

To whom it may concern,

Please consider this a formal request to begin the stopping up process required by Angus Council. I was informed by the roads department that I would be required to send a signed document that recognises I will be required to pay additional costs imposed to the council during this process. I have signed this formal request in recognition of this.

I own the freehold of 10 Roundyhill, Monifieth to which I have included a copy of the land registers title to this document. The access to the property consists of a bellmouth to which I would like to request permission to have removed and have a continuous pavement with dropped kerb installed creating a continuous safe walkway for pedestrians. I understand the financial burden to make these changes proposed will be my responsibility and I have included a quote from W. Brown Roadworks which I have received with proposed works outlined within. I am the owner of the land beneath the bell mouth and the roads department owns the sub-base and road on top of the ground which would mean after its removal there would not be a title issue with ownership of the land.

My property has a very difficult change in gradient between the bellmouth and the beginning of my driveway. I have an elderly relative who slipped while getting out the car last winter damaging her hip as the driveway leaves vehicles at a very steep angle when parked on. The change in gradient also makes it very difficult to drive vans or large cars up the drive without damage to the vehicle. The change in gradient also prevents me from being able to move my caravan up the driveway of my property without damage. I have included an image of the gradient change from the bellmouth to driveway to make it easier to understand my dilemma. The removal of the bellmouth would allow me to install a continuous driveway at a reduced gradient from the pavement line allowing better and safer access to my property and for pedestrians using the pavement as they pass.

With the access issues to the driveway, I often park my vehicles within the bellmouth area as my house is also situated beside a bend and any more vehicles parked out on the road would create an even greater hazard than we already have. The removal of this bellmouth and installation of pavement would provide a much better, continuous and safer walkway for pedestrians without the obstruction of vehicles as can be shown in the images included. It would result in a flatter and safer surface for wheelchair and prams travelling along the pavement. The installation of the pavement would allow me to safely park all my vehicles in my driveway without protruding into walkway. The bellmouth road surface has also become damaged over the years as it would appear by the change in edging stones it was not repaired or upgraded along with the rest of the road. With removal of the bellmouth the financial obligation to maintain this section of road unused by the public would no longer be a burden for the council. I have included images of some damaged sections and the change in edging stones to show this section has not been maintained and upgraded as the rest of the road has been.

Roundyhill is a small circular street that does not require a dedicated turning point. I was informed that the original builders install this bellmouth along with a matching one on the top side of the street as they originally planned to install a through road. This plan was changed as Roundyhill was not large enough to require a through road so two more houses were created in place of the road, but the bellmouths already built were left in position.

Thank you for your time,

Faithfully,

