

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 24 JANUARY 2008

TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR A719, MAIN ROAD AND C66, FENWICK ROAD, WATERSIDE

OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED ROAD HUMPS

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Cabinet of objections that have been received to Road Humps Notices being promoted for traffic calming proposals for A719, Main Road and C66, Fenwick road, Waterside and to seek the approval of the Cabinet for the traffic calming as proposed.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Development and Property Services Committee meeting on 6 March 2007 approval was given for the installation of traffic calming on A719, Main Road and C66, Fenwick Road, Waterside, to be funded from the 2007/08 Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets budget.
- 2.2 Road Humps Notices were advertised on 7th September 2007, giving a period of four weeks for comment and objections. One objection has been received to the road hump proposals in Waterside. The objection is outlined in paragraph 4.4 below along with the comments of the Acting Head of Roads.
- 2.3 In the course of an earlier speed reduction scheme, speed tables have been provided at the junction of Main Road and Fenwick Road and at other locations on Main Road where it passes through Waterside.
- 2.4 An extension to the 30mph speed limit on Main Road has already been promoted. It is also proposed to extend the 30mph speed limit on Fenwick Road, under current legislation this can be implemented on the C class road by extending the system of street lighting. The proposed speed tables will help drivers to reduce their speed to an appropriate level where the speed limits have been lowered.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The works consist of a speed table on Main Road, and a speed table on Fenwick Road with associated road markings and traffic signs. The spacings of speed tables are designed in accordance with current guidelines to ensure that drivers maintain a constant speed when travelling along Main Road and Fenwick Road thereby reducing noise and vehicle emissions. A plan showing the layout of road safety proposals is detailed in Appendix 1.

3.2 It is intended to move the existing vehicle activated warning sign northwards, at the northern end of Waterside, once the speed limit has been extended on the A719.

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 2. 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. 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 Area Office, Cross Street, Galston

4.4 Formal Objections

4.4.1 Objector 1, who lives in Main Road objects to the street lighting that is to be installed in association with the road humps. The objector also suggests that a chicane and vehicle activated signs should be installed instead of the humps.

Comments - To comply with the Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations 1998, street lighting is required to properly illuminate the humps. All potential traffic calming features were considered during the design process, including chicanes. The combination of a village gateway, followed by a hump was selected as this has proved effective in reducing vehicle speeds in other schemes in East Ayrshire, including the ones already installed on the A719 in Waterside. Vehicle activated signs have been installed on Main Road and one will be relocated to compliment the introduction of the new humps.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The costs of the works will be met from the 2007/2008 Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets 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 objection, 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 road safety measures proposed for are designed to improve community safety and the environment for the local community in this area. The project will address the need to reduce speeds and improve road safety for school children, vulnerable road users, including the elderly, the disabled, cyclists and pedestrians.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- i) agrees to determine the road hump proposals on Main Road and Fenwick Road, Waterside, without a Local Inquiry;
- ii) considers the objections as detailed in paragraph 4.4 above; and
- iii) approves the road humps proposals for Main Road and Fenwick Road, Waterside as advertised.

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7TH January 2008

BACKGROUND PAPERS

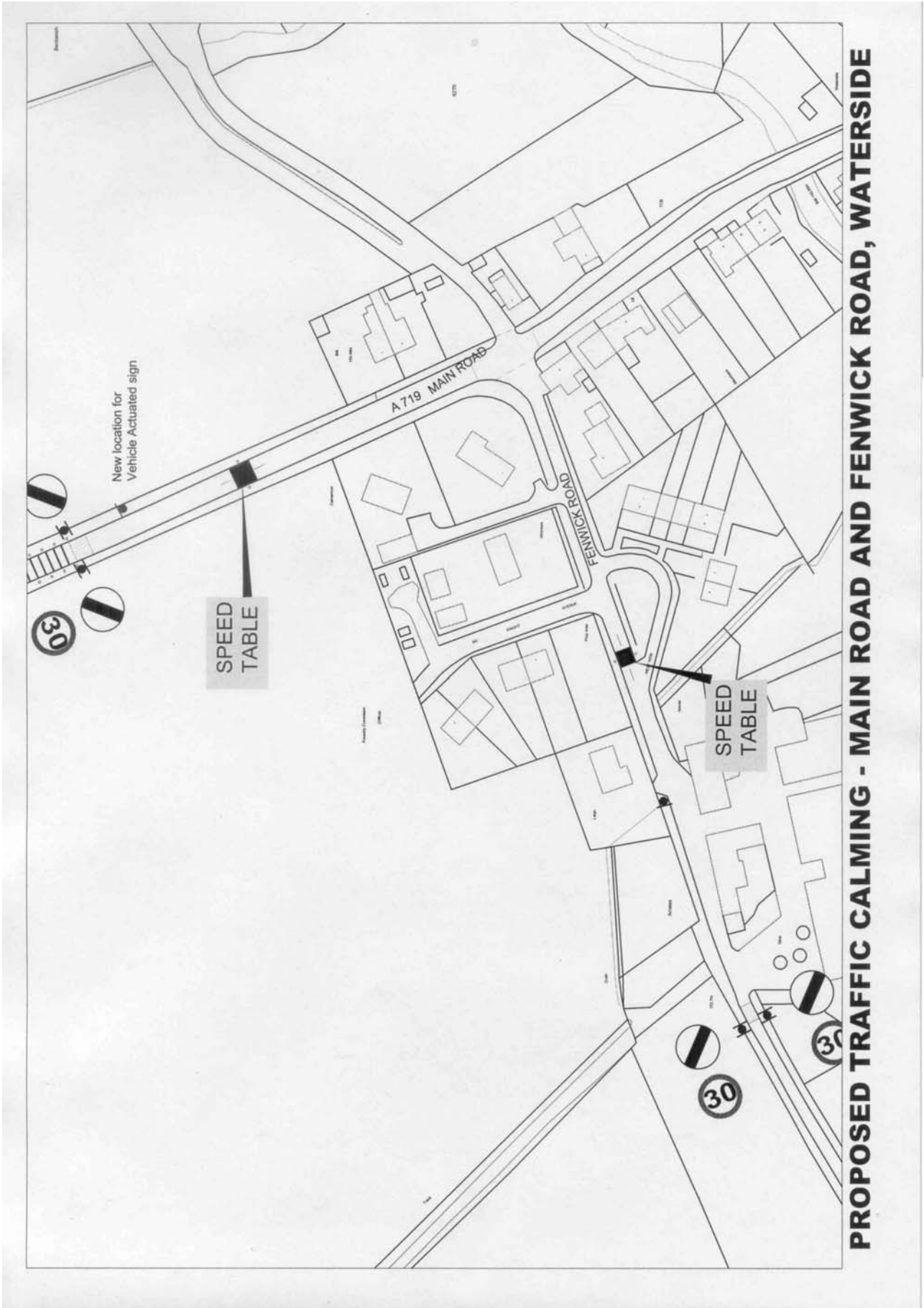
Nil

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

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Appendix 1



PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING - MAIN ROAD AND FENWICK ROAD, WATERSIDE

Appendix 2

Consultation List

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

Strathclyde Police
Strathclyde Fire Brigade
Ayrshire & Arran Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
Ayrshire & Arran Primary Care NHS Trust
Scottish Ambulance Service
Strathclyde Passenger Transport
Freight Transport Association Ltd
The Road Haulage Association Ltd
Stagecoach Western Buses & A1 Service
Shuttlebuses
Royal Mail
Scottish Power
Transco
British Telecom
Scottish Water
Royal Automobile Club
The Automobile Association Ltd
C.T.C
Cycling Scotland
Cumnock and Doon Valley Access Panel
Scottish Taxi Federation
Kilmarnock Forum on Disability
North East Ayrshire Access Panel
Moscow and Waterside Community Council
Councillor A. Brown
Councillor B. McDill
Councillor S. Finlayson
Councillor S. Young
Councillor B. McDill, Environment and Regeneration
Councillor J. Buchanan, Environment and Regeneration
Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council
Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services
Executive Director of Corporate Support
Executive Director of Educational and Social Services
Chief Engineer (Operations)
Head of Planning and Building Control