

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2019**

**PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, KEPTIE STREET, ARBROATH: RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

**REPORT BY HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report presents the results of the public consultation process regarding the proposed installation of a “puffin” style signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Keptie Street, Arbroath.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the results of the consultation process regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing installation on Keptie Street, Arbroath;
- (ii) notes the previously agreed proposal to arrange a further site visit in regard to the provision of a “puffin” style signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Keptie Street, Arbroath; and
- (iii) instructs the Head of Infrastructure to arrange the site visit along with a further report to Committee on the outcome of the site visit.

**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 The provision on a pedestrian crossing at Keptie Street, Arbroath has been the subject of a number of reports over an extended period. The latest reports are referenced at the end of this report.

3.2 The minutes of Communities Committee on 14 November 2017 which considered Report 385/17 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.

3.3 Subsequent to the Committee decision to approve the installation of a pedestrian crossing in terms of option 1, between Helen Street and Garden Street, concerns raised by local businesses were discussed at a site meeting 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 approval for further consultation and to delay the installation of the crossing pending the outcome of the further consultation was agreed by Communities Committee on 29 September 2018 in Report 291/18 as follows:

*The Committee agreed:-*

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to consult further on the proposals and to delay the installation of the crossing pending the outcome of the further consultation;
- (iii) to note that a further Report would be brought back to the Committee following completion of the proposed consultation in due course, reporting on the results of that consultation; including costings of the options proposed;
- (iv) that officers also consult with Northeast Sensory Services and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association;
- (v) that all members be invited to attend a further site visit; and
- (vi) that businesses on Keptie Street be made aware of the site visit in order that they too could have their views taken into account.

3.4 Report 291/18 considered by the Communities Committee on 29 September 2018, detailed the format and timescale for public consultation regarding the proposal to install a signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Keptie Street, Arbroath. The proposals are re-presented on the plans appended to this report (**Appendix 1 & 2**).

3.5 This Report fulfils the agreed action point (iii) in paragraph 3.3 above, as detailed below.

#### **4 DETAILS**

4.1 The consultation documents associated with these proposals were issued on 26 October 2018 to approximately 430 residential and business addresses within the surrounding area of the proposed installation (as shown in **Appendix 3**). Consultation documents were also sent to all affected groups listed in the proposed list of consultees (**Appendix 4**) and were made available at Arbroath Access Office for the general public who might wish to comment on the proposals.

4.2 The consultation questionnaire was also available for completion online via the council's website.

4.3 An on-street survey was also carried out between 8.00am and 5.00pm on Friday 2 November and Saturday 3 November 2018.

4.4 The number of responses to the consultation was relatively high as set out below, however the majority of returned questionnaires expressed a desire for the proposals at Location 1 (Keptie Street: between Helen Street and Garden Street) to proceed.

4.5 395 completed responses were received from individuals by the closing date of 9 November 2018. Of these responses 253 (64%) agreed with Location 1, 99 (25%) agreed with Location 2, 9 (2%) agreed with either Location 1 or Location 2 and 34 (9%) disagreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing. The comments, which were provided through the returned questionnaires, are provided in **Appendix 5**.

4.6 24 completed responses were received from residents of Keptie Street (32% return). Of these responses 9 (38%) agreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Location 1, 5 (14%) agreed with the installation at Location 2 and 10 (42%) disagreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing.

- 4.7 6 completed responses were received from residents of West Keptie Street (26% return). Of these 4 (67%) agreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Location 1, 1 (17%) agreed with the installation at Location 2 and 1 (17%) agreed with the installation at either Location 1 or Location 2.
- 4.8 6 completed responses were received from residents of Garden Street (32% return). Of these all agreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Location 1.
- 4.9 7 completed responses were received from residents of Jamieson Street (12% return). Of these 5 (71%) agreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Location 1, 1 (14%) agreed with the installation at Location 2 and 1 (14%) agreed with the installation at either Location 1 or Location 2.
- 4.10 16 completed responses were received from residents of Gowan Street (31% return). Of these 8 (50%) agreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Location 1 and 8 (50%) agreed with the installation at Location 2. 9 of 16 responses were from residents of Gowan Park sheltered housing complex. Of these 2 (22%) agreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Location 1 and 7 (78%) agreed with the installation at Location 2.
- 4.11 2 completed responses were received from residents of Helen Street (7% return). Of these both residents agreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Location 1.
- 4.12 18 completed responses were received from residents of St Mary Street (26% return). Of these 16 (89%) agreed with installation of a pedestrian crossing at Location 1, 1 (6%) agreed with the installation at Location 2 and 1 (6%) disagreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing.
- 4.13 12 completed responses were received from residents of Lochlands Street (16% return). Of these 8 (67%) agreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Location 1, 2 (17%) agreed with the installation at Location 2 and 2 (17%) disagreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing.
- 4.14 91 of the completed responses were received from residents within the catchment area as shown in **Appendix 3**. Of these 58 (64%) agreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Location 1, 18 (20%) agreed with the installation at Location 2, 2 (2%) agreed with the installation at either Location 1 or Location 2 and 13 (14%) disagreed with the installation of a pedestrian crossing.

## **5. PROPOSAL**

- 5.1 Committee are asked to note that 64% of the returned consultation forms are in favour of the introduction of a "puffin" style signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Keptie Street, between Helen Street and Garden Street; with 25% in favour of location between Garden Street and Lochlands Street.
- 5.2 As per Item 7 of the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting of 25 September 2018, the Committee are asked to now attend the agreed site visit, which will be arranged by the Head of Infrastructure. Following on from the site visit the Head of Infrastructure will submit a further report to Committee on the outcome.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

**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. 264/17 Keptie Street, Arbroath – Pedestrian Crossing, 15 August 2017
- Report No. 385/17 Keptie Street, Arbroath – pedestrian Crossing, 14 November 2017
- Report No. 291/18: Keptie Street, Arbroath – Pedestrian Crossing – Update, 25 September 2018

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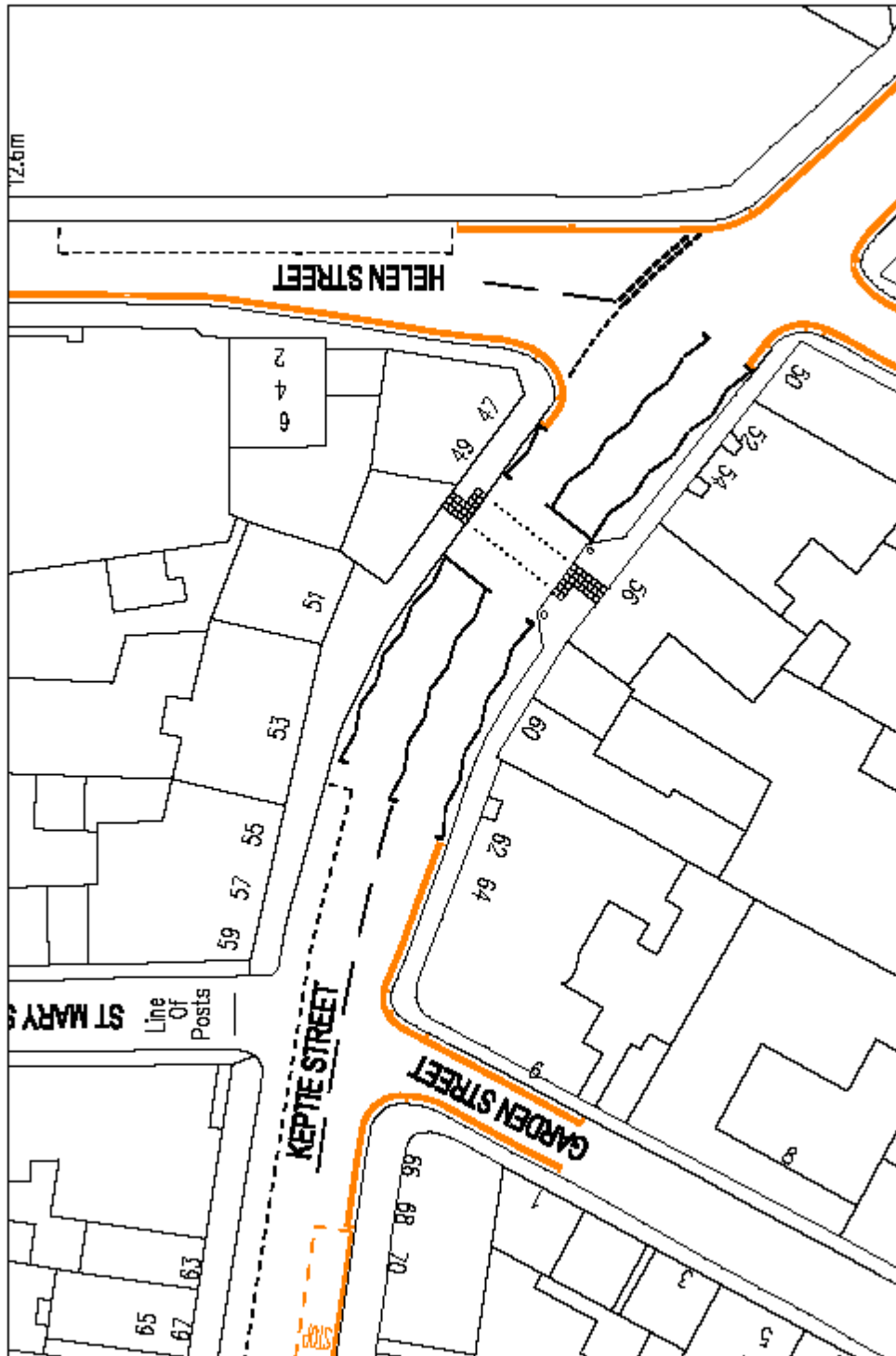
Appendix 1 – Location 1: Keptie Street, Arbroath between Helen Street & Garden Street General Layout

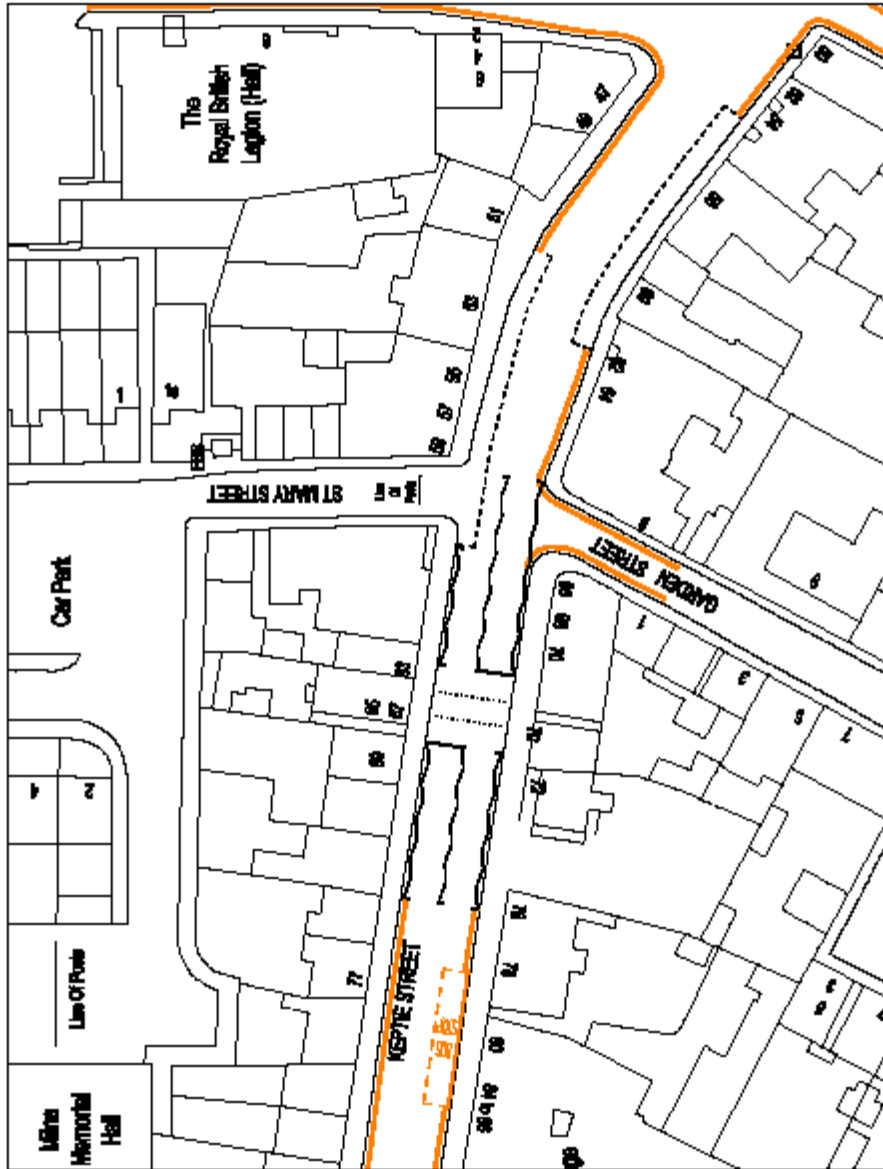
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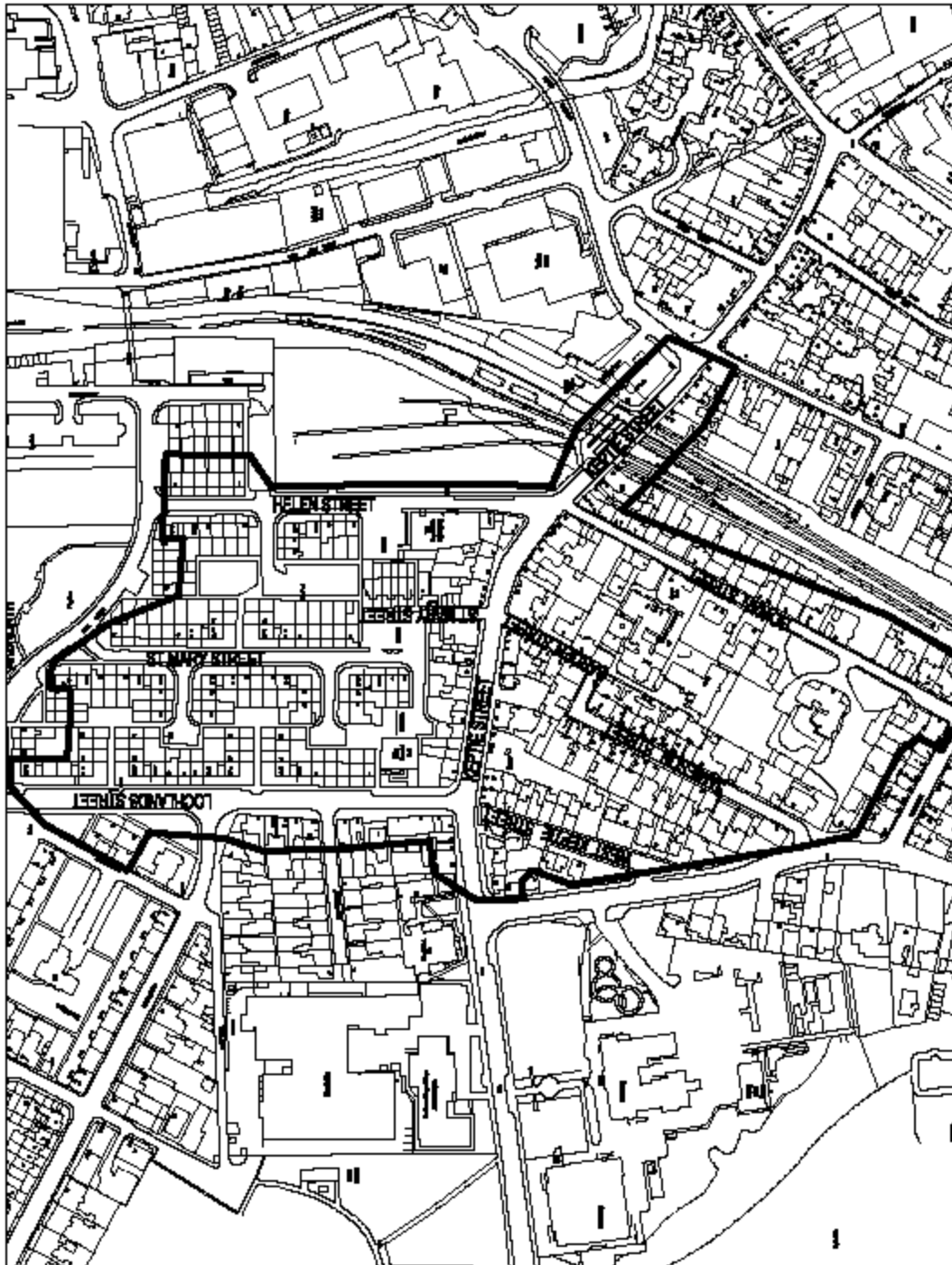
Appendix 3 – Public Consultation Area

Appendix 4 – List of Consultees

Appendix 5 – Public Consultation Comments







**LIST OF CONSULTEES**

**Arbroath West & Letham Local Ward Members:**

David Fairweather  
Alex King  
David Lumgair  
Richard Moore

**Arbroath East & Lunan Local Ward Members:**

Brenda Durno  
Lois Speed  
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Bill Duff  
Craig Fotheringham  
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**Royal Burgh of Arbroath Community Council**

**Traffic & Transport Manager**

**Service Leader – Planning & Communities**

**Service Leader – Housing**

**Local Divisional Police Commander for Tayside**

**Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Area Manager**

**Scottish Ambulance Service Regional Officer**

**Angus Access Panel**

**North East Sensory Services**

**The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association**