

**REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
26 JANUARY 2004**

REPORT ON: BELL STREET, DUNDEE – PROHIBITION OF DRIVING

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend to Committee an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order in place in Bell Street (east of Constitution Road).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to close Bell Street to through traffic with the only exemption being to retain provision for cyclists as displayed in the plan in Appendix A.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of the proposal is estimated to be £500 and will be met from the Transportation Division Revenue Budget for minor works in the 2004/05 financial year.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This scheme is part of a package that ensures sustainable modes of transport are to the forefront.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 To favour sustainable transport modes moves towards redressing the balance for the large numbers of our population who do not have access to the private car or who choose to travel by other means.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 As part of the recent traffic management review within the City Centre, through traffic in Bell Street was permitted only overnight and all day Sunday. This was on that part of Bell Street between Constitution Road and Euclid Crescent West. This section of road is currently within the site of the construction works underway at Abertay University.
- 6.2 Throughout the time the “part time” closure to traffic was in place, the level of abuse was significant. Tayside Police attended on a regular basis and had to turn drivers around. This became impractical due to the numbers involved and the continual attempt by motorists to disregard the restriction.
- 6.3 One of the major problems was the very short length over which the restriction applied. In the absence of enforcement officers it was simple to drive through, particularly as the characteristics of the road layout had not changed. The layout too could easily be misinterpreted as a controlled pedestrian crossing.

- 6.4 Tayside Police believe the restriction is impractical and support the permanent closure of Bell Street for motor vehicles between the same boundaries as at present, Constitution Road to Euclid Crescent West. Such a closure will also then allow an environmental improvement scheme to be brought forward for the Abertay University Campus.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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