

Additional Transport and Environment Committee

4.00pm, Thursday 2 December 2021

Present

Councillors Macinnes (Convener), Bird, Burgess, Dixon (substituting for Councillor Key), Henderson (substituting for Councillor Child), Hutchison, Lang, Perry (substituting for Councillor Doran), Miller, Rose (substituting for Councillor Smith) and Whyte.

1. Brunstane Road Closure (ETRO Progress Update)

The Convener ruled in terms of Standing Order 30.1(a) that this item, which included a recommendation which, if accepted, would require a change to the Transport and Environment Committee item 4 of 11 November 2021, should be considered due to a material change in circumstances.

The report noted that Brunstane Road was a residential street to the east of Portobello which formed a route between Milton Road East to the south and Joppa Road to the north, and had been subject to longstanding traffic problems south of the bridge over the railway line due to a combination of narrow road width, traffic volumes and parking, which resulted in traffic congestion, damage to parked vehicles and instances of anti-social behaviour from drivers. The report noted that to address this, on the 28 January 2021 the Transport and Environment Committee agreed to the trial closure of Brunstane Road to motorised vehicles, together with complimentary traffic management measures which were introduced within the Coillesdene area, through the introduction of an ETRO.

The report highlighted the response to the statutory consultation for the ETRO, which showed that those who lived on Brunstane Road were generally supportive of the proposed ETRO, and those who indicated that they did not live on Brunstane Road were opposed.

Motion

- 1) To recall the previous Committee decision of 28 January 2021 instructing progress of this scheme.
- 2) To note the contents of the report and the responses from the statutory public consultation on the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO)
- 3) To set aside objections, having considered the content of the 218 objections received, and to agree to proceed with the trialling of the proposed measures under the ETRO.
- 4) To approve the making of the ETRO as advertised.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Perry

Amendment

- 1) To note the full ETRO public consultation showed an even higher proportion of the wider population being against the closure with 74% indicating their opposition with 211 lodging an objection.
- 2) To agree to abandon the ETRO process and that officers would re-examine alternative measures for Brunstane Road such as parking controls and/or an HGV ban.

- moved by Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion - 7 votes

For the amendment - 4 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Bird, Burgess, Dixon, Henderson, Macinnes, Perry and Miller

For the amendment: Lang, Hutchison, Rose and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)