

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

STOPPING UP OF PART OF THE PUBLIC ROAD AT REFORM STREET, MONIFIETH

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ABSTRACT

This report relates to a proposal to stop up a part of Reform Street, Monifieth following a formal request for the removal of a hard landscaped strip by the title holder.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to:

- (i) note the request to stop up a part of Reform Street, Monifieth;
- (ii) the promotion and making, if unopposed, of a Stopping Up Order to extinguish the public right of passage over a part of Reform Street, Monifieth;
- (iii) the Director of Infrastructure and Environment bringing a report back to Communities Committee if there are any objections to the Stopping Up Order that can't be resolved and there is the requirement to submit to Scottish Ministers for confirmation; and
- (iv) deletion of the stopped-up part of the road from the list of public roads, if the Stopping Up Order is confirmed.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

This report aligns with the Council Plan 2023-2028 priorities as follows:

Caring for our Place:

- We will maintain our roads, pavements, lighting, and other infrastructure efficiently and will focus on our priority routes and infrastructure.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The road at Reform Street, Monifieth is a public road which was added to the list of public roads on an unknown date believed to be around the latter half of the 20th century. The part of Reform Street subject of the request for a stopping up was added to the list of public roads on 30 January 2009 when formed as part of the new road at Foundry Place.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 A road at Foundry Place, Monifieth is formed by a cul-de-sac heading in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 97 metres, or thereby, from its junction with Reform Street.
- 4.2 That part of Reform Street, extending to a point approximately 24 metres north-west of the junction of Foundry Place with Reform Street, forms a visibility splay sitting to the rear of the adjacent south-west side footway of Reform Street which is surfaced in concrete inset with cobbles.

- 4.3 A formal request for the removal of the concrete hard standing has been made by the title holder.
- 4.4 Due to evolving roads design standards the full extent of the visibility splay is no longer required to adequately maintain road safety at the junction. A suitable sightline will be retained within the extents of the existing footway.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 A copy of the request to stop up the identified part of the unnecessary road is reproduced in **Appendix 1** of this report. The request includes an undertaking to meet the council's costs in promoting the stopping up order.
- 5.2 A plan indicating the extents of the proposed stopping up is included in **Appendix 2**.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Future maintenance cost savings would arise from the successful stopping up, albeit the savings will be negligible.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for this report and is provided in **Appendix 3**.
- 7.2 The Assessment concludes that impacts on protected characteristic groups arising from the proposals contained in this report are neutral.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive and Directors of Finance and Legal, Governance & Change were consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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List of Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – Request to Stop Up Road
Appendix 2 – Proposed Order Plan
Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment