

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 19 JANUARY 2005

#### TO INTRODUCE 40MPH SPEED LIMITS ON ROUTE A71 BETWEEN NEWMILNS AND DARVEL AND ON ROUTE A70 THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF COALHALL

##### 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 40 mph speed limits on the A71 between Newmilns and Darvel and on the A70 through the village of Coalhall

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A71 Newmilns to Darvel – At present, there is a short section of road between Newmilns and Darvel that is subject to the national speed limit of 60mph. A 40 mph speed limit will be more appropriate in linking the two villages together and providing a safer route for all road users.
- 2.2 A70 Coalhall – The A70 is currently subject to the national speed limit of 60mph. There have been accidents at the junction of the A70/B730. Local residents and the Local Member have also expressed concerns about the speed of vehicles passing through the village. The police are supportive of reducing the speed limit to 40mph speed limit which would be more appropriate for the character of the road.

#### 3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 **A71 Newmilns to Darvel** – It is proposed to reduce the national speed limit to a 40mph speed limit for a distance of 780 Metres.
- 3.2 **A70 Coalhall** – It is proposed to reduce the national speed limit to a 40 mph speed limit for a distance of 1.1 kilometres.
- 3.3 Plans detailing the extent of the proposed speed limit extensions are included in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

#### 4. PROCEDURES

- 4.1 The draft Orders have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.
- 4.2 **Consultation** – the organisations, representative groups and individuals consulted during the promotion of both draft Orders are listed in appendix 3 and 4. The Chief Constable had no objections to the draft Orders and no objections or adverse comments were received from any of the consultees.



**4.3 Publication of Proposals** – the draft Orders were published in the Edinburgh Gazette and Kilmarnock Standard. Full details of the proposals with plans and Statement of Reasons were available for inspection at

- Council Headquarters, London Road,
- East Ayrshire Council Local Office, Greenholm Street, Kilmarnock
- East Ayrshire Council Local Office, Drongan Resource Centre, Mill of Shield Road
- East Ayrshire Council Local Office, 4 Craigview Road, Newmilns
- East Ayrshire Council Local Office, 10 West Main Street, Darvel

**4.4 Formal Objections** – no objections were received in respect of either draft Order.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1 Nil**

## **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** The promotion of these Orders 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.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7.1** It is recommended that the Committee:

- i) Note the contents of the report; and
- ii) Approve the proposal to introduce 40mph speed limits on route A71 Newmilns to Darvel and on route A70 at Coalhall.

**James Lavery**  
**Executive Director of Development and Property Services**  
**12 January 2005**  
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### LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – **A71 Newmilns to Darvel**. Plan showing the extent of 40 mph speed limit

Appendix 2 - **A70 at Coalhall**. Plan showing the extent of 40 mph speed limit.

Appendix 3 – **A71 Newmilns to Darvel** – Consultation List

Appendix 4 - **A70 at Coalhall** – Consultation list

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 1 The East Ayrshire Council (Route A71 Newmilns to Darvel) (40 mph Speed Limit) Order \_\_\_\_\_**
- 2 The East Ayrshire Council (Routes A70 Coalhall) (40 mph Speed Limit) Order\_\_\_\_\_**

Copies of the above named draft Order are available from the Head of Roads & Transportation.

For further information on the contents of this report please contact Keith Orton on 01563 555714

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## **Appendix 3**

### **Consultation List – A71 Newmilns to Darvel**

The following organisations, representative groups and individuals were consulted during the preparation of the draft Orders –

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  
Kilmarnock & Loudon Access Panel  
Scottish Taxi Federation  
East Ayrshire Taxi Trades Council  
Darvel and District Community Council  
Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council  
Chair, Development Services Committee  
Councillor H. Wilson  
Councillor R. McDill  
Chair, Irvine Valley 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

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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  
Catrine Community Council  
Chair, Development Services Committee  
Councillor T. Farrell  
Chair, Doon Valley Local Committee  
Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council  
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