

8 ONE WAY TRAFFIC ORDER FOR LOCHEE HIGH STREET (AN202-2009)

Reference is made to Article II of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 June 2009 wherein it was resolved to promote a Traffic Order to secure one-way traffic northwards in Lochee High Street as a medium term measure until the re-creation of "Bank Street".

Following this, concerns were expressed by traders in Lochee High Street regarding the direction of one way traffic proposed. As a result further consideration has been given to the preferred direction of one way traffic in Lochee High Street, including the extent and cost of physical works at junctions to facilitate one way flow in either direction. These investigations have concluded that whilst the location and nature of works differs depending on the option chosen, there is no significant difference in cost.

The principal advantage of introducing one way traffic from a south to north direction is the improved access that this enables for bus passengers heading north. Conversely, the disadvantage of a north to south flow is that bus passengers travelling north are required to continue crossing the by-pass in order to access Lochee High Street.

Discussions with National Express Dundee have confirmed a willingness to provide appropriate bus services to Lochee, whichever direction of one way traffic flow is promoted.

In order to implement the improvements to Lochee High Street within the timescale required by the Town Centre Regeneration Fund, there is a need to work in close partnership with all interested parties, including Traders in Lochee. There is a clear strength of feeling amongst Traders that one way flow from north to south direction is preferred. In response, it is recommended that a Traffic Order be promoted to implement this.

Implementation of this Order will require works to enable traffic exiting Lochee High Street at the south to turn right. No alterations to the access from the by-pass at the north of Lochee High Street will be undertaken as part of these works.