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April 7th/1970

Dear Sir,

It is difficult to understand why we should only be asked to comment on the widening of Castle Street after the proposed scheme has been accepted by the County Council.

Considering the shortness of the Tourist season the expense involved seems out of all proportion to the traffic and the result to the appearance of Castle Street deplorable.

The loss of trees at the entrance to Castle St would be a very great miss. Everyone I know admires the green archway they make. What causes obstruction now is that cars are allowed to park on both sides of the part that has already been widened, instead of parking on alternate days on one side only.

We thought that Dornoch was a Conservation area but I understand that the application has never been forwarded to the authority though four months have elapsed since it was unanimously agreed on at the public meeting.

To pull down the shop of J & S Grant and force the owner to shift would involve ~~for~~ him in great expense and probable loss even if another shop was built for him.

Yours faithfully

K. J. Lyon

RECEIVED 18 MAR 1970

The Deanery,
DORNOCH,
Sutherland,
18th March, 1970.

The Royal Burgh of Dornoch Town Council.
Town Clerk's Office,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sirs,

We, the undersigned, hereby as individuals, and as a body, object most strongly to Sutherland County Council's reconstruction plan for Castle Street.

Accordingly, we demand a Public Meeting of the Electorate, to be held, before any further discussion takes place between the Town Council and The County Council.

Yours faithfully,

J Macdonald, Elmbank, Dornoch.

Geo H. Mackenzie, Plover Bank.

Dorothy E. Macdonald

N. Macdonald Elmbank.

I. Mackay W. D. Dornoch.

E. Munro Gordaleloch

A. S. Addison THE DEANERY

J. C. Addison The Deanery

George J. Maclean J. P. Maclean

J. Grant Mrs J. Grant Castle St
Sirna E. Grant " " " "

W. H. S. Rowe, Rosebery Ave., Dornoch.

W. S. Mackay Salon M1-K1

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND

J.B.Rodger, M.A., LL.B., Yr. ref.
County Clerk. Our ref. RM/EM

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
GOLSPIE
SUTHERLAND.

Telephone Nos 392 & 393

18th February, 1970.

J. Nolan, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Council Chabbers,
DORNOCH.

*considered at Town Council Meeting of 3rd March 1970
resolved to display Drawing of Scheme and invite comment
from ratepayers.*

Dear Sir,

Dornoch War Memorial-Castle Street Widening

At a recent meeting the Roads Committee of the Council had under consideration a plan showing a scheme of improvement to Castle Street Dornoch prepared by the County Surveyor. The Committee agreed to recommend acceptance in principle of this plan and to advise the County Council to remit the matter in the first instance to the Town Council. This recommendation will come before a meeting of the County Council to be held on 23rd February and I will write you immediately after that meeting.

In the meantime I enclose copy of Drawing No. 116/1 showing the extent of the scheme and one copy of the County Surveyor's report on this matter.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J.B.Rodger,
County Clerk.

DORNOCH WAR MEMORIAL - CASTLE STREET WIDENING

TECHNICAL REPORT

Introduction

Traffic conditions in Castle Street have noticeably deteriorated during recent summer months and it is the object of this scheme to improve conditions in Castle Street to an acceptable standard. The scheme fits into the general pattern of improvement to the Dornoch/Evelix route which have been undertaken in recent years and ties into the proposed improvement from Dornoch Academy to the War Memorial which is included in the 1971-72 programme.

Need for Improvement

Castle Street forms a part of the main route linking Dornoch with the trunk road A9, and the general carriageway width of 20 feet makes it inadequate for the type of traffic this road now carries, particularly as there is no possibility of restricting frontage access which necessitates some provision being made for on street parking. Traffic conditions are at their worst during the summer months when serious congestion is caused by the high volume of tourist traffic in Dornoch, a relatively high proportion consisting of touring caravans.

The ideal and in this case practical solution to this problem would be to widen the carriageway to 30 feet through most of its length. If this is not carried out shortly it is likely that parking restrictions would have to be imposed during the summer months until action is taken to improve the situation permanently.

Extent of Scheme

It is intended to reconstruct the whole section from the War Memorial to the Square providing footpaths with a minimum width of 6 feet on each side of the

width of 30 feet, as was the section recently widened.

The Poles Road junction and Sutherland Road junction will both be improved to a more satisfactory standard, thereby raising the level of safety for both vehicles and pedestrians in the area of each.

Allowance is also made for improving the main access to High street and Dornoch Burgh Council may wish to take advantage of this opportunity to rationalise the traffic flow from this area and pedestrianise the areas immediately in front of the Cathedral and perhaps also the present access adjacent to J. & S. Grant's shop.

Interference with Property and Amenity

The extent of interference with property is generally confined to the acquisition of a 6 feet deep strip of garden area from those affected, but it is unavoidable that part, if not all of J.& S. Grant's shop in Castle Street will have to be demolished.

Amenity will be preserved so far as is possible by rebuilding boundary walls on the new line similar to those already existing and it is proposed to construct the footpath in front of the Cathedral behind the existing row of trees in order to avoid having to remove them. A number of trees on the north side of the road between the War Memorial and Sutherland Road will have to be removed in order to accommodate the road widening.

The Town Clerk
Joanoch

RECEIVED 28 APR 1970

3.20 pm

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned wish to have a Public meeting called for Monday 4th May 1970 to hear from the retiring councillors of their Stewardship on the Town Council & also from Candidates who are nominated for election on Tuesday 5th May 1970.

D. Murray

S. Campbell

T. C. King

D. Brennan

J. H. Mackay

Jean S. C. Mackay

J. G. Galt

R. Mackay

J. G. Galt

J. G. Galt

David Kennedy

J. G. Galt

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, STRONGLY OBJECT TO SUTHERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN REGARDING CASTLE STREET, DORNOCH AND DEMAND THAT DORNOCH TOWN COUNCIL CALL A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ENTIRE PLAN AND HEAR OBJECTORS:-

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Dennis Bethune
2 Mackay St Gilbert Street
Mrs Banks
J. V. Oigt
M. Graham Station Terrace
Mrs Murray Bingham House Dornoch
George Mackay Station Rd Dornoch
John Mackay 3 Station Terrace Dornoch
Dona Matheson Station Terrace Dornoch
George Mackay 1 North Street Dornoch
Irene Davidson 3 Gilchrist Square
Mrs Helen McNeill 6 Gilchrist Square
Mrs L. G. Will High Street
6 Blue Seed Wallace House Dornoch
E. K. Murray Masonic Building
Mrs Murray High St
Ed. Mackay The Square Dornoch
M. M. Macdonald Mill Seary Dornoch
W. A. Macdonald Mill Seary Dornoch
x Robert Bellairs Castle St Dornoch
B. Hutton 8 x Gilberts Street Dornoch
L. Mackay Farmers Loan & Co Dornoch
Beira MacLean Hillside Dornoch
Blair MacLean Hillside Dornoch
Mrs Mackay High St Dornoch
G. Mackay 1 Gilchrist Square Dornoch
G. P. Purvis 1 High St Dornoch
E. Murray Bingham House
Mrs Mackay Bishopfield
Mrs Mackay 2 Gilchrist Square
Mrs M. F. Murray Balcan Dornoch

Mrs Isabel Sutherland Ballvam Farm Dornoch
* Mrs Horace Patterson 3 Castle Street, Dornoch
Mrs Broomie Cottages Cottage
* Mrs MacKay Castle Street
H. J. MacLeod Wallace House, Dornoch.
E. M. MacLeod School Hill Dornoch.
* K. J. Lyon 12. Castle Street
G. J. Lindsay 1 MacDonalda Rd Dornoch.
E. Mackintosh Argyle Street Dornoch.

John Duff County Buildings Dornoch

Eisii Duff " " "

Margaret M. Grant, The Elms, Dornoch

Catherine M Grant The Elms, Dornoch

* Rust Mackay High na Furan Castle St

x { Rose Matheson, Tordarroch, Dornoch
J Matheson, Tordarroch, Dornoch.

Jeans Appleton Church Street, Dornoch

Peter Appleton Church Street Dornoch.

* Donald M. Appleton Castle St Dornoch

John MacRae High na Furan Dornoch

Note of Names on Second Petition:

Mr. Macdonald	Elm Bank, Beith St.	
Mrs. Macdonald	" "	"
Mr. Mackenzie	Dean Court	"
Mrs. Mackenzie	" "	"
Mr. Addison	The Deanery	"
Mrs. Addison	" "	"
Mr. G. J. Maclean		"
Mrs. G. J. Maclean		"
Mr. P. Grant		"
Mrs. P. Grant		"
Mrs. M. Mackay	West Deanery	"
Mrs. E. Murdoch	T. Ardross	"
Mr. H. S. Rowe	Rosebery House	"
Mr. W. S. Mackay	Mi-Ki	"

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+ 52

total 66

Analysis:

No. affected by scheme 13 (5 buildings = 10 of the 13 signatures)