

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 3 MAY 2005

20MPH SPEED LIMITS AT SCHOOLS PROPOSED ROAD HUMPS FOR MAIN STREET, DALMELLINGTON

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 Main Street in Dalmellinton; and
- b) To seek the approval of the Committee for the traffic calming as proposed.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Mandatory 20mph Speed Limits - On 26 September 2003, the Transport Minister announced new ring fenced awards for all Scottish Local Authorities to promote 20 mph speed limits in the vicinity of schools and other road safety projects to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

2.2 At the Development and Property Services Committee on 4 May 2004 it was agreed to consider the promotion of mandatory 20 mph limits at all schools throughout the Council area in consultation with Strathclyde Police, Schools, and the local community. It was agreed that priority would be given to schools adjacent to roads which have previously been traffic calmed and also those adjacent to the busier main routes.

2.3 Mandatory 20mph speed limits can either be full time or part time. Part time speed limits are generally considered to be more appropriate on the principal strategic routes and do not require to be accompanied by traffic calming.

2.4 During 2004, extensive consultations were carried out with Schools, School Boards, Police, Local Councillors, Local Committees, emergency services and other interested parties.

Following the consultation with the Police it was agreed that where full time 20mph speed limits were being proposed, traffic calming would be

required at a number of locations where necessary to ensure that the new limits would be self enforcing.

- 2.5** The Development and Property Services Committee on 14 December 2004 approved proposals for Main Street, Dalmellington which consisted of a full time 20mph speed limit, with traffic calming being provided in the form of speed cushions. Speed cushions are a type of road hump and must be in accordance with The Road Humps (Scotland) Regulations 1998 and The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.
- 2.6** A Road Humps Notice was advertised 12 November 2004, giving a period of four weeks for comment and objections. Two objections were received.

3 PROPOSALS

A plan showing the location of the road humps proposed for Main Street Dalmellington 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, Kilmarnock
 - The Roads & Transportation Division, Holmquarry House, Holmquarry Road, Kilmarnock
 - Lugar Council Office, Rigg Road, Lugar.
 - Dalmellington Registration and Council Office, 33 Main Street, Dalmellington
- 4.4 Formal Objections** – Two formal objections have been received.
- Objection 1 - Mr M Halliday, 5 Hillcrest, Bellsbank, Dalmellington has objected by letter. He considers that there is no speeding problem and that traffic is slowed naturally because of parked cars. He also states that the speed cushions may result in difficulties

for fire engines from the fire station which is on this street.

Mr Halliday has written a second letter to confirm his objection to the proposals. In this letter he states that he considers that the road safety issue is due to the behaviour of the school children. He suggests the alternative solutions of the installation of a speed camera and the provision of a pedestrian controlled crossing and encloses sketches to highlight his points regarding the difficulties for fire engines and also his alternative proposals.

Objection 2 - Dalmellington Community Council, Chair, Mrs Maryum Ali, Hollybank, 32 Main Street, Dalmellington has objected by letter. The Community Council consider that congestion is more of a problem 'making it unsafe for children and young people (not to mention older people) crossing between parked cars. They also suggest the introduction of a one way system and consider that action should be taken to tackle the problem of illegal parking.

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 The two objections received for the proposed road hump on Main Street refer to the presence of parked vehicles on the street and the Community Council state that this causes difficulties for young and elderly pedestrians crossing the road.

Parked vehicles do cause difficulties in terms of visibility for both drivers and pedestrians. In particular, pedestrians attempting to cross between parked vehicles are a serious hazard. Reducing vehicle speeds to 20mph or less would reduce the potential for serious accidents, particularly in this situation.

5.2 Discussions have been held with the local Community Police who are based on Main Street and they have confirmed that drivers travelling at inappropriate speeds is an issue on this street.

5.3 The introduction of a one-way system, suggested by the Community Council, would tend to increase vehicle speeds and could also involve a lengthy diversion for local drivers.

5.4 Emergency Services (including the fire service) have been consulted and have not objected to the proposals.

5.5 The Police have strict criteria for the provision of speed cameras which are only provided for locations where there is a significant history of killed or serious personal injury accidents.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The costs of the works will be met from the 20mph Speed Limits at Schools allocation 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
14 April 2005
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LIST OF APPENDICES

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1 Notice of Proposals – Proposed installation of Road Humps, Dalmellington

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 on 01563 555714

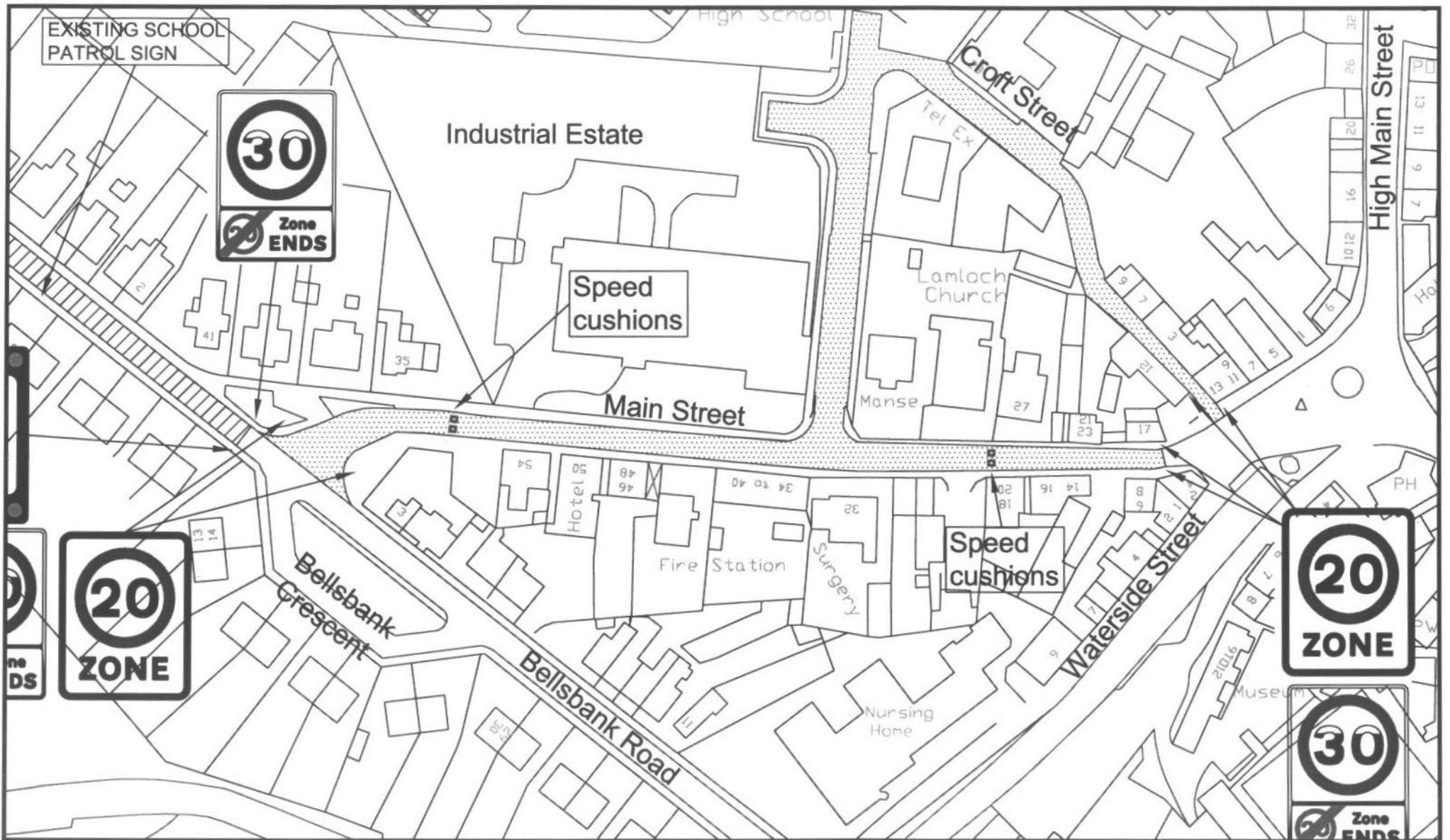
Implementing Officer: Neil Bell

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



Key

-  Full time 20mph zone
-  Part time 20 mph zone

**PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING
DALMELLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AND DOON ACADEMY**