

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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| COMMITTEE | Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure |
| DATE | 31st January 2012 |
| DIRECTOR | Gordon McIntosh |
| TITLE OF REPORT | Notice of Motion from Councillor Yuill – ‘That given the significant inconvenience and difficulties caused to householders and others by bollards opposite the entrance to Deeside Drive to the near lane lying between the rear of properties on Deeside Drive and Deeside Crescent, Council instructs officers to report to the appropriate committee on the removal of these bollards.’ |
| REPORT NUMBER: | EPI/12/001 |

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides information to members of the Committee in relation to Councillor Yuill’s notice of motion regarding the request for bollards opposite the lane that runs parallel to Deeside Gardens to be removed on Deeside Drive to allow vehicles to exit from the lane.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. Note the content of this report.
2. Agree that no further action should be taken with regard to the removal of the bollards due to the associated costs of the works.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendation from this report.

3.2 Should the bollards be removed, funding would require to be made available and a source identified. An estimate for the total costs to remove the bollards, construction of a new access and upgrade of the footway is £19,000.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

5.1 Background

At its meeting on 13th September 2011 the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure committee considered a notice of motion raised by Councillor Yuill "That, given the significant inconvenience and difficulties caused to householders and others by bollards opposite the entrance to Deeside Drive to the rear lane lying between the rear of properties on Deeside Drive and Deeside Crescent, council instructs officers to report to the appropriate committee on the removal of these bollards".

There are a number of properties on Deeside Gardens and Deeside Crescent that back onto this lane where the majority of garages exit onto the lane. During the winter period many residents encounter difficulty exiting onto the Deeside Drive via the inset road as this road is rarely gritted and on a relatively steep gradient uphill towards North Deeside Road.

There is currently a footway with two bollards at the end of this lane between Deeside Drive and the inset road (see plan Appendix 1). However this section of footway is not capable of taking vehicular loading and would require to be upgraded to protect the existing British Telecom cables.

5.2 Proposal

Following an approach by residents, Councillor Yuill requested that the bollards situated on this footway be removed to allow residents to exit directly onto Deeside Drive at the end of this lane to alleviate difficulties of access during periods of winter inclement weather.

To allow vehicles to exit at this point would require the junction to be realigned and depth of construction upgraded to the standards of a carriageway. Details are shown in Appendix 2. This work would require the footway to be widened into the grass verges and would have a cost implication and the estimated cost for the works is £10,000.

Within the existing footpath it has been identified that there is British Telecom services and concrete chamber in the footway and surrounding grass verges. Therefore to reconstruct the footpath to a carriageway standard would require the replacement of the service chamber to a carriageway box standard, and due to the shallow depth of the BT duct and cabling it will be necessary to lower and protect the

services with a reinforced concrete mat. This work would also have an additional cost implication with an estimated cost for this works at £9,000.

5.3 Conclusion

The problems residents face during periods of severe winter weather is understandable, however this issue is similar to many other roads around the City with similar gradients. The residents do have an alternative during these short periods of severe winter periods which is to park on-street on Deeside Gardens / Drive and Deeside Crescent where the carriageway is gritted more regularly, as Deeside Drive is classed as priority 1 by our Winter Maintenance Team.

When taking all matters into consideration and the short term alternative for residents to park on Deeside Gardens / Drive and the cost of the proposed works would not be justified at this time.

6. **IMPACT**

- 6.1 The content of the report meets with the local Community Plan objectives to continually improve road safety and maximize for pedestrians and all modes of transport.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Minute of Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting, 13th September 2011.

8. **REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS**

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Consultee Comments

Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee

Convener: Councillor Kate Dean – Email sent 21/12/2011

Vice Convener: Councillor John Corall – Email sent 21/12/2011

Local Members

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| Councillor Ian Yuill | Email sent 21/12/2011 and does not agree with the recommendations made by Officers. Councillor Yuill would also like to point out that he never requested an access to be reconstructed but simply for the bollards to be removed. |
| Councillor Jillian Wisely | Email and paper copy sent 21/12/2011 |
| Councillor Gordon Townson | Email sent 21/12/2011 |

Council Officers

Barry Jenkins, Head of Finance, Resources – ***has been consulted***

Jane MacEachran, City Solicitor, Continuous Improvement – ***has been consulted***

Ciaran Monaghan, Head of Service, Office of Chief Executive – ***has been consulted***

Gordon McIntosh, Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure – ***has been consulted***

Hugh Murdoch, Head of Service, Asset Management and Operations – ***has been consulted***

Mike Cheyne, Roads Manager – ***has been consulted***

Dave Young, ICT, Enterprise Planning and Infrastructure – ***has been consulted***

Kathryn McFarlane, Service Co-ordinator

Allison Swanson, Committee Services
