

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 03rd MAY 2005

CYCLING WALKING AND SAFER STREETS PROPOSED ROAD HUMPS FOR SORN - B743 MAIN STREET

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 B743 Main Street in Sorn; and
- b) To seek the approval of the Committee for the traffic calming as proposed.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Cycling Walking and Safer Streets** – On 11 September 2003, The Transport Minister announced additional ring fenced awards for Cycling Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) to all Scottish Local Authorities for measures to provide walking, cycling and safer routes to school. At the Development Services Committee on 04 May 2004 approval was given to implement a traffic calming scheme in Main Street, Sorn from the above allocation of funds for 2004/2005 year.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3** At the Development 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. Priority would be given to schools, which are adjacent to roads, which have previously been traffic calmed and also those adjacent to the busier main routes.
- 2.4** The Development Services Committee approved the introduction of a full time 20mph limit on the B743 Main Street, Sorn on 14 December 2004. The road humps are required to make the lower limit self-enforcing.

3 PROPOSALS

A plan showing the location of the road humps that are proposed on B743 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 and The Cumnock Chronicle. Full details of the proposals with plans were available for inspection at

- Council Headquarters, London Road,
- The Roads & Transportation Division offices, Holmquarry Road
- East Ayrshire Council Local Office, Townhead Street, Catrine.

4.4 **Formal Objections** – Two formal objections have been received. One objecting specifically to the raised junction proposed on Main Street at it's junction with Fir Park, the other objecting to both the raised junctions on Main Street at Anderson Crescent and Fir Park together with the speed table proposed at the Bowling Green.

Objection 1 - Mr James McMahon, 25 Main Street, Sorn has objected by letter. He considers that the proposal for the raised junction adjacent to his residence will increase the impact of noise and vibration leading to possible structural damage to his property.

Objection 2 - Mr Gary Smith, Aston Cottage, Sorn Castle Stables, Sorn has objected by letter. He does not consider that the proposals appropriately address issues of pedestrian safety and road safety and is concerned with the level of the environmental impact the proposals would have on the village.

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 The objection received specifically for the proposed road hump on Main Street / Fir Park is from a resident living in close proximity to the junction, who is also a driver and travels along Main Street. In view of this particular road hump location, the objector considers that the impact of traffic noise and possible structural damage to his property will be substantial.

The objection received for all three of the proposed road humps on Main Street refers to a resident living within Sorn Castle Estate who is also a driver and requires access to Route B743 to travel along Main Street. The objector considers that the proposed raised junctions and speed table should not be provided and suggests the overall layout should be revised, both to limit the location of a road hump immediately either side of the school together with providing additional measures (humps) further west in the village circa Sorn Parish Church.

The road humps have been located to coincide with the new full time 20mph speed limit which will start immediately west of the proposed raised junction at Anderson Crescent and finish east of the proposed speed table at the bowling green. They are required as an effective means of reducing traffic speeds and also to ensure that the above 20mph speed limit is self enforcing. In order to limit the potential for noise and vibration it is proposed to lengthen the approach ramps to the road humps to reduce the potential for noise consistent with achieving an appropriate reduction in vehicle speeds.

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

15 April 2005
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LIST OF APPENDICES

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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

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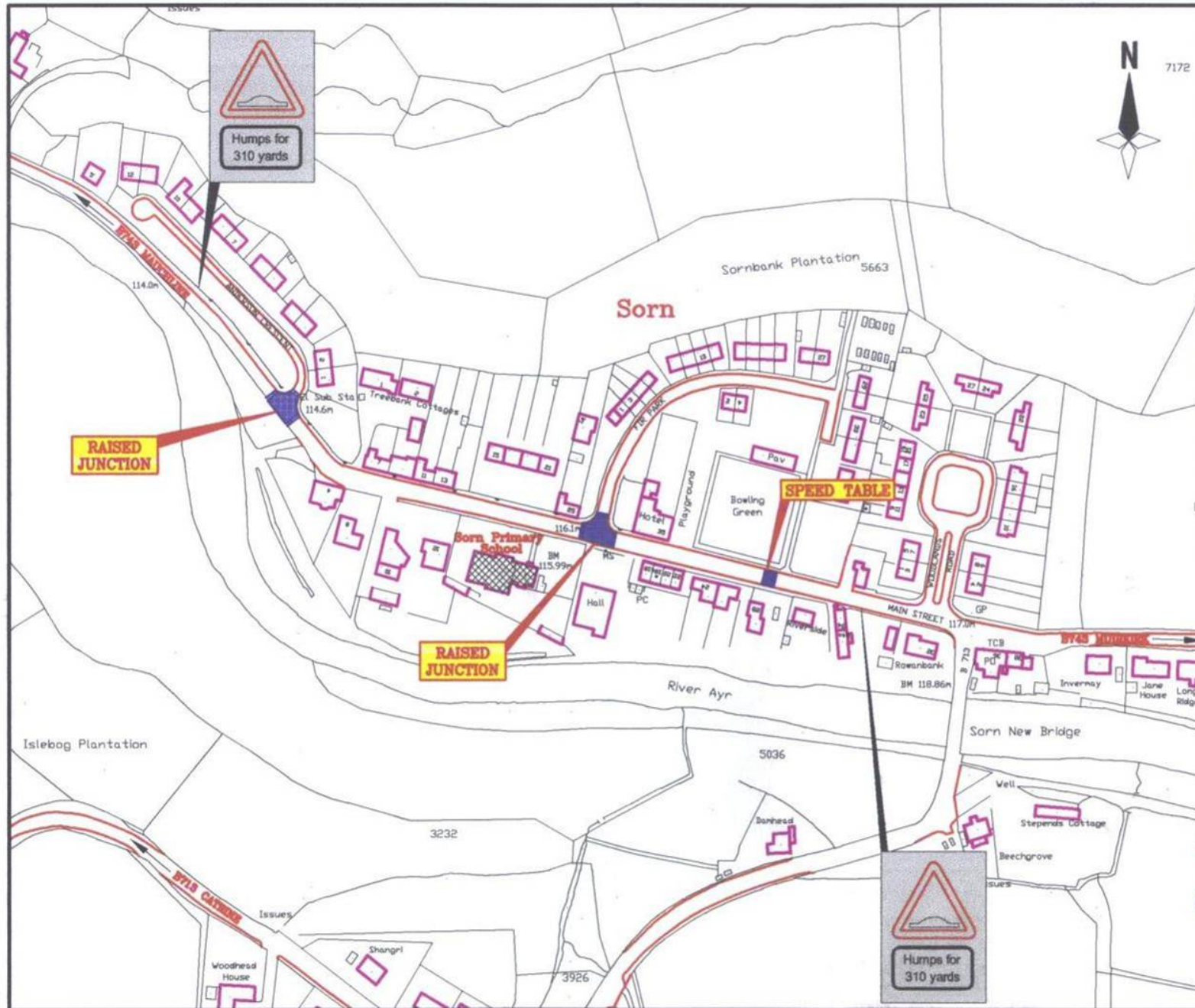
Appendix 1

Consultation List

The following organisations, representative groups and individuals were consulted during the preparation of the Notice of Proposals –

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
Scottish Taxi Federation
East Ayrshire Taxi Trades Council
East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability
Sorn Community Council
Chair, Development Services Committee
Councillor G. Smith
Chair, Cumnock 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

Appendix 2



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**CYCLING WALKING AND SAFER STREETS
SORN
B743 MAIN STREET
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING**

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