

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE - 5 FEBRUARY 2002

KILMARNOCK, KILMAURS ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of proposals for the provision of traffic calming and pedestrian facilities on Kilmaurs road, Kilmarnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Scottish Executive have allocated £6.75 million, between 2001 and 2004 from the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund for improvements to services in the pathfinder area defined as North West Kilmarnock and Shortlees/Riccarton.
- 2.2** A consultation process was carried out between August and December last year which included meetings with voluntary and community action groups, an action day for members of the public and a questionnaire distributed to households businesses and local offices within the two pathfinder areas.
- 2.3** Within the items identified for priority action, road safety was found to be a significant issue
- 2.4** Following this consultation sums from the fund were allocated for road safety projects; £50,000 for projects to be completed within this financial year, £100,000 for 2002/03 and £50,000 for 2003/2004.
- 2.5** Kilmaurs Road, Kilmarnock has been identified as having road safety concerns and in particular with regard to school children. It is proposed that the £50,000 for this financial year is used to address issues at this location. Priority was attached to implementing Kilmaurs Road at an early stage by the people who attended local workshop meetings on 8 December 2001

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1** The proposed works for this financial year are Phase 1 of road safety measures for Kilmaurs Road, as shown in Figure 1. The measures consist of traffic calming between the roundabout at Western Road and the junction with Ardgour Road, a new pelican crossing and a gateway feature at the A735 approach to the 30 mph speed limit from Kilmaurs.

These works target the main accident location where the highest number of accidents are occurring. In a recent 5 year period there were 12 accidents involving personal injury. 9 of these accidents occurred within the Phase 1 section of Kilmaurs Road, 7 involving pedestrians and 2 involving cyclists.

3.2 Phase 2 will be the subject of full consultation at a later date and consideration for future funding

3.3 The proposals aim to reduce traffic speeds, improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists and reduce the potential for road accidents.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 The proposals have to be completed in this financial year and, in order to achieve the necessary progress, consultation has taken place with other interested parties including Community Council's, Councillors, frontagers on the affected streets, emergency services and Local Committee Chairs. A mail drop was carried out to residents, school and shops adjacent to the proposals, a large scale plan on display at local offices and a contact phone number for further information.

4.2 With regard to the pelican crossing there is a 28 day statutory notice process which includes advertising in the local paper, putting up notices on the street, and notifying Local Councillors and the Police. This process commenced on 31 January 2002 and will be complete on 28 February 2002.

4.3 Funds being spent in the two remaining years will be the subject of full consultation prior to the implementation of any works.

5. TIMESCALE

5.1 The works will be carried out between 4 March and 31 March 2002

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The proposals will be funded from the Better Neighbourhoods Fund.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 A Pelican Crossing Statutory Notice is being processed.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 It is recommended that the committee :-

- (i) Agrees to the implementation of Traffic Calming and Pedestrian facilities on Kilmaurs Road, Kilmarnock, as described in 3.1 above.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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