

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 14 DECEMBER 2004

REDUCTION OF THE NATIONAL SPEED LIMIT TO A 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT B7046 SKARES ROAD, SKARES WITH ACCOMPANIED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to introduce a 30 mph speed limit on the B7046 Skares Road through the village of Skares and to approve the proposed traffic calming measures.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.2 There has been local concern for some time about the speed of vehicles passing through the village of Skares. As the road is currently subjected to the national speed limit, vehicles are able to pass through the village at relatively high speeds. If the proposed speed limit reduction is approved, traffic calming measures will be introduced to accompany these proposals.
- 2.3 Preliminary consultation about the traffic calming measures have been undertaken with residents. The proposals have been adjusted to take account of local needs and the statutory road humps notice has been published.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 **30mph Speed Limit Order** – it is proposed that the existing national speed limit should be reduced to 30 mph in the interest of promoting road safety. A plan of the proposed speed limit reduction is detailed in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 **Traffic Calming** - On approval of the 30mph speed limit, traffic calming measures will be introduced and both the police and local community are supportive of these initial proposals. The traffic calming measures which are proposed include speed tables, chicanes, gateway features and other speed reducing measures that will help enforce the speed limit. A plan showing the extent of the traffic calming is shown in Appendix 2.

4. PROCEDURES

- 4.1 **30 mph Speed Limit** - The draft Order has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1999. The Notice promoting the Order was published on 24th September 2004 and the 21 day period for objections ended on 15th October 2004. No objections were received for this Order.

4.2 Publication of Proposals – the draft Order was published in the Edinburgh Gazette, Cumnock Chronicle and Kilmarnock Standard. Full details of the proposals with plans and Statement of Reasons were available for inspection at

- Council Headquarters, London Road,
- The Roads & Transportation Division offices, Greenholm Street
- East Ayrshire Council Local Office, Millbank, Lugar Street, Cumnock.

4.3 Consultation – the organisations, representative groups and individuals consulted during the preparation of the Order are detailed in Appendix 3. The Chief Constable has no objections to the draft Order and no objections or adverse comments were received from any of the consultees.

4.4 Road Humps Notice – The traffic calming package includes speed tables and these were promoted by East Ayrshire Council in accordance with the requirements of The Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations 1998 and the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. The road humps Notice was published on 5th November 2004 and the 28 day period for objections expires on 3rd December 2004.

4.5 The road humps notice was published in the Kilmarnock Standard and the Cumnock Chronicle and was available for inspection at the same locations that were used for the Traffic Order.

4.6 Consultation – The consultees listed in Appendix 3 were consulted about the Road Humps Notice and to date there has been no objections received.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The 30mph speed limit Order will be implemented from existing budgets and the traffic calming measures will be jointly funded by East Ayrshire Council and ATH Open Cast Mining.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The promotion of the Order has been in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

6.2 The road humps notice has been in accordance with the requirements of The Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations 1998 and the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (a) Approves the proposal for a 30mph speed limit on the B7046 Skares Road, Skares as shown in Appendix 1; and
- (b) Remit to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to proceed with traffic calming proposals as shown in Appendix 2 if there are no objections; and
- (c) Note that if there are objections to the Road Humps Notice a future report will be submitted to the Committee for their determination prior to the implementation of the affected traffic calming.

James Lavery
Executive Director of Development and Property Services
25 November 2004
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REFERENCES

Appendix 1 – Plan showing the extent of the proposed speed limit.
Appendix 2 – Plan showing the extent of the traffic calming.
Appendix 3 – List of parties consulted

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1 The East Ayrshire Council (Route B7046 Skares Road, Skares) (Restricted Roads) Order _____

2 Route B7046 Skares Road, Skares Road Hump Notice

Copies of the above named draft Order and road hump notice are available from the Head of Roads & Transportation.

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Appendix 3

Consultation List

The following organisations, representative groups and individuals were consulted on the Road Hump Notice and during the preparation of the draft Order.

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
HAD Coaches Ltd
Shuttlebuses
Royal Mail
Scottish Power
Transco
British Telecom
Scottish Water
Royal Automobile Club
The Automobile Association Ltd
C.T.C
Cycling Scotland
East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability
Scottish Taxi Federation
East Ayrshire Taxi Trades Council
Cumnock Community Council
Cumnock Landward Community Council
Chair, Development Services Committee
Councillor W. Menzies (Ochiltree, Skares, Netherthird and Craigens)
Chair, Cumnock Area Local Committee
Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council
Executive Director of Development and Property Services
Chief Engineer (Operations)
Head of Planning and Building Control
Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services