

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 28 MAY 2019

**REVOCATION OF WEIGHT LIMITS ON NORTH KEITHOCK BRIDGE AND NEWTON FARM
BRIDGE NEAR BRECHIN**

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE

ABSTRACT

This report relates to the revocation of current weight limits on North Keithock Bridge and Newton Farm Bridge, near Brechin.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to the promotion and, if no objections are received or if any objections received are withdrawn, the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to revoke the current weight restrictions on North Keithock Bridge and Newton Farm Bridge, near Brechin.

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

2.1 This report 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 Reference is made to Agenda item 8 (Report No. 292/18) of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on 25 September 2018 at which the Committee approved the making of an Order to limit the weight of vehicles permitted to use Newton Farm Bridge near Brechin to 12.5 Tonnes.

3.2 Reference is made to Agenda item 11 (Report No.215/16) of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on 24 May 2016 at which the Committee approved the promotion and making of an Order to limit the weight of vehicles permitted to use North Keithock Bridge near Brechin to 10 Tonnes.

3.3 North Keithock Bridge and Newton Farm Bridge, both near Brechin are in the ownership and are the maintenance responsibility of Historic Railways Estates. Historic Railways Estates has reported to Angus Council that the structures have been assessed and due to their condition recommend that reduced weight limits on each bridge are appropriate.

3.4 As a result, separate weight limit Orders were promoted and in 2016 a vehicle weight limit of 10 Tonnes was introduced on North Keithock Bridge, Brechin. In 2018, a vehicle weight limit of 12.5 Tonnes was introduced on Newton Farm Bridge, Brechin.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 In March 2019 Historic Railways Estates carried out works to strengthen both of these structures and has recently confirmed to Angus Council that the weight restrictions on both of these bridges can now be removed.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated cost of removing the existing signs and poles is £400 which will be met from the 2019/20 Roads Traffic Revenue Budget. Reduced maintenance costs will amount to £150 per annum.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Legal & Democratic Services, and the Local Police commander of Tayside Division were consulted in the preparation 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. 292/18 – The Angus Council (Weight Limits on Bridges) (Variation) Order 201x – Newton Farm Bridge, Brechin, Communities Committee of 25 September 2018

Report No. 215/16 - Weight Limits on Roads and Bridges, Communities Committee of 24 May 2016

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