

Subject: Redetermination of Means of Public Right of Passage from Footway to Cycletrack Order 201

I refer to the above Order.

Whilst I have no objection, in principle, to cycle paths, I feel that in this instance I must object to the proposed cycle track in Shanwell Road.

Firstly I refer to the third paragraph of the Statement of Reasons. It says "it has been requested that the south footway of Shanwell Road and a short section of the west footway of Balmachie Road be converted to cycle track". May I ask who made this request? I would be surprised if any residents of Shanwell Road made this request - certainly not the ones I have spoken to.

Furthermore, and I quote again from the Statement of Reasons, "this would allow cyclists to travel in an easterly direction on Shanwell Road which at present they cannot do." This remark illustrates how out of touch Angus Council is.

(west to east) approximately 8 years ago, cyclists - both school pupils and others, as well as cars, buses, contractors' vehicles etc have completely ignored the one-way signs, which stand at the left-hand side of my driveway. I have on previous occasions brought this to the attention of the police and Angus Council (as have other residents of Shanwell Road), but all our representations have been ignored. So your previous statement is totally incomprehensible.

I note that the proposed cycle path will be using the existing footpath in Shanwell Road. I do not think that the existing footpath is wide enough to safely accommodate a cycle track as well.

Also I note from the plan that the cycle path will cross my driveway (and the other driveways in Shanwell Road). Is this permissible? Will cyclists use the cycle path or will they continue just to use the road as they do at present? Who will police this?

I have lived here for many years and when I first moved here, school pupils were made to dismount from their bikes and walk along to the school. This was monitored by the school management. Would that not be a safer option especially with the amount of traffic using Shanwell Road?

You mention in your final paragraph of the document that the cycle track would improve safety for cyclists particularly pupils travelling to and from Camoustie High School. This statement does nothing to take into consideration the safety of myself and the other residents of Shanwell Road when entering or exiting our driveways or, for that matter, walking along Shanwell Road.

I trust that my objections will be given due consideration.

