

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE,
30 SEPTEMBER 2002**

REPORT ON: NORTH BALMOSSIE STREET PROHIBITION OF DRIVING

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 607-2002

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report considers the implications of the Inquiry into the objections received to the proposed prohibition of driving in North Balmossie Street. The inquiry was conducted by the Scottish Executive Inquiry Reporters Unit.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to accept the recommendations of the Scottish Office Inquiry Unit and to make the Order as advertised but including an exemption for the existing residents of the cottages in Panmurefield Road. Keys will be issued to those residents to unlock the barrier, which will be erected in North Balmossie Street to prevent through traffic from traversing this narrow length of road between Balgillo Road and Panmurefield Road. It should be noted that the exemption will only be to the existing householders and on the sale or transfer of ownership of these properties the exemption will be withdrawn.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There will be no additional financial implications.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The removal of through traffic from this narrow length of road will create a safer, cleaner environment and reduce vehicular conflict situations.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The removal of motor vehicles will improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Following the advertising of the proposals to close North Balmossie Street to vehicular traffic six objections were received. Five of these were from long standing residents of the cottages in that part of Panmurefield Road south of North Balmossie Street. The sixth objector was not directly affected but was in support of the others.
- 6.2 The basis of the objections was that the proposed closure removed the easy access to the Barnhill Shopping Centre and Broughty Ferry, which had been previously enjoyed. The alternative route via the Dundee – Arbroath Road is both circuitous and more hazardous due to the turning manoeuvres to and from this major road.

- 6.3 As part of the original proposal exemptions were to be made to allow emergency vehicles access through the length of road. This would be accommodated by issuing a key for the barrier to these services. This was particularly relevant in the case of the Fire Service as their local station is in North Balmossie Street south of Balgillo Road.
- 6.4 The objections were unresolved and the Scottish Office Inquiry Reporters Unit were invited to adjudicate. The hearing was held on 7 May 2002 and the recommendation was made by the Reporter that keys be issued only to the existing residents of the cottages.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Constable and the relevant Chief Officers have been consulted and are in agreement with the proposals.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Report No 105/2000.

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