

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 4 APRIL 2001

### ROAD SAFETY MEASURES IN THE IRVINE VALLEY

#### Report By Director of Development Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee about progress on the implementation of road safety measures in the Irvine Valley.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 7 February, 2001, the Committee considered a report which set out:-

- (a) the background to proposals for road safety measures on the approaches to Loudoun Academy;
- (b) the increased capital allocation of £120,000 for the 2000/2001 financial year which the Government has made available for Safer Routes to School Schemes in East Ayrshire.
- (c) The proposal to promote a 30mph speed limit on the A719 adjacent to Loudoun Academy, with traffic calming in the 2001/2002 financial year.

#### 3. PROGRESS

- 3.1 The Roads Division is undertaking a number of schemes in the Irvine Valley for completion by April 2001. These are summarised below:-

##### 3.1.1 Loudoun Academy: Pedestrian Facilities:-

New footway and pedestrian barrier works on the A719 in conjunction with a pelican crossing on the A71. The scheme is being funded from the Safer Routes to School budget and will provide a new safer link between Loudoun Academy and Galston to accommodate the present pedestrian demand.

##### 3.1.2 Newmilns: Pelican Crossing:-

A new pelican crossing is being installed on the A71 near Gilfoot. The project is being funded from the Road Safety budget and will provide enhanced safety at the crossing point.

##### 3.1.3 Priestland: Traffic Calming Gateway:-

Gateway markings and road signs at the entrance to the 30mph limit at Priestland. The measures will reinforce the recently introduced 30mph limit and deter speeding.

- 3.2** The Roads Division is also currently undertaking the initial consultations for the proposed 30mph limit on the A719 and A71 as shown on the attached plan. The statutory consultation period will commence shortly followed by the advertising of the proposed order. These statutory procedures will take approximately 6 months to complete, if there are no objections to the proposals.

The traffic calming scheme on the A719 adjacent to Loudoun Academy will be implemented during the later part of the 2001/2002 financial year, subject to the successful promotion of the 30mph speed limit.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** The cost of the 30mph speed limit order and traffic calming work on the A719 at Loudoun Academy will be met from the Road Safety Capital Budget.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1** The new speed limit order will be promoted in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1** It is recommended that the Committee:-
- (a) notes the contents of the report; and
  - (b) agrees to the proposed 30mph speed limit on the A719 and A71 as set out in paragraph 3.2 above.

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#### LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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