

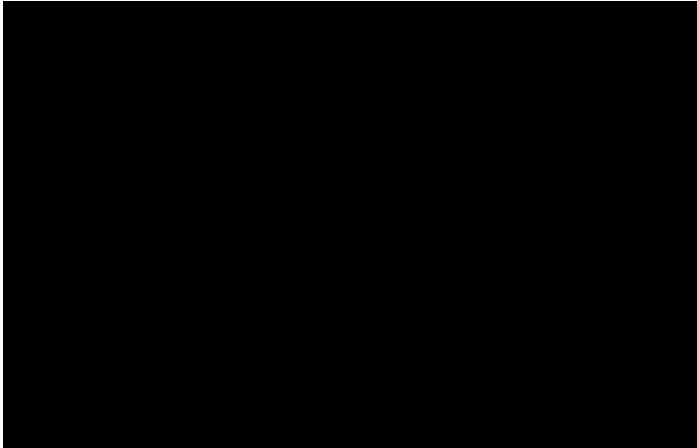
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**ANGUS COUNCIL (SHANWELL ROAD & BALMACHIE ROAD, CARNOUSTIE)
(REDETERMINATION OF MEANS OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF PASSAGE FROM FOOTWAY
TO CYCLE TRACK) ORDER 201X**

I refer to your email dated 24 October 2019 regarding the above and I note your objections to the current proposals.

The current proposals arose from a request made by the Schools and Learning Department of the Council. At present there are existing off road cycle tracks which lead towards Carnoustie High School, along Newton Road and Balmachie Road and the conversion to shared cycle track of the south footway of Shanwell Road, between Balmachie Road and the school entrance was viewed as completing the link providing a longer, continuous cycle facility leading to and from Carnoustie High School.

At this time, cyclists can cycle on road towards Carnoustie High School along Shanwell Road. Cyclists cannot legally cycle on road along Shanwell Road in an easterly direction due to the one-way nature of the road although it is accepted that some cyclists may ignore this restriction placing them in danger.

This proposal will, it is hoped, encourage cyclists to use the proposed cycle track to travel to and from the school which will be safer for them not sharing the carriageway of Shanwell Road with other motorised vehicles.

The existing footway is considered to be sufficiently wide for a shared cycle track as guidance recommends that such facilities should be a minimum of 2.0 metres wide.

There are existing driveways serving residential access along Shanwell Road and it is the responsibility of drivers to take care emerging from their driveway and be aware that pedestrians and cyclists may be passing and should ideally exit their driveways in a forward gear. Similarly it is the cyclist's responsibility to be aware that vehicles may be emerging from driveways and to take care when approaching and passing such driveways.

Throughout Angus there are existing shared cycle tracks on roads with driveways along their lengths and I am unaware of any major problems arising from this arrangement.

I trust the above provides some background as to the reasons for these proposals. I would therefore be obliged if you would consider the matter and advise me if you are willing to withdraw your objection to the proposals.

Please note that where there are objections which are not withdrawn then the procedure dictates that a report is placed before the Communities Committee, in this case almost certainly on Tuesday 25 February 2020, and copies of all correspondence between us will be made available for consideration by Members in advance of the meeting.

