

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 20 JUNE 2006

#### B778 DALRY ROAD, STEWARTON TRAFFIC CALMING OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING BY GEORGE WIMPEY HOMES

##### Report by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is : -

- a) To advise the committee of an objection that has been received to the Road Humps Notice promoted for proposals for traffic calming on the B778 Dalry Road, Stewarton
- b) To seek the approval of the Committee for the traffic calming as proposed.

### 2. BACKGROUND

2.2 The proposals outlined above form part of the requirement of the Traffic Impact Assessment for traffic calming on Dalry Road, Stewarton in connection with an approved planning application for a residential development by George Wimpey Homes. The speed hump proposals will ensure that vehicle speeds on approach to the new development will be reduced to enhance road safety.

2.3 The statutory Road Humps Notice was advertised 7<sup>th</sup> April 2006, giving a period of 28 days for comment and objections. An objection has been received in respect of the proposals for traffic calming on Dalry Road.

2.4 A letter of support for the traffic calming has also been received but the author is concerned regarding the possibility of a rat run being created by motorists who try to avoid the traffic calming. Proposals have been submitted to the housing developer for an additional hump which would ensure all road users will have to negotiate the traffic calming.

### 3. PROPOSALS

3.1 B778 Dalry Road, Stewarton – The speed reduction measures comprise of 4 speed tables at regular intervals along the B778 with associated signing and lining. A plan showing the layout of the speed reduction measures is contained in Appendix 1.

### 4. PROCEDURES

4.1 The road hump notice has 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 along the frontages of the proposed traffic calming route were also informed about the proposals using flyers that were posted through doors and 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
- The Roads & Transportation Division, Holmquarry House, Holmquarry Road, Kilmarnock
- Stewarton Local Office, 8 Avenue Square, Stewarton

**4.4 Formal Objections – B778 Dalry Road, Stewarton** One maintained formal objection has been received regarding the proposals for traffic calming on the B778.

**Mr A R Davidson, 18 Dornie Close, Stewarton** – Mr Davidson has indicated that he does not want additional road humps along the B778 and is of the opinion that other locations are more deserving of traffic calming. His points of objection are as follows

- There is no demonstrable need for these
- The installation of the speed reduction measures will be a waste of public money
- There will be an increase in pollution levels
- There will be an increase in traffic noise levels
- There will be an increase on wear and tear on vehicles using this road
- There will be an increase in fuel consumption thereby wasting a natural resource
- There will be a maintenance cost burden imposed on the Council
- He will no longer be able to drive on the affected stretch of road at 30mph without causing damage to his vehicle

## **5. CONCLUSIONS FOR B778 DALRY ROAD, STEWARTON**

**5.1** The objection received highlights various points and these were addressed in the response. The Objector was informed that

- The traffic calming is being provided for road safety reasons, as the access to the new development from Dalry Road is close to the 30mph speed limit boundary
- The installation will be funded by the developer and does not involve public money
- Reduced vehicle speeds can reduce air pollution and noise
- Vehicles travelling at appropriate speeds should not be damaged by road humps
- The road humps are at a uniform spacing designed to encourage drivers to maintain an even speed. Reduced speeds can also reduce fuel consumption
- The maintenance cost will not be significant and will reduce the potential for future accidents.
- The additional journey time due to reduced speeds over the traffic calming will be very small

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** The costs of the works will be met by the housing developer as a requirement of the planning application.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**7.1** The promotion of the road humps has been in accordance with The Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations 1998 and The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. The Committee may, having considered the objections, if they think fit cause a Local Inquiry to be held.

## **8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

**8.1** The speed reduction measures will contribute to the Governments policies to reduce road casualties and Council policies to improve safety for all road users

## **9. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

**9.1** The speed reduction measures will contribute to improving community safety

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**10.1** It is recommended that the Committee decide:

- i) whether to cause a Local Inquiry to be held in accordance with paragraph 7.1;
- or ii) to consider whether to approve the proposed order, taking account of the objection detailed in paragraph 4.4, and having heard the Head of Roads and Transportation speak to the report; and
- iii) to thereafter, determine whether to approve the proposed order.

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**Executive Director of Development and Property Services**  
**6 June 2006**  
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### **LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Plans showing the road safety proposals  
Appendix 2 – Consultation list

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

#### **1 Notice of Proposals – Proposed installation of Road Humps, B778 Dalry Road, Stewarton**

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

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

Implementing Officer: William Cunningham, Roads & Transportation (Tel: 01563 555754)



## Appendix 2

### Consultation List

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  
North East Ayrshire Access Panel  
Scottish Taxi Federation  
East Ayrshire Taxi Trades Council  
Stewarton Community Council  
Chair, Development Services Committee  
Councillor M. McKay  
Councillor J O'Neil  
Chair, Northern 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  
Executive Director of Corporate Support  
Executive Director of Educational and Social Services