

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 15 JUNE 2010

SUBJECT: PROPOSED 7.5T WEIGHT RESTRICTION – GARDEN LANE, BUCKIE

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to approve the promotion of permanent 7.5 T weight restriction on Garden Lane, Buckie as detailed in **Appendix A** and shown in Plan **Appendix B** to this report.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the making of Orders for the regulation and management of traffic.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **Committee is asked to approve the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a 7.5T weight restriction on Garden Lane, Buckie and instruct the Director of Environmental Services and the Chief Legal Officer to proceed with the statutory process.**
- 2.2 **Committee is also asked to instruct the Director of Environmental Services and the Chief Legal Officer to make and implement the order if, following the consultation period, there are no outstanding objections.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Garden Lane, Buckie provides a link for southbound traffic from Newlands Lane to East Cathcart Street. A One-Way traffic restriction was put in place on 2 March 1981.
- 3.2 Garden Lane is 70 metres long and approximately 5.3 metres at its narrowest with a limited footway provision. Due to the limited available road width, parking is prohibited for its entire length with the exception of the rear vehicular access to the greengrocers shop, Tutti-Frutti.
- 3.3 The limited road width has led to a number of incidents during the last couple of years involving vehicle strikes to the property that sits at the corner of Garden Lane and East Cathcart Street.
- 3.4 Physical measures, in the form of kerblines buildouts, were installed at the junction of Garden Lane and East Cathcart Street in March 2010 to provide additional protection to the residential properties. Unfortunately they have been unable to prevent further damage. There have been at least three strikes so far in 2010.

- 3.5 Currently the level of damage to residential property has been relatively light and there have been no resulting injuries, however every additional strike could add to long term structural damage. Due to the available road width repairs can only be effected under a road closure, which is likely to inconvenience other road users.
- 3.6 The recent spate of incidents has been attributed to delivery vehicles heading for the Haldanes store (previously Somerfield) in East Cathcart Street which has recently changed ownership and therefore may be using suppliers that are unfamiliar with the road network.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

The proposal adheres to National and Local Outcomes by striving to ensure that there are no collisions or people injured on Moray's roads.

(b) Policy and Legal

This proposal complies with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

The cost of promoting the Traffic Regulation Order and the provision of signing associated with the weight restriction is estimated to be £3000 and will be funded from the New Signs and Road Markings Capital Budget 2010/11.

(d) Consultations

Scott Mann, Traffic Inspector of Grampian Police, has been consulted on this report and is in agreement.

Lorraine Paisey, Principal Accountant has been consulted on this report and is in agreement with the financial implications.

Aileen Scott, Senior Solicitor (Commercial and Conveyancing) has been consulted and comments have been incorporated into the report.

The Elected Members for Buckie have been advised and any comments they have may be made at the meeting.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 It is proposed to promote a Traffic Regulation Order which will introduce the weight restriction as detailed in Appendix A and Plan Appendix B**

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Background Papers: None

Ref: ARD/KMP

SCHEDULE 1

PROPOSED WEIGHT RESTRICTION, BUCKIE

Location	Restriction
Garden Lane, Buckie From its junction with building line on the northern side of East Cathcart Street for a distance of 58 metres or thereby in a northerly direction.	7.5 Tonne mgw

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The reason for the restriction is that properties on Garden Lane have been struck on a number of occasions, and this restriction seeks to prohibit use by HGV's in excess of 7.5T on road safety grounds and thereby protecting residential properties from further damage. This will ensure that the route can remain available for all other road users.