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To: Councillor Donnelly, Convener; Councillor Carle, Vice Convener; and Councillors Cormie, Delaney, Graham, Hutchison, Jaffrey, MacGregor, Malik, Nathan Morrison, Nicoll, Reynolds, Stuart and Taylor

Town House,  
ABERDEEN 13 January 2016

## PETITIONS COMMITTEE

The Members of the **PETITIONS COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in Committee Room 2 - Town House on **THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY 2016 at 2.00 pm.**

FRASER BELL  
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

## **B U S I N E S S**

### **PETITIONS SUBMITTED**

#### 1 Pedestrian Crossing on Scotstown Road (Pages 3 - 6)

**“We the undersigned petition the Council to put a pedestrian crossing on Scotstown Road to facilitate safe access to Northbound and Southbound bus stops between the Jesmond Road and Parkway section of road.”**

People from the Collieston side wishing to travel to town, and people from Denmore Park side returning from town have to find suitable nearby means to safely cross the busy road. There is an ever increasing ageing population who need the bus to travel around, and some poor sighted people. The alternatives are unsuitable for the elderly. To use existing crossings means they have to walk the length of Scotstown Rod to traffic lights at Jesmond Drive and then back up the road. The other option is to use a traffic light crossing and pelican crossing on the Parkway, which again requires a lengthy walk.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

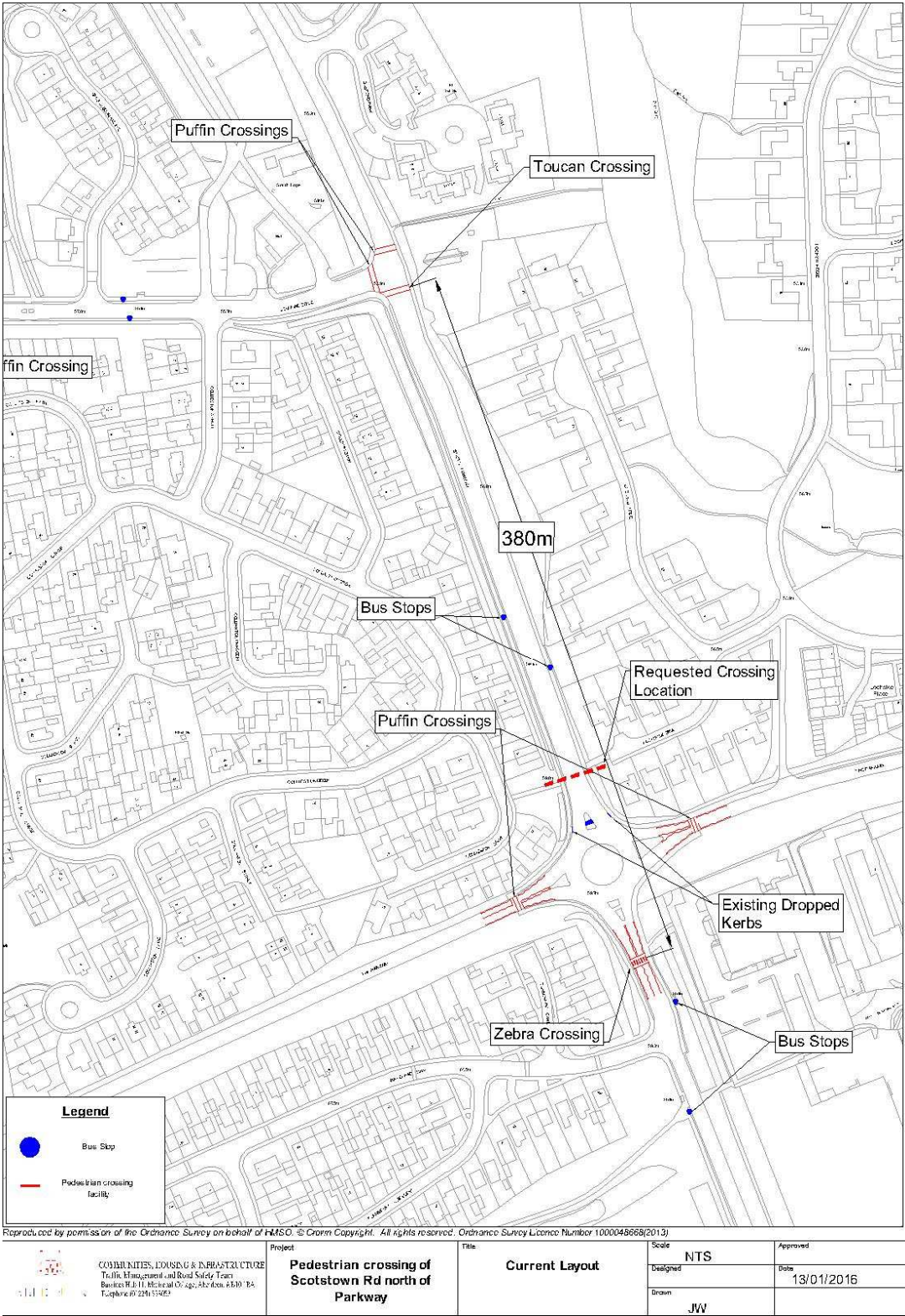
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Scotstown Road Crossing

Location Plan showing existing crossing facilities



## Accident History

Summary of accidents from January 2013 to date as available below.

1. 17:45 Tuesday 3/9/2013 SLIGHT  
Scotstown Rd at junction with Jesmond Drive  
Vehicle (V)1 – Car V2 = pedal cycle (slight Personal Injury Accident (PIA))  
Collision factor – travelling too close
2. 13:00 Saturday 28/09/2013 SLIGHT  
Scotstown Road roundabout with A90  
V1 - m/c (slight PIA) V2 car (not traced)  
Collision factor – failed to judge other persons path or speed.
3. 11:19 Friday 29/11/2013 SLIGHT  
Scotstown Road junction with Parkway  
V1 - Car  
Pedestrian (slight PIA) not a car passenger  
Collision factor – impaired by drugs (illicit or medical)
4. 06:20 Thursday 4/12/2014 (SLIGHT)  
Scotstown Road / Ellon Road  
V1 – car (slight PIA) V2 – Car  
Collision factor – careless/reckless in a hurry.

*Please note the accident data has not been validated as yet, and Accident 4 has been associated within the database with the Scotstown Road/ Parkway junction.*

## Survey

When considering possible sites for pedestrian facilities or type of crossing facilities, council officers utilise methods outlined by the Department of Transport to undertake what is referred to as a PV2 survey. This requires both pedestrian movements (P) and traffic flows (V) to be recorded at peak times in order to determine a base figure. This is then amended to account for other contributory factors such as carriageway width, accident history, local facilities (i.e. schools, shops, clinic etc.) to give an overall figure which is measured using the table as shown below.

Resultant Figures (PV2x10-8)	Type of facility to be considered
Less than 0.7	Does not qualify for any type of crossing facility but will continue to be monitored and in some instances may qualify for a central refuge island
Between 0.7 and 1.0	Will qualify for the provision of a central refuge island
Greater than 1.0	Qualifies for the provision of a controlled crossing facility

**A survey is programmed for 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and the PV2 results will be made available to the Petitions Committee prior to the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

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ABERDEEN, 10 November 2015. Minute of Meeting of the PETITIONS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Donnelly, Convener; Councillor Carle, Vice-Convener; Councillor George Adam, the Lord Provost and Councillors Corall (as substitute for Councillor Hutchison), Cormie, Crockett (as substitute for Councillor Malik), Delaney, Lesley Dunbar (as substitute for Councillor Nathan Morrison), Graham, Jaffrey, MacGregor, Nicoll, Reynolds, Stuart and Taylor.

### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

**Councillor Sandy Stuart declared an interest by virtue of knowing one of the petitioners but did not feel it necessary to withdraw from the meeting.**

### **WEIGHT RESTRICTION IN SCLATTIE PARK**

1. The Committee had before it the following petition which had been submitted by Mr Ian Grant –

‘We the undersigned petition the Council to give serious consideration to placing a weight restriction on Sclattie Park’

In order to prevent dangerous heavy vehicles running down Kepplehills Drive and Sclattie Park. Note that Sclattie Park has two sheltered homes Fairlyden and Cloverfield Grove on either side.

The Convener explained the process and invited the lead petitioner to present his case to the Committee. Mr Grant was in attendance with Mr Rattray, local Community Councillor for Bucksburn and Newhills.

Mr Grant circulated a map of the area to Councillors for their reference.

Mr Grant spoke about the community’s concerns over Sclattie Park being used by heavy vehicles and the risk this was to vulnerable people in the area, particularly due to the two schools and the sheltered housing complexes. The road itself had speed bumps installed but this has not eased the situation. The volume of traffic has increased year on year with drivers using the road to avoid other heavy traffic hotspots and although the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) is seen as a solution to the issue that is still two - three years away. Mr Grant also advised the Committee that buses were using the road as a terminus which was contributing to the heavy traffic flow and driver frustration.

Members then asked the petitioners a number of questions. Mr Rattray advised that speeding in the area was an issue and local residents had challenged a number of drivers regarding their speed. Mr Grant advised that Sclattie Park was steep in parts and in bad weather was prone to flooding and icy conditions. The Convener then thanked both Mr Grant and Mr Rattray for their contribution.

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The Roads Infrastructure Manager was then asked a number of questions by the Committee. It was clarified that no surveys had been conducted in this area as there have been no recorded accidents on the road. There is already a mandatory 20MPH limit on the road and cushion speed bumps but these are not effective for HGV's. The Roads Infrastructure Manager advised that a weight restriction would be hard to enforce as it requires police presence and a machine to weigh the vehicles and one is not located in the vicinity and any time restrictions for HGV's put in place could impact the local businesses so this may not be a viable option.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to request that officers carry out relevant transport survey's in regards to Sclattie Park and Kepplehills Drive and to report to Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee in March 2016, with the results and any necessary actions.

**MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2015**

2. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 22 September 2015 for approval.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to approve the minute as a correct record.