

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	<b>Enterprise, Planning &amp; Infrastructure</b>
DATE	<b>6<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>
DIRECTOR	<b>Gordon McIntosh</b>
TITLE OF REPORT	<b>Justice Mill Lane – Traffic Management Proposals Initial Statutory Consultation</b>
REPORT NUMBER	<b>EPI/12/221</b>

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Committee of the results of the initial statutory consultation on the proposed traffic management scheme on Justice Mill Lane and the request to include a cycling provision.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the committee acknowledges the responses received as a result of the statutory consultation and hence instructs the appropriate officials to progress to public advertisement and report the results to a future Committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Developer contributions are available for the implementation of the proposed traffic management scheme and subject to the preparation of an appropriate detailed design would fund the works. The proposed improvements whilst enhancing the environment will potentially reduce future road revenue maintenance costs.

A preliminary design and estimation for the traffic management proposals on Justice Mill Lane has now been completed, with the estimated costs being £210,000. This cost does not include the signalised crossing on Holburn Street which is estimated at £35,000. Therefore the total cost of the works is £245,000.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

## 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

### 5.1 Report

At its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011 the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee considered a previous traffic management proposal that included a one-way system on Justice Mill Lane and at its meeting it was resolved to revise the design to retain two-way traffic.

A preliminary design was further submitted to Committee at its meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 at which the Committee resolved to approve the preliminary scheme on Justice Mill Lane and to commence the required legal process for the necessary Traffic Regulation Order.

### 5.2 Proposals

The proposed scheme for Justice Mill Lane includes a revision of parking restrictions, traffic calming measures, realignment of kerb lines, a right-turn ban when exiting Justice Mill Lane westbound into Holburn Street and the upgrading of the footway to provide a 2m minimum width. In order to maintain two-way traffic and a standard 2m wide footway it has been necessary to include a give and take priority section where there is limited road space for two vehicles to pass and this effectively enhances the traffic calming element of the design. A controlled pedestrian crossing is also proposed on Holburn Street as part of the scheme to the north of Justice Mill Lane and would be seen to improve pedestrian access and safety. A plan of the proposed traffic management proposal is attached in Appendix A.

5.3 It is recommended this Committee acknowledges the responses received as a result of the Statutory Consultation and thereafter instructs officers to progress to the public advertisement stage and report the results to a future committee.

### 5.4 Provision for Cyclists

At its meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 Committee there was a request raised by Councillor Yuill to include the provision for the separation of cyclists in both directions within the detailed design. A subsequent meeting was held with officers and Councillor Yuill explaining that there is insufficient road space to accommodate a segregated cycle provision and cyclists will require to operate within the controlled traffic management scheme with all other road users. Following discussion Councillor Yuill accepted that adequate provision had been made for cyclists.

## 6. IMPACT

Within the Community Plan, City Centre redevelopment is identified as a strategic priority, and within the Single Outcome Agreement, two national outcome objectives identified are that “We live in well designed, sustainable places” and that “We value our natural and build environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.”

## 7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minute of Enterprise Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Minute of Enterprise Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting  
31<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

## 8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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**Table 1**  
Initial Statutory Consultation

<b><u>Consultee</u></b>	<b><u>Response</u></b>
Grampian Police	No issues from a Police perspective regarding this proposal.
Freight Transport Association	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Scottish Ambulance Service	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Stagecoach Bluebird	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Public Transport Unit	Has been consulted 21/09/12
The Access Panel	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Grampian Fire & Rescue Service	"As the fire service is always keen to support any scheme to enhance road safety, we therefore offer no objection to these proposals."
First Aberdeen Ltd	Has been consulted 21/09/12
RAC Foundation	To be no longer consulted
Federation of Small Businesses	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Road Haulage Association	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Aberdeen Cycle Forum	"Cycling by Design states that in all cases traffic management schemes should permit all cycle movements to ensure full permeability and to maintain direct access. The default position should be cyclist's exemptions from turning right. ACF believes the default position of a cycle exemption from the right turn ban should be adopted here, with monitoring for the first year to assess if any issues arise."
NESTRANS	Nestrans does not have any formal comments on the proposals on Justice Mill Lane as this not considered to be part of the strategic road network, although the potential road safety benefit are welcomed.
Ferryhill Community Council	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Ashley & Broomhill Community Council	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Queens Cross / Harlaw Community Council	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Councillor Jennifer Stewart	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Councillor Martin Greig	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Councillor John Corall	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Councillor Ross Thomson	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Councillor Yvonne Allan	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Councillor Graham Dickson	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Councillor Alan Donnelly	Has been consulted 21/09/12
Councillor James Kiddie	Has been consulted 21/09/12

## **Consultees comments**

**Councillor Alan Donnelly** – *has been consulted 02/10/12*

**Councillor Graham Dickson** – *has been consulted 02/10/12*

**Councillor James Kiddie** – *has been consulted 02/10/12*

**Councillor Jennifer Stewart** – *has been consulted 02/10/12*

**Councillor John Corall** – *has been consulted 02/10/12*

**Councillor Martin Greig** – *has been consulted 02/10/12*

**Councillor Ross Thomson** – *has been consulted 02/10/12*

**Councillor Yvonne Allan** – *has been consulted 02/10/12*

## **Council Officers**

Barry Jenkins, Head of Finance, Corporate Governance – *has been consulted and has no comments from Finance*

Jane MacEachran, Head of Legal and Democratic Service – *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 Asset Management and Operations, E,P and I – *has been consulted*

Margaret Bochel, Head of Planning & Sustainable Development – *has been consulted and is in agreement with the comments of this report.*

Mike Cheyne, General Manager, Operations – *has been consulted*

Neal Carnegie, Community Safety Manager – *has been consulted*

Dave Young, Account Manager, Corporate Governance – *has been consulted*

Laura Watson, Service Co-ordinator E P & I

Mark Masson, Committee Services Officer