Making Damacre Rd one way will allow cars to go faster so less safe for pedestrians Put pedestrians first with speed control and pedestrian lights at all St Ninian's Sq. junctions should be considered, see Well Meadow in Blairgowrie.
		DISAGREE	It's not going to help with safe flow of traffic. It would give the boy racers a new circuit.
		DISAGREE	Ridiculous move, the issue is caused by parking up to the junctions which will only be made worse by the introduction of pay and display into Brechin car parks forcing local residents to spill into streets.

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	AGREE	DISAGREE	COMMENTS
	<u>Residents from Damacre Road & Wilson Park.</u>		
		DISAGREE	The junction of Damacre Rd with City Road, and then the junction at the bottom of High St/Union St., creates two difficult exits. There will be increased activity if the one way system goes ahead exacerbated by any proposals arising from the Flicks site. Also need to take into account parking changes due from 1 Nov. Increased signage required to ensure traffic from High St will further aggravate the partial one way system at the top of City Road where I have seen traffic ignoring, or not knowing, emerging on to Swan St. Concerns about traffic arose due to Council proposals for the old Damacre Centre, and I would suggest that these should be addressed first rather than adding to the problem. A realignment of the Wilson's Park junction with Damacre Rd should be considered with the widening of the pavement, and using the existing entrance/exit of the old Centre. It would mean a different layout for housing, but should not reduce the capacity of the site. With a Public House at the City Rd junction, and a Car Park opposite, there is a conflict with pedestrians, as is the case at Southesk St to a lesser extent. Loading and unloading for both premises should also be considered with again the City Road one causing a further blind exit.
		DISAGREE	This will increase the speed of traffic travelling along Damacre. Junction on City Road and High St are difficult to exit. Union St is very congested, the proposal of one way would potentially push more traffic on to Union St causing a bigger problem. High St is also congested. Leave Damacre Road as it is.
	AGREE		Never use the Damacre Road to Southwest St junction because of bad parking, use City Road to High St but that is just as dangerous again because of bad parking.
		DISAGREE	It is of general feeling that one way systems increase the speed of traffic and might add to the problems. Speed humps and a reduction of speed limit to 20mph might be a better solution. Also increasing the double yellow lines by about 10 metres in front of the Caledonian hotel would vastly increase visibility when exiting Damacre road.
	AGREE		Respondent skipped this question
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		DISAGREE	Respondent skipped this question

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	AGREE	DISAGREE	COMMENTS
	<u>Residents from Damacre Road & Wilson Park.</u>		
<u>Non-residents</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	
Number of Letters Delivered	68		No.
Number of Responses Received	24		No.
Percentage Returned	35.3		%
Percentage Agree	37.5		%
Percentage Disagree	62.5		%