

Equality Impact Assessment: BOG ROAD BRIDGE BRECHIN PERMANENT PROHIBITION OF DRIVING

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Is this proposal a high-level strategy? No

Type of proposal : other;

What type of assessment is required? full

Overview

Directorate or service. If the proposal involves more than one directorate or service, name the lead one: Infrastructure & Environment.

Give details of any legislation relevant to this proposal: Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

What is being proposed? The promotion, including consultation, of a permanent prohibition of driving across Bog Road Bridge, Brechin, to stop vehicles using the bridge whilst maintaining access for active travel/pedestrians.

Is this a new other or a review of an existing other? New proposal -

Impact

All the group(s) of people your proposal involves or affects: Members of the public.

What internal data, such as customer satisfaction surveys, equality monitoring data and customer complaints, have you gathered to discover what impact (positive or negative) your proposal will have on people? Representatives from Caledonia Railways have reported that there is very little traffic using the bridge, partially due to the poor condition of the unadopted road serving the bridge, and that of those vehicles some are exceeding the legal weight limit of the bridge.

What internal consultation, for example with staff, trade unions and affected services, have you gathered to discover what impact (positive or negative) your proposal will have on people? None.

What external data, such as census data, equality reports, equality evidence finder, performance reports, research and statistics have you gathered to discover what impact (positive or negative) your proposal will have on people? None to date. The proposal is to promote a traffic order which will require public consultation and any responses that considers the proposals has a negative impact on those with will be considered by officers and potentially elected members if objections are unresolved.

What external consultation have you done, with partner organisations, national organisations, other councils, community groups and others, to discover what impact (positive or negative) your proposal will have on people? As 4 above.

What other consultation (if any) has been conducted that was not included above? As 4 above.

Gaps

Are there any gaps in the equality information you currently hold? No.

Groups

Are there potential differential impacts on particular age groups? Neutral
Reason(s) for your answer: The age group of the members of the public using the bridge has not been identified. The proposals to prohibit driving is considered to have a positive impact on the safety of young or older pedestrians/active travel users using the bridge, whilst may require older drivers to use the alternative available routes.

Are there potential differential impacts on people with a disability? Positive
Reason(s) for your answer: The status of the members of the public using the bridge has not been identified, however the proposals to prohibit driving is considered to have a potentially positive impact on the safety of any pedestrians/active travel users using the bridge, as well as the new disability compliant footbridge to the platform. Caledonian Railways are to construct a path to the rear of Andover Primary School to Bog Road. They have advised that funding for these works is from Paths4All and stated the works are to improve the quality of the council connecting path between Andover School and level crossing (immediately adjacent to Andover Primary School), improving the level crossing,

ensuring there is a suitable ramp etc on the north side to the existing core path, linking the bridge to the core path network, providing disability compliant surfaces, ramps, handrails and signposting etc.

Are there potential differential impacts on people with a gender reassignment?

Neutral.

Reason(s) for your answer: The status of the members of the public using the bridge has not been identified. The proposals to prohibit driving is considered to have a positive impact on the safety of any pedestrians/active travel users using the bridge, whilst may require drivers to use the alternative available routes.

Are there potential differential impacts on people with a marriage or civil partnership status? Neutral.

Reason(s) for your answer: The status of the members of the public using the bridge has not been identified. The proposals to prohibit driving is considered to have a positive impact on the safety of any pedestrians/active travel users using the bridge, whilst may require drivers to use the alternative available routes.

Are there potential differential impacts on people due to their race? Neutral.

Reason(s) for your answer: The status of the members of the public using the bridge has not been identified. The proposals to prohibit driving is considered to have a positive impact on the safety of any pedestrians/active travel users using the bridge, whilst may require drivers to use the alternative available routes.

Are there potential differential impacts on people due to their sex? Neutral.

Reason(s) for your answer: The status of the members of the public using the bridge has not been identified. The proposals to prohibit driving is considered to have a positive impact on the safety of any pedestrians/active travel users using the bridge, whilst may require drivers to use the alternative available routes.

Are there potential differential impacts on people due to pregnancy/maternity?

Neutral.

Reason(s) for your answer: The status of the members of the public using the bridge has not been identified. The proposals to prohibit driving is considered to have a positive impact on the safety of any pedestrians/active travel users using the bridge, whilst may require drivers to use the alternative available routes.

Are there potential differential impacts on people due to religion or belief? Neutral

Reason(s) for your answer: The status of the members of the public using the bridge has not been identified. The proposals to prohibit driving is considered to have a positive impact on the safety of any pedestrians/active travel users using the bridge, whilst may require drivers to use the alternative available routes.

Are potential differential impacts on people due to their sexual orientation? Neutral.
Reason(s) for your answer: The status of the members of the public using the bridge has not been identified. The proposals to prohibit driving is considered to have a positive impact on the safety of any pedestrians/active travel users using the bridge, whilst may require drivers to use the alternative available routes.

UNCRC

Which of the general principles apply to your proposal? Right to life survival and development (Article 6);

What impact will your proposal have on children's rights? None.

How will the proposal give better effect to the UNCRC in Scotland? Does not apply.

How will the impact be monitored? Does not apply.

How will you communicate to children and young people the impact of the proposal on their rights? Does not apply.

Consultation

Have you consulted with any of the protected characteristic groups who are potentially negatively affected by the proposal? No.

What are your reasons for not consulting with any of the protected characteristic groups who are potentially negatively affected by the proposal? The proposal is to promote a traffic order which will include public consultation giving protected characteristic groups the opportunity to raise any issues they consider appropriate.

How did you do this?

What were the results?

Negative Impacts

What steps will you take to reduce or remove potentially negative impacts? Any potentially negative impacts raised via the public consultation will be considered by officers

and if unresolved will be considered by Committee prior to making of any traffic restrictions.

Justification

If your proposal will have a negative impact, what is your justification for taking it forward? Safety of pedestrian/active travel users of the bridge; and the safety of the workforce and visitors to Caledonian Railways.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Does this proposal contribute to any, or all, of the public sector equality duty to? No.

We need to know how your proposal does this:

Is there anything that could be done to advance equalities in relation to this proposal? Does not apply.

Fairer Scotland Duty: Not Applicable.

Monitoring

How will you monitor and review your assessment in line with your proposal? The proposal will be reviewed in light of any responses to the legal consultation.

Will this equality impact/fairer Scotland Duty/Children's Rights assessment be included with a committee report? Published with committee report.

Approvers

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