

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 10 MARCH 2004

REDUCTION OF EXISTING 50 MPH SPEED LIMITS TO 30 MPH SPEED LIMITS A719 MOSCOW

Report by Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the reduction of the existing 50 mph speed limit at A719 Moscow to 30 mph speed limit.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following the granting of a licence to fell mature trees at Cowan's Law in November 2000, extensive discussions were undertaken with the timber owners on all the options available for removing the timber by road transport.
- 2.2 From the investigations the only viable alternative was to use Hemphill Road for extraction.
- 2.3 There followed further detailed discussion with the local elected members, the Community Council, Police, etc. A package of safety measures that were to be implemented along the Hemphill Road and A719 to allow the safe passage of this timber were agreed. This included the 30mph speed limit that the Community had been seeking on the A719.
- 2.4 The timber owner agreed to make a contribution to the cost of these measures.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 **A719 Moscow** –it is proposed that the existing 50 mph speed limit should be reduced to 30 mph in the interest of promoting road safety and to accommodate the future movement of timber traffic to and from Cowans Law Forest in safety. The 30mph speed limit will not be introduced until traffic calming measures are implemented on the A719 through Moscow.
- 3.2 Plans detailing the extent of the proposed speed limit extensions are included in Appendix 1.

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.

- 4.1 Consultation** – the organisations, representative groups and individuals consulted during the preparation of the Orders are detailed in Appendix 2. The Chief Constable has no objections to the draft Orders and no objections or adverse comments were received from any of the consultees.
- 4.2 Publication of Proposals** – the draft Order was published in the Edinburgh Gazette and the Kilmarnock Standard. Full details of the proposals with plans and Statement of Reasons were available for inspection at Council Headquarters, London Road and the Roads & Transportation Division offices, Greenholm Street.
- 4.3 Formal Objections** – no objections were received in respect of any of the draft orders.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A719 Moscow** – The necessary traffic calming measures are to be jointly funded by EAC and the timber growers who want to extract timber from the Cowans Law Forest. Negotiations with the timber growers for the requisite funding have been completed. The necessary legal agreement on the contribution and management regime for the extraction is currently being finalised.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The promotion of this 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.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** It is recommended that the Committee:
- (a) notes the content of the report: and
 - (b) approves the proposal for 30mph speed limit on the A719 Moscow, as shown in Appendix 1 subject to securing agreement on financial contributions from the timber growers.

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Director of Development Services

20 February 2004
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LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Plan showing the extent of the proposed speed limit.
Appendix 2 – Consultation list.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1 The East Ayrshire Council (Route A719 Moscow) (Restricted Roads & Amendment) Order _____

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

For further information on the contents of this report please contact Jacqueline Viviani on 01563 576310.

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APPENDIX 1





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PROPOSED ORDER

**THE EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
 (ROUTE A719 MOSCOW)
 (RESTRICTED ROADS AND AMENDMENTS)
 ORDER**

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EXISTING
 National Speed Limit
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Proposed
 Reduce existing
 50mph Speed Limit to
 30mph Speed Limit
 (Approximately 1020 metres)

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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
HAD Coaches Ltd
Royal Mail
Scottish Power
Transco
British Telecom
Scottish Water
Royal Automobile Club
The Automobile Association Ltd
C.T.C
Kilmarnock Forum on Disability
Kilmarnock and Loudoun Access Panel
Scottish Taxi Federation
East Ayrshire Taxi Trades Council
Chair, Development Services Committee
Councillor I. Macrae (Moscow, Crookedholm/Galston West/Hurlford North)
Chair, Kilmarnock North Local Area Committee (proposals only)
Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council
Director of Development Services
Chief Engineer (Operations)
Head of Planning and Building Control
Director of Community Service