

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 28 NOVEMBER 2006

TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR WELL ROAD, AUCHINLECK

OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED ROAD HUMPS

Report by Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is : -

- a) To ask the Committee to determine the proposed Road Humps Notice without a Local Inquiry to be held.
- b) To consider objections which have been received to the proposals for road humps in Well Road, Auchinleck.
- c) To seek the approval of the Committee for the traffic calming as advertised.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Mandatory 20mph speed limits have been introduced at 53 schools throughout East Ayrshire. This includes St. Patricks Primary School, Auchinleck, where full time mandatory 20mph limits were introduced on a section of Well Road which is the main access to the school. This section of Well Road has been traffic calmed using speed tables.

2.2 There have been strong local concerns about the speed of traffic on the remaining section of Well Road. The street is a route for child pedestrians walking to school.

2.3 Road Humps Notices were advertised on 10 August 2006, giving a period of four weeks for comment and objections. An objection has been received to the road hump proposals which is detailed in section 4 of the report.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1 The works consist of a speed tables and a raised junction on Well Road at intervals with associated road markings and traffic signs. A plan showing the layout of road safety proposals is detailed in Appendix 1.

4. PROCEDURES

4.1 The road hump notices have 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 were

also informed about the proposals using flyers that were posted through doors. Notices were also placed on lighting columns.

4.3 Publication of Proposals – The Road Humps Notice was published in the Cumnock Chronicle. 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
- Local Office, Well Road, Auchinleck

4.4 Formal Objections

One formal objection has been received

The objector :- (i) has expressed concern about the position of the raised junction which is outside his house and he considers its position will cause a nuisance due to constant vehicle noise caused by bumping over the road hump.

(ii) feels that the main problems with speeding vehicles is at night after 10pm when young boys from the village think it is a race track from Well Road, Back Rodgeron, Boswell Road, Main Street and back round again. The objector feels that speed tables would make this situation worse. The objector states that not many children use Well Road, therefore it should not be made into a 20mph zone.

(iii) suggests that HGVs should not use Well Road, instead they should use Sorn Road as their preferred route.

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 (i) The objector is requesting that Road Humps are not used on this scheme as they cause noise. The Humps used in this scheme will have extended ramps to minimise the impact, thus reducing any impact caused by any excess noise. This is a residential area with limited through traffic and the majority of traffic will be cars travelling at low speeds due to the traffic calming. There should be little noise impact from these measures.

(ii) Speed humps will maintain low speeds 24hrs a day thus should deter the speeding vehicles at night as well as keeping the speeds low during the day.

(iii) Restricting access to Well Road for heavy goods vehicles cannot be considered since access is required for shops and businesses on this street. Nonetheless, the proposed traffic calming should deter extraneous vehicle movements that might be using Well Road as an alternative to Sorn Road.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The costs of the works will be met from the 2006/2007 Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets allocation.

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. COMMUNITY PLAN / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The road safety measures proposed for are designed to improve community safety and the environment for the local community in this area. The project will address the need to reduce speeds and improve road safety for school children, vulnerable road users, including the elderly, the disabled, cyclists and pedestrians.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- a) Agrees to determine the proposed Road Humps Notice without a Local Inquiry to be held; and
- b) Considers the objection as detailed in paragraph 4.4 above; and
- c) Approves the proposal for road humps on Well Road, Auchinleck, as advertised.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

1 Notice of Proposals – Proposed installation of Road Humps, Well Road, Auchinleck

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 2

Consultation List

The following organisations, representative groups and individuals were consulted during the preparation of the speed hump notice –

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
South East Ayrshire Access Panel
Scottish Taxi Federation
Auchinleck Community Council
Chair, Development Services Committee
Councillor Neil McGhee
Chair Cumnock Area Local Committee
Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council
Executive Director of Development and Property Services
Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services
Executive Director of Corporate Support
Executive Director of Educational and Social Services
Chief Engineer (Operations)
Head of Planning and Building Control