

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE -
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REPORT ON: PERTH ROAD – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC
CONSULTATION

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Committee of current issues in the West End and the outcome of a recent public consultation meeting carried out in conjunction with West End Community Council.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Committee is asked to note the works to be progressed for implementation in the financial year 2003/2004 arising from the Public Meeting and other remits for further assessment.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The traffic management proposals for implementation are estimated at £2,000. This will be met from the Planning & Transportation Department's 2003/04 Revenue Budget, subject to the availability of resources.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The package of proposals within this report promote a safer environment, encouraging walking and cycling, thus ensuring that the street meets the needs of all users.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report promotes safety for vulnerable road users in particular, such as child pedestrians and cyclists, to ensure the street meets the needs of all users.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 West End Community Council undertook extensive surveys in the Perth Road area in 2002 to assess users' concerns over safety, parking and traffic management in general.
- 6.2 There was a good response with questionnaires being returned, many with supplementary comments in addition to answering the questions.
- 6.3 This was followed up with a public meeting held in Dundee West Church Hall on 19 November 2002.

- 6.4 The main issues discussed were as follows :
- a Car Parking – both on street and off street and Decriminalisation of Parking.
 - b Road Safety – Proposals to tackle the pedestrian injury accident cluster site on Perth Road.
 - c The absence of vehicular access between Perth Road and Hawkhill between Sinderins and South Tay Street.
 - d The mandatory left turning manoeuvre from Nethergate to Marketgait.
 - e 20 mph zones and speed limits.
- 6.5 It was noted that the car park at Pennycook Lane was continuously full with residents, commuters and teachers. It was agreed that the displacement of this parking would create a different problem elsewhere, and the feasibility of on-street short duration parking on Hawkhill west of Peddie Street is to be explored.
- 6.6 Signing of Union Place Car Park from Perth Road is to be improved with options for improvement of the car park area.
- 6.7 Additional off-street parking at Ure Street adjacent to Hawkhill is to be assessed, although it is unlikely to be perceived as shoppers' parking.
- 6.8 The road safety proposals already approved by Committee were well received.
- 6.9 None of the roads and pedestrian access routes, which link Perth Road and Hawkhill, eg Mid Wynd, were considered appropriate to improve and achieve a link road between Hawkhill and Perth Road. However, Old Hawkhill itself is being considered further as it may be appropriate to reconnect its western end as an exit to the Hawkhill Bypass, this will be the subject of a future report to Committee.
- 6.10 The current mandatory left turn at Marketgait from Nethergate is now disregarded by many drivers. The level of eastbound traffic flow on Perth Road has increased and this is considered contributory toward this trend. In addition, buses are being delayed on a regular basis at peak times. It is proposed to identify measures to address this problem with the mandatory turn and this will also be the subject of a future report to Committee. In the meantime existing exemptions are to remain with no change to the Traffic Regulation Order proposed.
- 6.11 As a result of this exercise, Perth Road was nominated to Transport 2000 as a suitable street for inclusion in the "Reclaiming main roads from Traffic" initiative, however, this application was unsuccessful. At this stage, only the characteristics of the street and its problems have been put forward in a short report for an initial assessment of the suitability. The outcome of the submission and any further information to be provided will be reported in full to Committee.
- 6.12 A report on the criteria issued by the Scottish Executive and recommendations on how 20 mph limits and zones are to progress will be the subject of a further report to Committee.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning and the Chief Constable, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None

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