

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
7.5T (WITH ACCESS) WEIGHT RESTRICTION, A905 BEANCROSS
ROAD, GRANGEMOUTH**
Meeting: PLANNING COMMITTEE
Date: 01 December 2010
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**Local Members: Depute Provost Allyson Black
Councillor Alistair McNeill
Councillor Angus MacDonald
Councillor Robert Spears**

Community Council: Grangemouth

Council Officers: Russell Steedman – Network Co-ordinator

UPDATE REPORT FOLLOWING COMMITTEE SITE VISIT

1. Members will recall that consideration whether or not to initiate procedures to introduce a weight restriction on the above road was originally considered at the meeting of the Planning Committee on 03 November 2010 (copy of previous report appended), when it was agreed to continue consideration of the matter and undertake a site visit. This visit took place on 19 November 2010.
2. Members travelled the proposed route and the alternative route proposed in the report which HGV's would be required to use. They also travelled the route suggested by the Community Council
3. Members raised a number of questions relating to the proposed restriction, particularly relating to environmental impacts and road safety aspects of the current and alternative routes.
4. Local residents and Community Council representative raised concerns regarding the volume of HGV's and the adverse effect on their environment, resulting in noise, diesel fumes, vibration and damage to property.
5. Falkirk Council's Head of Economic Development advised that the logistics sector was important to the economic prosperity of the area and stated that a weight restriction was premature and could affect development and creation of jobs. Falkirk Council is currently making a case to the Scottish Government to improve junction 6 of M9 motorway which would route HGV's away from Beancross Road.

6. No matters were raised which would amend the original recommendation that Members consider the terms of the report and determine whether or not to initiate procedures to introduce a weight restriction.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 6.1 As a result of the site visit the following information has been obtained to assist members in their considerations.

- 6.2 Recent traffic surveys have indicated the following:

A905 Beancross Road at Bridge at Railway		
24hr	Volume	Comments
Total	13190	
Commercial Vehicles	1814	14% Commercial vehicles
Articulated lorries/bus/coach	866	7% Articulated lorries/bus/coach
1800 - 0800		
Total	4609	32% of 24hr volume
Commercial Vehicles	510	11% Commercial vehicles
Articulated lorries/bus/coach	276	6% Articulated lorries/bus/coach

A9 Laurieston Bypass		
24hr	Volume	Comments
Total	18062	
Commercial Vehicles	1759	10% Commercial vehicles
Articulated lorries/bus/coach	428	2% Articulated lorries/bus/coach
1800 - 0800		
Total	5242	31% of 24hr volume
Commercial Vehicles	416	8% Commercial vehicles
Articulated lorries/bus/coach	134	3% Articulated lorries/bus/coach

Personal injury accidents statistics indicate the following:

	Personal injury accident last 5 years (pia)	Accident Rate pia/mvehkm/year
A905 current route	8	0.147
A9 / A904 alternative route	51	0.414

- 6.3 Environmental Health officers have advised that noise and vibration measurements were carried out previously and the noise level did not justify noise insulation. Vibration levels

were such that they were not considered to be likely to cause structural damage in terms of the relevant standards. Air pollution from road traffic on Beancross Road is not at a level which requires intervention as far as air quality targets are concerned.

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 Members are asked to consider whether or not to promote a Traffic Regulation Order for a 7.5T weight restriction either full time or between the evening and overnight hours of 6pm and 8am only.**

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Director of Development Services

Date: 24 November 2010

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