

Thomson Street temporary road closure : There is a temporary road closure to the south end of Thomson Street that started yesterday - below is the Traffic Order information from the City Council :

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"Dundee City Council proposes to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose of facilitating demolition and building works. The Order is expected to be in force for 10 weeks from 9th March 2015. Its maximum duration in terms of the Act is eighteen months.

The effect of the Order is to prohibit temporarily all vehicular traffic in Thomson Street from Magdalen Yard Road for a distance of 100 metres or thereby in a northerly direction.

Access to residents will be maintained where possible. Pedestrian provision will be maintained at all times. An alternative route will be available via Magdalen Yard Road, Windsor Street and Perth Road.

If you have any queries please contact 433082."

I am advised that the Order is required to facilitate the building works to extend the nursing home at the bottom of Thomson Street. There are some demolition works required in the first week or so.

I have received assurances that the builder was asked by the City Council to letter drop the residents closest to the works beforehand and to maintain access to driveways where possible.

20mph consultation agreed : Last June, I proposed that Dundee City Council consult residents and communities across Dundee on the subject of having more 20mph zones in residential areas where there is support from residents. On that occasion, my proposal was defeated by a single vote.



I took the matter back to the City Council's City Development Committee last month, following the publication in January of guidance by Transport Scotland which is supportive of 20mph zones.

My motion read as follows :

"Committee notes Report 43-2015 by the Director of City Development on 20mph speed limits.

Committee also notes that :

- 20mph zones and 20mph limits significantly decrease the risk of being injured in a collision
- lowering the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph can reduce child accidents by up to 70%
- half of people who are hit by a car at 30mph will die and only 10% of people hit by a car at 20mph will die

Committee believes lower speed limits will make streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists and car users alike and will encourage people to walk and cycle with the consequential benefits for health and quality of life.

In light of recent "Good Practice Guide on 20mph speed restrictions" published by Transport Scotland referred to in the Director's report, Committee calls for the development of a policy on the implementation of 20mph zones and limits, and, as a first step, the Director of City Development is instructed, within the next six months, to consult widely with community councils, tenants' and residents' associations, other representative community organisations and the public across all eight Local Community Planning Partnership areas to discuss their views of where 20mph limits would be appropriate and would be of benefit to residential amenity and road safety in each community.

The Director of City Development is thereafter instructed to bring a report to committee on the outcomes of such a consultation exercise, by December 2015, with a view to thereafter considering commencement of a phased programme of introducing

20mph limits on residential roads from 2016/17 onwards, giving due consideration to the revenue and capital and enforcement implications of such a programme."

I am pleased to say that, on this occasion, the council unanimously agreed to support my motion. I agreed to an alteration of the six month deadline referred to above given the workload of relevant officers, which is perfectly reasonable, but the bottom line is that the council will now be consulting with people across Dundee on this important road safety measure.

Seymour Street road repairs : I mentioned in last month's update that the City Council had agreed to my request for road repairs in Seymour Street.

I am pleased to say these have now taken place :

