

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 11 OCTOBER 2006

TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR GLEN ORRIN AVENUE, KILMARNOCK

OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED ROAD HUMPS

Report by the 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 the Road Humps Notice being promoted for traffic calming proposals for Glen Orrin Avenue, Kilmarnock.

b) To seek the approval of the Committee for the traffic calming as proposed.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Mandatory 20mph speed limits have been introduced at 53 schools throughout East Ayrshire. This includes Gargieston Primary School where part time mandatory 20mph limits were introduced on Dundonald Road which is the main access to the school.

2.2 At the Development and Property Services Committee meeting on 20 June 2006 approval was given for a further programme of mandatory 20mph schemes. This included the implementation of 20mph speed limits Glen Orrin Avenue and also associated traffic calming proposals.

It was reported to the Committee that some advisory 20's Plenty Zones are adjacent to mandatory 20mph limits. It was agreed that, where possible, these 20's Plenty Zones would be incorporated into the adjacent mandatory speed limit area. The Police have indicated support for this approach if traffic calming is provided on some streets where it is necessary to ensure compliance with the mandatory speed limit.

Glen Orrin Avenue is part of an existing 20's Plenty Zone and in addition there have been strong local concerns about the speed of traffic. A petition has also been received. The street is a route for child pedestrians to access the school.

2.3 Road Humps Notices were advertised on 10 August 2006, giving a period of four weeks for comment and objections. Objections have been received to the road hump proposals and these are detailed in section 4 of the report.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1 The works consist of speed tables Glen Orrin Avenue 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 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

4.4 Formal Objections

Objection 1 - Objector 1 has objected by letter due to the position of one road hump which is outside his lounge window and its position will cause a nuisance due to constant vehicle noise caused by bumping over the road hump.

The objector suggests an alternative location for this road hump.

Objection 2 - Objector 2, has objected by letter requests that the road hump in front of his house be moved and suggests an alternative location. He wishes it to be moved to accommodate parking in front of his house.

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Both objectors are requesting the movement of a road hump. This would require the re-publication of the Road Humps Notice which could generate other objections from other residents as the road humps would be moved closer to neighbouring properties.

5.2 The position of the road humps has been carefully considered to minimise the impact on residents in terms of access and parking. The spacing of the road humps is designed in accordance with current guidelines to ensure compliance with the proposed 20mph speed limit. In residential areas with driveways at each house it can be difficult to position the road humps to avoid effecting driveways and therefore some flexibility is required. Every effort is made to minimise any inconvenience to residents with respect to driveways and parking.

Objector 2 has a significant length of road fronting his property and there would remain a reasonable amount of available parking in front of his house.

5.3 With regard to the possibility of nuisance due to vehicle noise, this is an enclosed residential area with no through traffic and the majority of traffic will be cars traveling at low speeds due to the traffic calming. There should be little noise impact from these measures.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The costs of the works will be met from the 2006/2007 20mph Speed Limits 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:

- i) to consider whether to cause a Local Inquiry to be held in accordance with paragraph 7.1;
- or ii) to consider whether to approve the proposed order, taking account of the objections detailed in paragraph 4.4, and having heard the Head of Roads and Transportation speak to the report; and
- iii) to thereafter, determine whether to approve the proposed order.

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21 September 2006

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1 Notice of Proposals – Proposed installation of Road Humps, Glen Orrin Avenue Terrace, Kilmarnock

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
North East Ayrshire Access Panel
Scottish Taxi Federation
Grange/Howard Community Council
Chair, Development Services Committee
Councillor Iain Linton
Chair Kilmarnock Central 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