

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 9 MARCH 2005

A71 BUS CORRIDOR MEASURES - PROPOSED ROAD HUMPS FOR NEWMILNS

Report by 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 objections that have been received to Road Humps Notice being promoted for proposals for Kilnholm Street in Newmilns; and
- b) To seek the approval of the Committee for the traffic calming as proposed.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1** In August 2002, the Council was awarded a capital grant of £2.1M for measures to improve the attractiveness of public transport in the A71 corridor between Hurlford and Darvel; the A76 corridor between Kilmarnock and Cumnock; and in Cumnock town centre. The funding was allocated over three financial years: 2003/04 - £0.3M; 2004/05 - £0.7M; and 2005/06 - £1.1M.
- 2.2** In the Irvine Valley Local Committee area, the QBC routes include the main bus routes through Crookedholm, Hurlford, Galston, Newmilns and Darvel.
- 2.3** The proposals for Newmilns are designed to improve facilities for bus passengers, pedestrian routes to bus stops and improve road safety. At several junctions, difficulties for pedestrians arise due to parked vehicles, the speed of traffic turning into the side roads and the width of the junction bellmouths. The proposals include for improvements at junctions; Kilnholm Road/ Main Street, High Street/ Main Street and King Street/ Main Street.
- 2.4** To address these difficulties, at the junctions mentioned in paragraph 2.3, the proposals include buildouts to reduce carriageway widths and formalise parking. The proposals at each junction also include a speed table which will reduce vehicle speeds and provide a raised section across the carriageway which will improve access for all pedestrians and particularly disabled people and elderly road users.
- 2.5** Following the publication of the statutory Road Humps Notice, two objections have been received specifically to the road hump proposed at the Kilnholm Street/ Main Street junction.

3 PROPOSALS

A plan showing the location of the road hump that is proposed on Kilnholm Main Street is included in appendix 2.

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 1. 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.
- 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,
 - The Roads & Transportation Division offices, Greenholm Street
 - East Ayrshire Council Local Office, Irvine Road, Kilmaurs.
- 4.4 **Formal Objections** – Two formal objections have been received. Both are objecting specifically to the one speed table proposed on Kilnholm Street in the vicinity of its junction with Main Street.

Objection 1 - Mr A Morton, 7 Mair Street, Clearmount Estate, Newmilns has objected by letter but has not included reasons for his objection. However from verbal discussions it is understood that he is objecting as a driver who has to negotiate this junction to travel to and from his residence.

Mr Morton has requested an extension to the objection period so that he can raise the matter with other residents within his estate.

Objection 2 - Mr I Pollock, 8 Darnleyhill Walk, Newmilns has objected by letter. He does not consider that there is a speeding problem 'as there is always too many cars parked on the double yellow lines' which reduce the road with on Kilnholm Street to one lane. He considers that the proposals will make it difficult to enter and exit this junction

- 4.5 No objections have been received for the proposed road humps at High Street/ Main Street junction or King street/ Main Street junction.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The two objections received for the proposed road hump on Kilnholm Street are from drivers who travel along Kilnholm Street to access their homes. The proposed road humps will clearly define the entry to the minor road for vehicles leaving the main A71 through route and deter speeding on Kilnholm Street in the vicinity of the crossing point .

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** The costs of the works will be met from the Public Transport Fund settlement received from the Scottish Executive.

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1** It is recommended that the Committee:
- a) Considers the objections as detailed in paragraph 4.4; and
 - b) Approves the road humps as advertised.

James Lavery
Executive Director of Development and Property Services

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LIST OF APPENDICES

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- Appendix 1 – Consultation list.
 - Appendix 2 – Plan showing the road hump location

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1 Notice of Proposals – Proposed installation of Road Humps, Newmilns**
- 2 Letters of Objection**

Copies of the above named road humps notice and the letters of objection 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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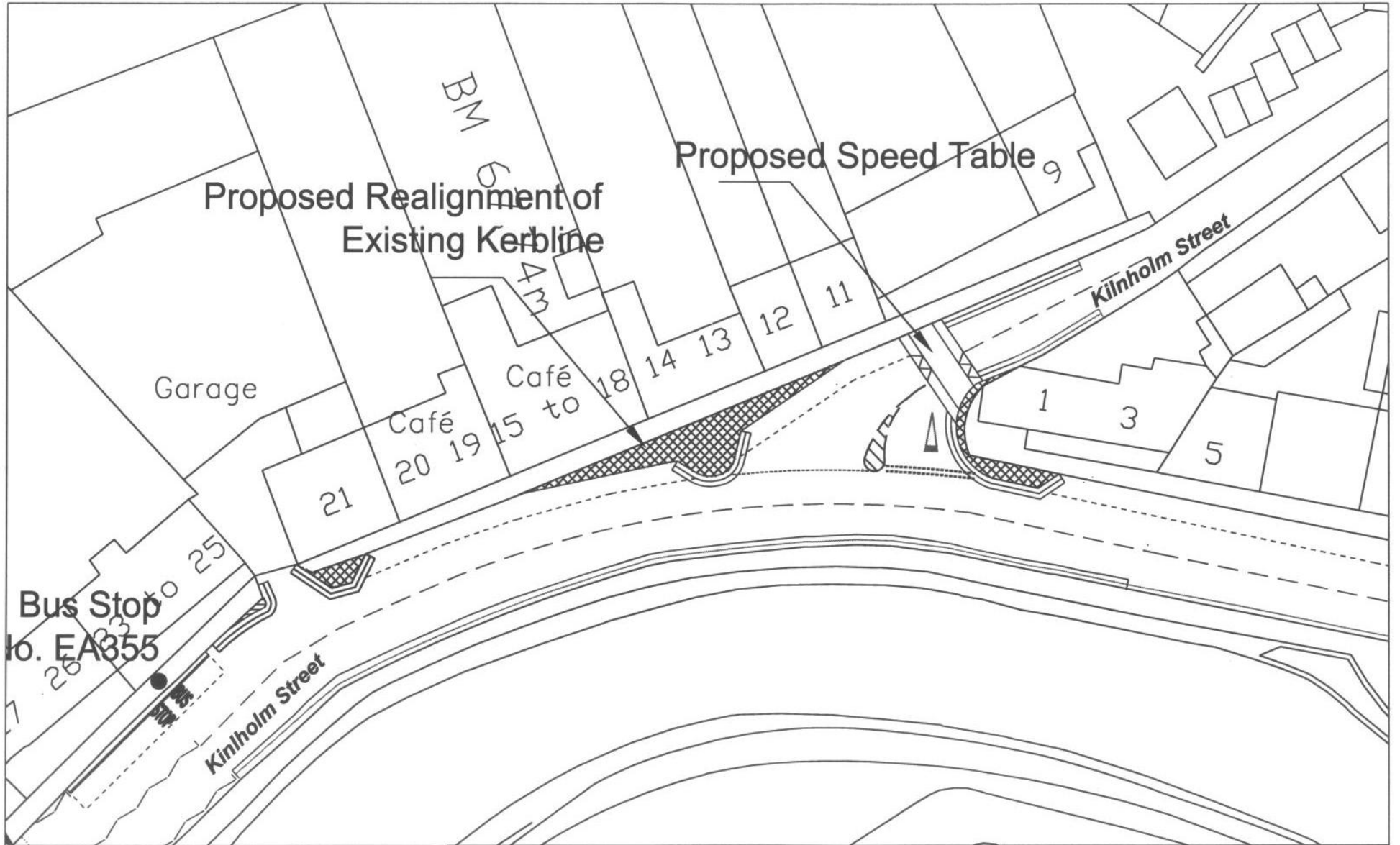
Appendix 1

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
Kilmarnock and Loudoun Access Panel
Scottish Taxi Federation
East Ayrshire Taxi Trades Council
Newmilns and Greenholm Community Council
Chair, Development Services Committee
Councillor H. Wilson
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

Appendix 2



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 PROPOSALS
 NEWMILNS

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