

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 18 AUGUST 2020**

**WEIGHT LIMIT ON HAYSHEAD ROAD, ARBROATH**

**REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report recommends that a permanent order be promoted to limit the weight of vehicles using Hayshead Road, Arbroath with an exemption for refuse collection vehicles and access to properties, and erection of additional advisory signage.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) agrees to the promotion, and if no objections are received or any objections are withdrawn, the making of a Traffic Regulation Order restricting the weight of vehicles permitted to use Hayshead Road, Arbroath;
- (ii) agrees to provide an exemption for refuse collection vehicles and access to properties located on Hayshead Road; and
- (iii) notes the erection of advisory signage in advance of the promotion of the Traffic Regulation Order, and to address the risk of displaced vehicles using inappropriate alternative routes.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN**

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities;
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment;
- improved physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing.

**3. BACKGROUND**

Elected members have raised concerns on behalf of local residents regarding an increase in the number of heavy goods vehicles using Hayshead Road to travel between outlying areas of Arbroath.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

Hayshead Road is a mostly residential street where no restriction on traffic movements exists. A location plan is provided in **Appendix 1**. The recently opened Abbey View Campus has a shared vehicular and pedestrian access on Hayshead Road.

**5. PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 It is considered that the prolonged and significant use of Hayshead Road by heavy goods vehicles is detrimental to the amenity and wellbeing of local residents and it is proposed to implement an environmental weight restriction limiting the gross weight of vehicles using the road to 7.5 tonnes.
- 5.2 Access for refuse collection vehicles and to properties on Hayshead Road will be exempt from the restriction.

- 5.3 It is proposed in advance of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that an advisory sign be erected on Hayshead Road, which would direct Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) traffic north on the A92 past Hayshead Road. The advance warning of the TRO itself will go in at the same time as the signage on Hayshead Road upon completion of the TRO.
- 5.4 It is also proposed that further advisory signage would be installed on the A92, beyond Hayshead Road, advising HGV traffic to continue north and to use Bearfauld Road in order to gain access to the Seaton and Auchmithie areas. Additional advisory signage would also be provided at the junction of the A92 with the old Montrose Road, advising that the adjacent roads, e.g. Linton Road, are “unsuitable for HGV” traffic.
- 5.5 The impact of any HGVs displaced by the TRO seeking alternative, non-signed routes will be reviewed. This may result in the need for further prohibitions through additional TRO, however, these are not considered to be merited at this time.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost of implementing the proposal for the Traffic Regulation Order as detailed in section 5.1 above is £5,500. The estimated cost of implementing the additional advisory signage as detailed in sections 5.3 and 5.4 above is £1,000. Both these costs can be met from the 2020/21 Roads Revenue Budget. Additional annual maintenance costs will be £200 per annum for the Traffic Regulation Order signage and £50 per annum for the additional advisory signage, which would require to be provided in future years’ revenue budgets.

## **7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective as required by legislation. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Director of Finance, Director of HR, Digital Enablement, IT and Business Support and Local Police Commander for Tayside Division have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Location Plan