

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 6 FEBRUARY 2001**

### **RATIONALISATION OF SPEED LIMITS GLASGOW ROAD & WESTERN ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

#### **Report By Director of Development Services**

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

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on proposals to rationalise the speed limits currently in force on Glasgow Road and Western Road, Kilmarnock

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The existing speed limits in Glasgow Road and Western Road have been in force for many years and were introduced to meet the needs of the time. Over the intervening years circumstances have changed, with the increase in vehicular traffic and growth in housing and retail developments beyond the traditional Burgh boundary.

#### **3. EXISTING SITUATION**

- 3.1 On entering Kilmarnock from the north, drivers are faced first with a 40mph speed limit on Glasgow Road commencing north of the South Craigs roundabout, then sections of 30mph and 70mph limits on Western Road dual carriageway before a return to 30mph prior to Munro Avenue.
- 3.2 The section of Glasgow Road extending from the roundabout at Western Road towards the town centre via Dean Street remains restricted to 40mph to the junction of Castle Drive where it becomes 30mph.
- 3.3 The existing speed limits are shown in Appendix A.

#### **4. PROPOSALS**

- 4.1 It is proposed to replace these existing speed limits with a single 30mph restriction commencing north of South Craigs roundabout, where the present 40mph limit begins.
- 4.2 The Roads Division intends to introduce cycle lanes along Glasgow Road and Western Road which will assist in the reduction of traffic speeds.
- 4.3 The proposed speed limits are shown in Appendix B.

#### **5. CONSULTATIONS WITH STRATHCLYDE POLICE**

- 5.1 Strathclyde Police have been consulted on the outline proposals to rationalise the existing speed limits to 30mph and have indicated their support for the proposals.

## **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1** A new Traffic Order will be required in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to alter the existing speed limits in Glasgow Road and Western Road. This will require a lengthy statutory procedure which is likely to take approximately 9 months. The period will be longer if there are any objections to the proposals.

## **7. TIMESCALE**

- 7.1** The Roads Division is currently undertaking an extensive programme of new traffic regulation Orders. To ensure the work is carried out as effectively as possible the Council has agreed that no new Orders will commence until the present workload has been completed. It is therefore proposed that the promotion of the requisite speed limit Order will begin as early as possible in the next financial year.

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1** The cost of implementing the new speed limits will be met from existing budgets.
- 8.2** The recent successful Public Transport Fund bid has secured funding for the introduction of the cycle lanes.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1** It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of this report.

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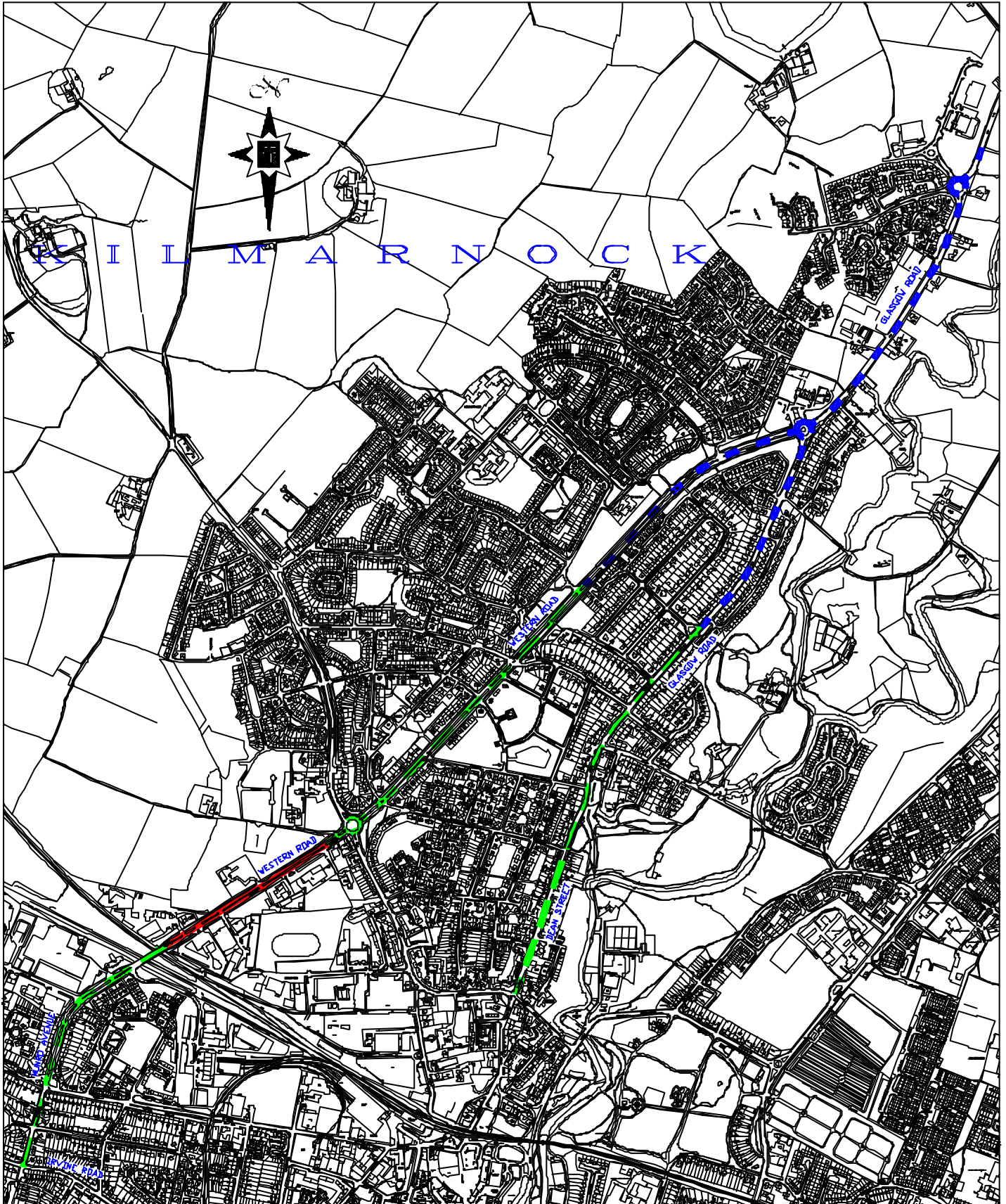
## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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# APPENDIX A



## KEY

- Existing 30mph Speed Limit
- Existing 40mph Speed Limit
- Existing National Speed Limit



ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 82  
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**TYPE & EXTENTS OF EXISTING LIMITS**

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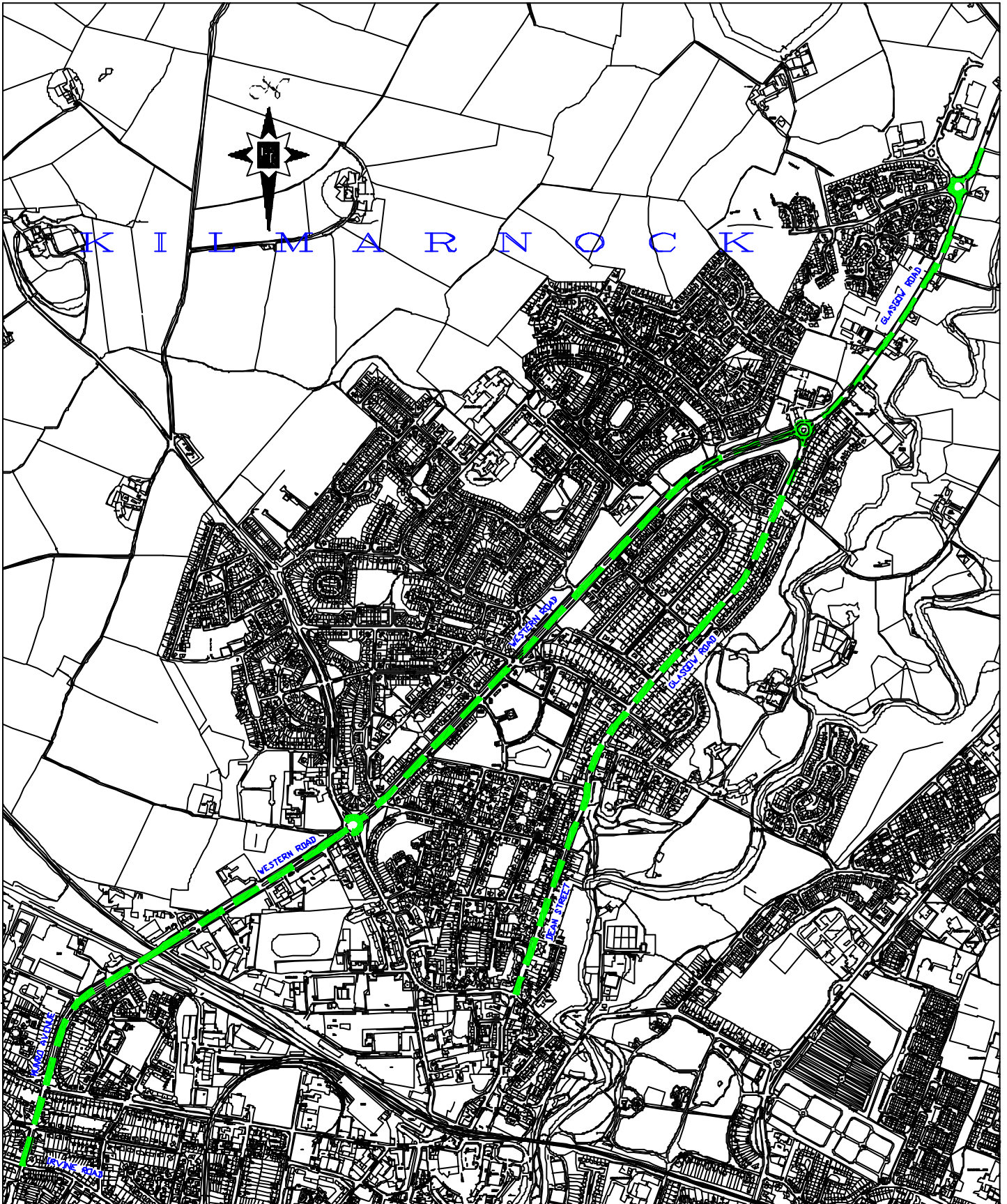
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— Proposed 30mph Speed Limit



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