

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - JUNE 2000

REPORT ON: FOREBANK ROAD - ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report considers the benefits of making Forebank Road one-way in a southerly direction.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the preparation of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce one-way traffic in the entire length of Forebank Road in a southerly direction.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of providing the necessary signing is estimated at £7,000. Provision will require to be made for this sum within the Planning and Transportation Department's 2001/2002 revenue budget for the Roads and Transportation Division under Traffic Management Works. Ongoing additional Annual Maintenance costs associated with these works will require to be contained within the Department's future Revenue Budgets.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The introduction of on-way traffic in Forebank Road will result in a safer and more pleasant environment.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct equal opportunities implications.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Consideration was given to making Forebank Road and Bonnybank Road one-way in 1983 at the same time as Nelson Street was made one-way northwards.
- 6.2 At that time the Forebank Dyeworks could only be serviced in a northerly direction and there was a fire escape which overhung the carriageway at the foot of Bonnybank Road inhibiting the passage of vehicles.
- 6.3 As a compromise, entry into Forebank Road was prohibited except for vehicles servicing the dyeworks. This had the effect of the majority of traffic in Forebank Road travelling in a southerly direction.
- 6.4 Because of the very limited width of Bonnybank Road all vehicles were prohibited except those requiring access to premises within the street.

- 6.5 In 1991, following the conversion of the dyeworks into flats and the construction of Forebank Street, the foot of Bonnybank Road was made one-way northwards so that these flats could be accessed easily from Victoria Road without the need for a lengthy detour round Nelson Street and Ann Street.
- 6.6 The Hilltown Community Council have requested that Forebank Road and Bonnybank Road be made one-way to remove the vehicular conflict situations in these narrow streets. As the original reasons for being unable to accomplish this have disappeared I recommend that Forebank Road be made one-way southwards over its entire length. Bonnybank Road has more severe limitations on its width and making it one-way may encourage more use of the street. Consequently, I do not recommend any alteration to the existing restrictions in Bonnybank Road.
- 6.7 Nelson Street is an adequate means of accessing the area in a northerly direction.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection, Director of Public Relations, the Legal Services 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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