

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE - 7 FEBRUARY 2001**

#### **ROAD SAFETY MEASURES AT LOUDOUN ACADEMY**

##### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of progress on road safety measures associated with Loudoun Academy.

##### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Local concerns have been expressed regarding the speed of traffic and the safety of school children in the vicinity of Loudoun Academy.
- 2.2 The Roads and Transportation Division in September 1999 consulted the Police regarding the possibility of introducing a 40mph speed limit on the A719 in the locality of the school. The Police stated that they could not support the introduction of speed limits unless this was accompanied by significant traffic calming measures.
- 2.3 A traffic calming scheme for the A719 at Loudoun Academy was included in the programme of road safety measures approved by the Development Services Committee at its meeting on 6 June 2000
- 2.4 In the current financial year the Government has made £5.2 million available to local authorities in Scotland for Safer Routes programmes. The amount allocated to East Ayrshire Council was £120,000. A report to the Development Services Committee listed projects throughout East Ayrshire which included the proposal for a pelican crossing on the A71 and associated footway works linking the pelican crossing to the school.

##### **3. PROGRESS**

- 3.1 The Safer Routes to School Budget requires to be spent by the end of March 2001. The pelican crossing and footway works are programmed to be completed by that date.
- 3.2 This scheme was given priority as the traffic calming works for the A719 cannot be implemented without the promotion of a Speed Limit Order (SLO) to introduce a 30mph speed limit. The SLO could not have been implemented in time for the March financial deadline. The traffic calming works were therefore programmed for a future Safer Routes to School allocation.

- 3.3 However, with the additional capital allocation for road safety contained in the Council's 2001/2002 budget this scheme can now be brought forward.

Work has commenced on the promotion of the SLO. The statutory advertising and consultation periods for the SLO require approximately 6 months to complete and the full scheme can then be implemented on site.

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

- 4.1 The cost of the Speed Limit Order and traffic calming works would require to be met by future Road Safety Capital Budgets

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

- 5.1 A new Speed Limit Order will be required for an amendment to the speed limit, in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 It is recommended that the committee notes the contents of this report.

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**