

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE –  
24 SEPTEMBER 2001  
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15 OCTOBER 2001**

**REPORT ON: SWALLOW JUNCTION UNDERPASS IMPROVEMENTS**

**REPORT BY: JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION  
AND DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & PARKS**

**REPORT NO: 543-2001**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise Committee of the arrangements to progress improvements for pedestrians at the Swallow junction and to seek approval of finance to support those improvements.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- a Approve the proposal and joint working arrangements for improvement of the underpass.
  - b Approve the financial arrangements required to construct a path at this location.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The project is estimated to cost a total of £17,100, for which funding is being sourced from various partners with an interest in the location.

Perth & Kinross	£2,500
Dundee City Council, Leisure & Parks Department	£2,500
Scottish Natural Heritage	£4,500
Paths for All Partnership	£2,500
Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust	£2,000
Trunk Road Contractor	£600
Dundee City Council, Planning & Transportation Department	£2,500

- 3.2 The contribution of £2,500 in the financial year 2001/02 is included within the current approved Financial Plan for the financial year 2001/02.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The project fully complies with Local Agenda 21 as its design has taken account the natural environment, promotes health and improves safety concerns attributed to the pedestrian environment at this junction.
- 4.2 The project is primarily aimed at pedestrians, however, the needs of cyclists, wheelchair users and horse riders are included in the design.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This proposal has no detrimental effects on equal opportunity issues.

## **6 BACKGROUND**

6.1 During late 2000, an approach was made to Dundee City Council by the Swallow Hotel Roundabout Safety Group. The group were concerned that the existing method for crossing the A90 Dundee-Perth road offered no protection for pedestrians and given the quantity of traffic.

6.2 Following the above, Dundee City Council undertook investigation concerning the potential for a pedestrian crossing, using the underpass structure at Invergowrie burn. These investigations examined the nature of the natural environment, including the risk of flooding and considered a number of potential alignments for a route.

6.3 As a result of these investigations a path is therefore proposed to the West side of Invergowrie Burn for a variety of reasons :-

- Open nature of landscape presents no difficulties regarding construction methods.
- Area is raised above river level, therefore minimising flooding potential.
- Alignment is within an unused field fringe, owned by the Scottish Crop Research Institute who are agreeable to the construction of a path.
- No nature conservation implications, yet affords opportunity for appreciation of nearby habitats.
- A desire line is visible through the existing vegetation. An automatic counter placed on this line demonstrated some 700 users over a six week period, thus confirming the need for a facility.

6.4 In addition to direct funding, assistance in kind has been sought and attained from :-

Swallow Hotel (provision of signage)

Scottish Rights of Way Society (provision/installation of signage)

Trunk Road Contractor (provision of lighting below A90)

Dightly Environment Group (staffing for general litter and path clearance in area)

## **7 PROPOSAL**

7.1 The proposal is to establish a walkway alongside Invergowrie Burn from Mill Road, Invergowrie to existing paths and a right of way adjacent to the Swallow Hotel.

7.2 The path is aimed at pedestrians but will be suitable for use by wheelchairs and cycles.

7.3 Lighting will be provided for the underpass.

7.4 Implementation of the path is expected to be complete prior to Christmas 2001.

**8 CONSULTATIONS**

- 8.1 Project investigations included the gaining of advice and support from: Dighty Environment Group, Scottish Crop Research Institute, Swallow Hotel, British Horse Society, Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society, Perth and Kinross Council, Scottish Natural Heritage and The Paths for all Partnership.
- 8.2 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, and Director of Leisure & Parks have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

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# INVERGOWRIE PATH PROPOSAL

--- DCC/P&K ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARY

SCALE  
0 50 100  
METRES

19/04/2001

SWALLOW  
HOTEL

DUNDEE

PROPOSED  
PATH

PERTH

INVERGOWRIE

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