

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET – 19 NOVEMBER 2008**

### **TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR MACFARLANE DRIVE, MACNAUGHTON DRIVE AND MACKELLAR PLACE, KILMARNOCK BLANEY AVENUE AND CARNSHALLOCH AVENUE, PATNA**

#### **OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED ROAD HUMPS**

##### **Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**1.1** The purpose of the report is : -

- a) To advise the Cabinet of objections that have been received to the Road Humps Notice being promoted in respect of traffic calming proposals for MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock and Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna.
- b) To seek the approval of the Cabinet for the proposed traffic calming in MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock with the exception of the speed table proposed to be located on MacNaughton Drive approximately 30 metres south of MacDougall Drive.
- c) To seek the approval of the Cabinet for the proposed speed table to be located in Blaney Avenue, Patna approximately 73 metres south of Main Street.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

**2.1** At the cabinet meeting on 4 June 2008 approval was given for a programme of mandatory 20mph schemes in seven residential areas which included the MacFarlane Drive area, Kilmarnock and Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna. The Orders have now been advertised and no objections have been received.

**2.2** The planning of new 20mph speed limits involves close liaison with Strathclyde Police who are required to enforce the new limits. Strathclyde Police have not objected to the proposed 20mph limit but in some areas, it is necessary to introduce traffic calming to ensure that drivers will comply with the reduced speed limit.

It was considered that traffic calming would be required in MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, following local concern regarding speeding and also to deter speeding on routes leading to James Hamilton Academy where pupils are walking and being picked up and set down.

Traffic calming was also considered necessary for Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna to help drivers adjust their speed to the new, lower speed limit.

- 2.3 MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock** - A Road Humps Notice was advertised on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008, giving a period of four weeks for comment and objections. Three formal objections have been received all of which have been maintained. Two objections relate specifically to the speed tables proposed for MacNaughton Drive and the remaining objection relates specifically to the speed tables proposed for MacKellar Place.

The speed table which is proposed on MacNaughton Drive 30 metres south of MacDougall Drive, has been described wrongly in the Public Notice published in the Ayrshire Classified. It is proposed that this speed table shall be omitted from the current scheme and re-advertised for installation at a later date.

**Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna** - A Road Humps Notice was advertised on 1st August 2008, giving a period of four weeks for comment and objections. One formal objection has been received some time after the objection period, and this has been maintained. The objection relates specifically to one speed table proposed to be located on Blaney Avenue

The objections are outlined in paragraph 4.4 below along with the comments of the Head of Roads & Transportation.

### **3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock** - The works consist of speed tables located at regular intervals along the street with associated traffic signs and road markings. The spacing of the road humps is designed in accordance with the Roads Development Guide to assist drivers to maintain a uniformly reduced speed along MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place. A plan showing the layout of road safety proposals is detailed in Appendix 1.

- 3.2 Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna** - The works consist of speed tables located at regular intervals along the street with associated traffic signs and road markings. The spacing of the road humps is designed in accordance with the Roads Development Guide to assist drivers to maintain a uniformly reduced speed along Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue. A plan showing the layout of road safety proposals is detailed in Appendix 2.

### **4. PROCEDURES**

- 4.1** The road hump notices have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of The Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations 1998 and The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.
- 4.2 Consultation** – the organisations, representative groups and individuals consulted during the preparation of the Notice are detailed in Appendix 3. The Chief Constable has no objections to the Road Humps Notice. The local residents were also informed about the proposals using flyers that were posted through doors. Notices were also placed on lighting columns.
- 4.3 Publication of Proposals** – The Road Humps Notice was published in the Kilmarnock Standard and the Ayrshire Post. Full details of the proposals with plans were available for inspection at:-

- Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock
- Roads Division, Holmquarry House, Holmquarry Road, Kilmarnock
- Local Office, Doonside Avenue, Patna

#### 4.4 Formal Objections

##### **MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock**

4.4.1 Objector 1 has objected by letter to the proposed road humps on MacKellar Place. He considers that :-

- a) The location of the road humps will make it more dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians due to increased traffic congestion along MacKellar Place, particularly at school times with parked cars;
- b) That the siting of a road hump close to the junction with Cameron Drive and Grassyards Road will make vehicle manoeuvres more difficult;
- c) The proposal for speed humps on MacKellar Place is unnecessary as there are no existing problems with regard to speeding; and
- d) Drivers will focus on negotiating the speed tables whilst ignoring other hazards on the road.

**Comments** - The proposals include road humps at regular intervals to ensure that drivers maintain a uniformly reduced speed which will reduce the risk of accidents. Local concerns have been raised about road safety at school opening and closing times due to vehicle speeds and congestion due to short term parking in close proximity to the school. Reduced vehicle speeds would enhance safety for children and other road users and help to encourage safe walking and cycling.

4.4.2 Objector 2 has objected by letter to the proposed road humps on MacNaughton Drive and in particular the hump to be sited near to the junction with MacPhail Drive.

She considers the proposed road humps to be inappropriate for this area because:-

- a) There is no statistical evidence to support traffic calming
- b) Humps will make the road more dangerous
- c) Hump sited near a bend on road
- d) Humps sited on a gradient
- e) Humps sited on a narrow road
- f) There are no existing problems with speeding or road accidents
- g) Speeds are low at present because of parked cars and narrow roads.

**Comments** - Concern has been expressed by the local residents about vehicle speeds in the vicinity of MacNaughton Drive and MacFarlane Drive. The proposals for road humps at regular intervals to ensure that drivers maintain a uniformly reduced speed in the proposed 20mph area on the approach to James Hamilton Academy. The reduced speed limit and traffic calming will enhance safety for pupils and other road users and encourage safe walking and cycling to the school. The speed table which is proposed to be located 16 metres north of the junction with MacPhail Drive has been positioned in order to ensure that drivers do not accelerate once they have entered the street and are aware that they are in a traffic calmed area.

Gradients in these streets are not excessive and road humps will be easily negotiated without difficulty.

- 4.4.3 Objector 3 has objected by letter and included a petition opposing the road humps which had been signed by 102 members of public. They consider the proposal for speed humps on MacNaughton Drive to be unnecessary as there are no existing problems with regard to speeding or personal injury as a result of road accidents. They are also concerned that the introduction of road humps will increase pollution in the area from traffic noise and vehicle emissions and will also damage vehicles.

**Comments** - The proposals include road humps at regular intervals to ensure that drivers maintain a uniformly reduced speed in the proposed 20mph area on the approach to James Hamilton Academy. The reduced speed limit and traffic calming will enhance safety for pupils and other road users and encourage safe walking and cycling to the school. In addition the approach ramps of the speed tables will be extended to reduce the potential for vehicle noise and vibration. The speed tables will not cause damage to vehicles provided they are travelling at an appropriate speed.

#### **Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna**

- 4.4.4 Objector 1 has objected by letter about the proposed road hump which is to be located centrally on the boundary between Nos.2 and 4 Blaney Avenue. He has objected because he manoeuvres a caravan, boat and trailer by reverse into his driveway, he considers that the siting of this road hump will make this procedure more difficult. He is also concerned with the possibility of damage to his vehicles as well as damaging the surface of the road hump.

**Comments** - The proposals include road humps at regular intervals to ensure that drivers maintain a uniformly reduced speed which will reduce the risk of accidents. Both road humps in Blaney Avenue have been positioned on the boundary line between houses in order to avoid access points such as driveways etc. In the case of Mr. Broadhead, the edge of the proposed speed table is approximately 6 metres from the south edge of his driveway. This distance is likely to be adequate to enable him to manoeuvre his vehicles. In addition, the approach ramps of the speed table will be extended in order to facilitate this manoeuvre.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 **MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock** - The costs of the works will be met from the 2008/2009 20mph Speed Limits allocation.

**Blaney Avenue and Carnshalloch Avenue, Patna** - The costs of the works will be met from the Fairer Scotland Fund Budget 2008/2009 allocation.

## **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The promotion of the road humps has been in accordance with The Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations 1998 and The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

- 6.2 The Cabinet may, having considered the objections, if they think fit, cause a local inquiry to be held, which would be chaired by a reporter appointed by the Scottish Government.

## **7. COMMUNITY PLAN / POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

**7.1** The proposed road safety measures are designed to enhance community safety in the area. The project will address the need to reduce speeds and improve road safety for vulnerable road users, including the elderly, the disabled, cyclists and pedestrians.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**8.1** It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- i) consider whether to hold a local inquiry in respect of the objections received for proposals described in paragraph 3.1 and 3.2;
- ii) in the event of a decision being taken under (i) above not to cause a local inquiry to be held, to then proceed to consider the objections, as outlined in Para. 4.4 above; and
- iii) to thereafter determine whether or not to approve the road humps for MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place, Kilmarnock as advertised with the exception of the speed table proposed to be located on MacNaughton Drive approximately 30 metres south of MacDougall Drive.
- iv) to thereafter determine whether or not to approve the road hump proposed to be located adjacent to Nos. 2 and 4 Blaney Avenue.

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7<sup>th</sup> November 2008

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

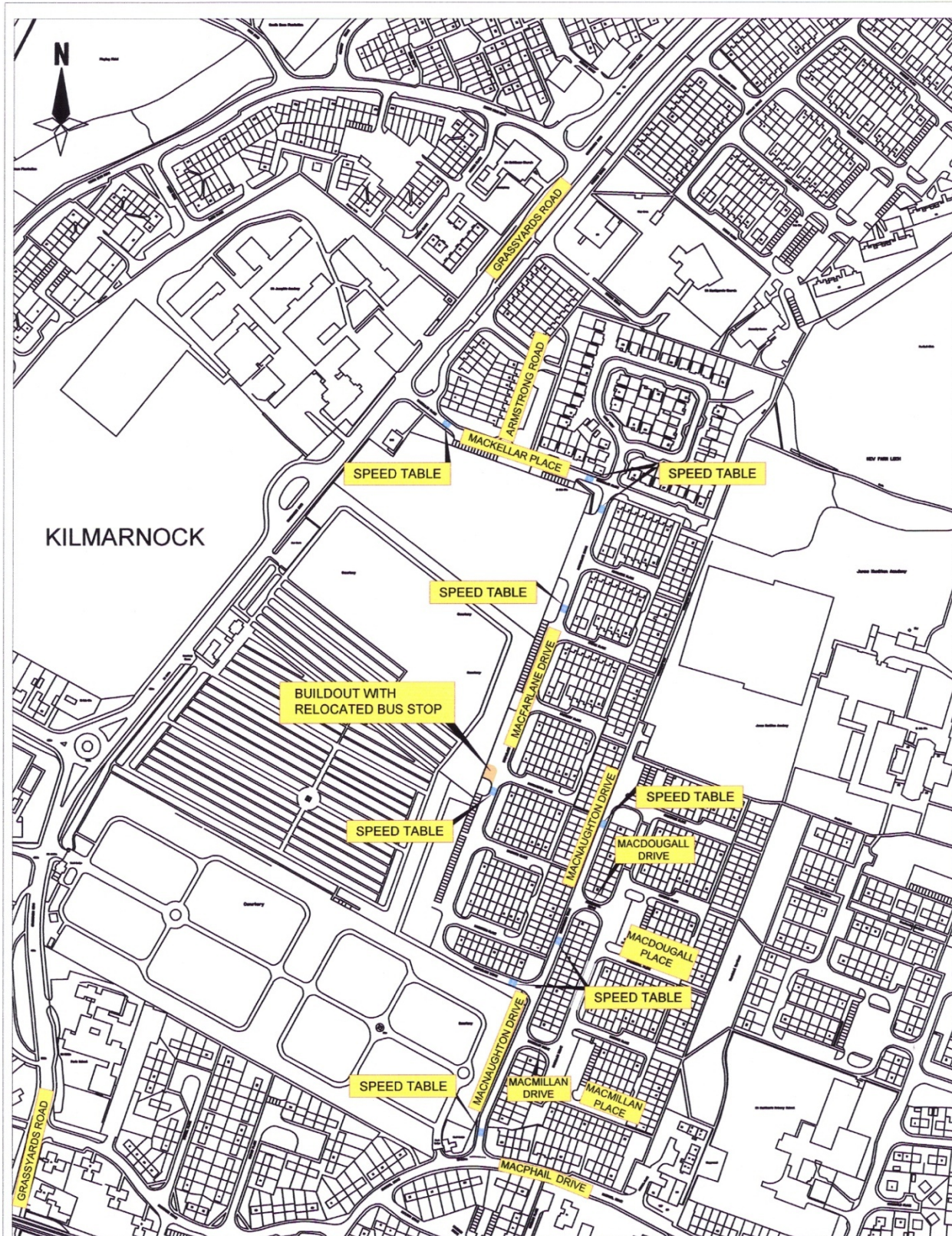
**Nil**

Copies of the above named road humps notices are available from the Head of Roads & Transportation.

For further information on the contents of this report please contact Keith Orton, Acting Chief Engineer on 01563 555714

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## **Appendix 1**



KILMARNOCK

20MPH SPEED LIMITS  
 2008-2009  
 NEW FARM LOCH - KILMARNOCK  
 MacFarlane Drive, MacNaughton Drive and MacKellar Place  
 PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING

Greenholm Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 4DJ

Head of Roads and Transportation :  
 John Bryson BSc., CEng. MICE

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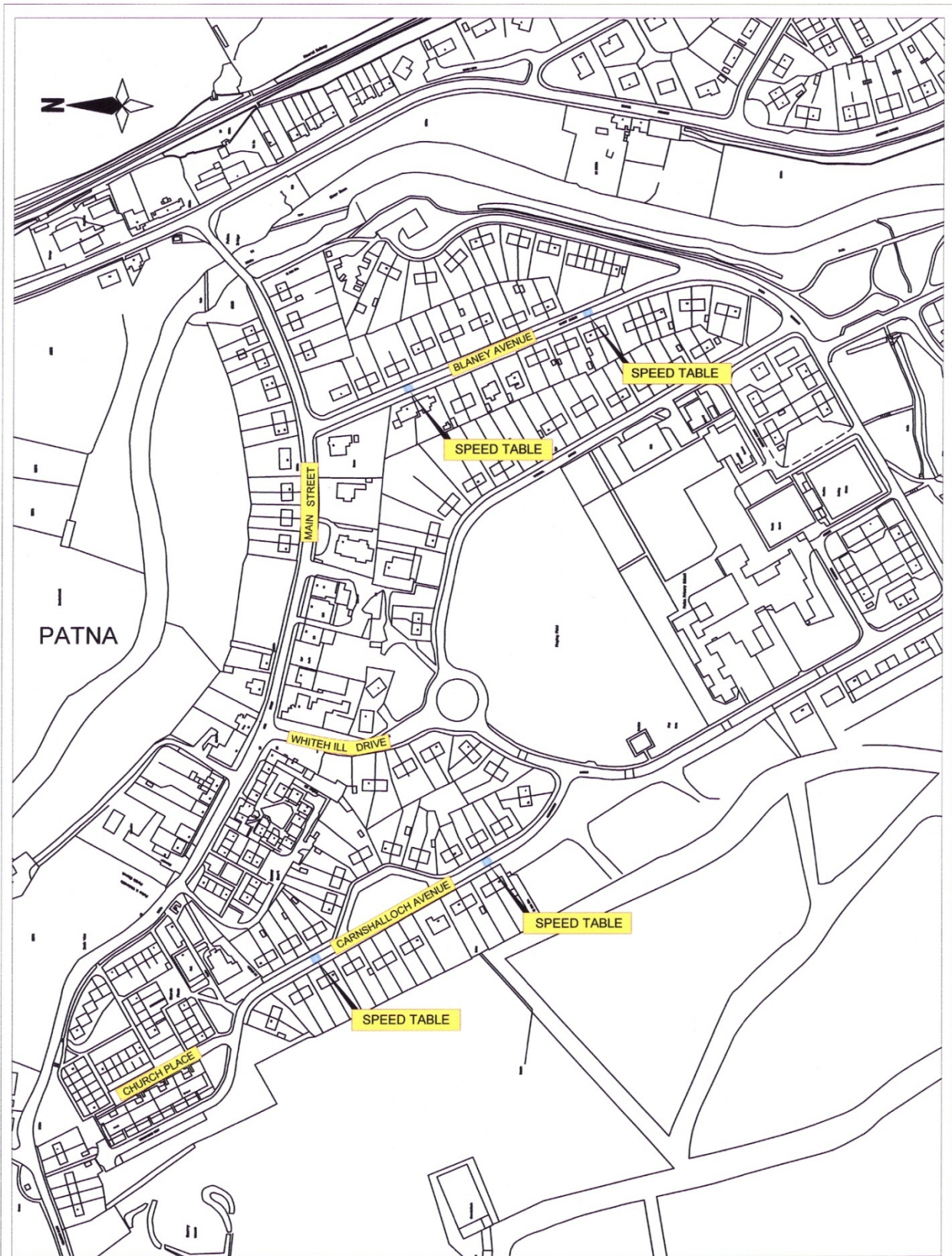
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# Appendix 2



20MPH LIMITS 2008-2009 FAIRER SCOTLAND FUND PATNA Blaney Avenue & Carnshalloch Avenue PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING		Head of Roads and Transportation : John Bryson BSc., CEng. MICE	
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Greenholm Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 4DJ

## Appendix 3

### Consultation List

The following organisations, representative groups and individuals were consulted during the preparation of the speed hump notice –

Strathclyde Police  
Strathclyde Fire Brigade  
NHS Ayrshire & Arran  
Scottish Ambulance Service  
Strathclyde Passenger Transport  
Freight Transport Association Ltd  
The Road Haulage Association Ltd  
Stagecoach Western Buses & A1 Service  
Royal Mail  
Scottish Power  
Transco  
British Telecom  
Scottish Water  
Cycling Scotland  
C.T.C (Ayrshire Section)  
Scottish Taxi Federation  
East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability  
North East Ayrshire Access Panel  
Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel  
New Farm Loch Community Council  
Patna Community Council  
Councillor Drew McIntyre  
Councillor Gordon Cree  
Councillor John Campbell  
Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie  
Councillor Drew Filson  
Councillor James Sutherland  
Councillor Bobby McDill (Environment & Regeneration)  
Councillor Jim Buchannan (Environment & Regeneration)  
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