REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 25 MARCH 2002

REPORT ON: KINGSWAY EAST AND LONGTOWN ROAD AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ALTERATIONS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 120-2002

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report considers improvements to road safety at the Kingsway East/Longtown Road junction and residential traffic circulation in that part of Mid Craigie.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the preparation of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to close one of the gaps in the central reservation in Kingsway East and to vary the one-way arrangements in Longtown Road in conjunction with alterations to the road layout.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total cost of implementing these proposals is estimated at £30,000. This includes the alterations to the kerblines, the closure of the central reservation and all associated signing and lining. These costs will be funded by Scottish Enterprise Tayside through this Department's Community Regeneration Budget.
- 3.2 An additional £250 per annum is required in annual maintenance costs and this will be met from within the Planning and Transportation Department's revenue budget for future years subject to the availability of resources. Maintenance costs relate to those parts of the work which fall outwith BEAR's area.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The following key themes are met:-
 - Local needs are met locally by improving residential circulation
 - The creation of a safer, cleaner environment

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 These proposals will result in improvements to the living environment for all in the area.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Prior to 1976 the junction of Kingsway East near Mid Craigie School comprised Kingsway East, Pitairlie Road, Mauchline Avenue and Longtown Road.
- 6.2 In an effort to resolve the convergence of too many streets at the same junction the layout was altered and a one-way system introduced in 1976. This resulted in westbound traffic requiring access to Kingsway East from Longtown Road having to cross the eastbound carriageway and then merge into the offside lane of the westbound carriageway. The difficulties encountered performing this manoeuvre have increased following the opening of the Kingsway East Retail Park.

- 6.3 It is also a circuitous journey from Longtown Road to Pitairlie Road because of the one-way loop between near Mauchline Avenue to Kingsway East.
- 6.4 As part of the Mid Craigie Regeneration Project it is considered desirable to improve access to all parts of Mid Craigie. It is therefore proposed to:
 - i Realign the carriageway linking Mauchline Avenue/Longtown Road link road with Kingsway East and allowing two-way traffic over most of its length. This will facilitate access from Longtown Road to the rest of Mid Craigie and in particular Pitairlie Road. This is particularly desirable as it improves access to Mid Craigie School.
 - ii Close the gap in the central reservation of Kingsway East so that any traffic egressing Mid Craigie at this location has to travel eastwards to the roundabout at Moffat Road. Access to Mid Craigie from Kingsway East will be unaffected.

All as shown on the attached plan.

6.5 Kingsway East is a Trunk Road and the Scottish Executive have been consulted and have given their agreement for the Council to promote the Order as described. They will be formally consulted when the Order is drafted.

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, Legal Manager 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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