

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 24 OCTOBER 2000

M77 – UPDATE NOTE

Report by Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee on developments relating to the Council's objection to the Glasgow South Orbital route.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Committee members will recall that the Council lodged an objection to the Glasgow South Orbital route proposed by East Renfrewshire and South Lanarkshire on the grounds that it would divert traffic from the "Eaglesham Moor Road" on to the A77 causing major difficulties for traffic using this road.
- 2.2 Following the Minister's announcement last November that the M77 was to be included in the Scottish Executive's trunk roads programme for 2000/2002 as a firm commitment, the Council agreed to modify the grounds of its objection to the GSO to make it clear that Council would not object to the construction of the GSO as long as the M77 was completed first.

3 PUBLIC ENQUIRY ON THE GLASGOW SOUTH ORBITAL ROUTE

- 3.1 The development proposal for the Glasgow South Orbital Route was "called-in" by the Scottish Executive for determination of the necessary planning consent. This is to be the subject of a Public Inquiry starting at the end of October. The Director of Development Services had planned to present the Council's concerns about the timing of the Glasgow South Orbital Route in relation to completion of the M77 at the Public Inquiry.
- 3.2 East Renfrewshire Council have, however, now agreed to recommend that the following condition should be incorporated into any planning consent which may ultimately be given to the GSO subject:

"The opening to traffic of the GSO link to the main Ayr/Glasgow route shall be no earlier than the completion of the M77 proposed within the Scottish Executive's Motorway and Trunk Road Programme 2000/2002 and as committed to by the Scottish Executive."

3.3 On the basis of this commitment, the Solicitor to the Council has written to the Reporter for the Public Inquiry withdrawing the Council's objection.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There will no longer be a requirement to participate in the Public Inquiry on the Glasgow South Orbital Route.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct financial implications to the Council.

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is recommended that Committee notes the action taken to withdraw the Council's objection to the proposed Glasgow South Orbital Route on the basis of a commitment by East Renfrewshire Council to recommend a condition which meets the grounds of East Ayrshire Council's objection to the proposed road.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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