

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 12 SEPTEMBER 2001

### ROAD SAFETY/SCHOOL TRANSPORT ISSUES

#### Report By Director of Development Services and Director of Educational & Social Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to respond to the Committee on questions relating to road safety and school transport raised at its meeting of 23 May 2001.

#### 2. ISSUES

- 2.1 The issues raised were as follows:-

- the need for speed reduction measures and a school warning sign on Blacksyke Avenue due to excessive speed of vehicles between Loreny Drive and Langside Avenue.
- Congestion at the school bus pick-up point on Whatriggs Road at its junction with Tinto Avenue due to parked cars.

#### 3. BLACKSYKE AVENUE – EXCESSIVE SPEED

- 3.1 It was reported that vehicles entering Blacksyke Avenue from Loreny Drive are entering at speed and pose a risk to children and others both during and after school hours.
- 3.2 Traffic calming measures have recently been installed in the vicinity of Shortlees Primary School, including a mini roundabout at the junction of Blacksyke Avenue and Langside Avenue and a series of road humps on Blacksyke Avenue on the north side of the school.
- 3.3 In view of the limited budget available for traffic calming measures, requests for measures of this type are assessed and prioritised on the basis of accident data, vehicle speeds and the likely effectiveness of the measures.
- 3.4 In this case no accidents have been recorded on this stretch of road and the presence of the mini roundabout in itself will cause traffic to slow down. The effectiveness of speed humps on the short length of road in question (100 metres) will be much less than on longer straight stretches of road.

- 3.5 For these reasons, speed reduction measures at this location would be unlikely to achieve significant benefits and it is not proposed to carry out any traffic calming at this location in the near future.
- 3.6 With regard to a school warning sign, it is proposed to assess the need for signage at Blacksyke Avenue following the re-opening of the school after the holidays.

#### **4. WHATRIGGS ROAD/TINTO AVENUE – SCHOOL BUS PICK-UP POINT**

- 4.1 It was advised that congestion sometimes occurred at the school bus pick-up point on Whatriggs Road at its junction with Tinto Avenue due to residents parking on the opposite side of the road.
- 4.2 However, the route is well used by service and schools transport contractors and the current pick-up and drop-off points are considered safe and appropriate. Therefore, although the situation will be monitored, no changes are being considered at the present time.

**5. POLICY/FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 NIL

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The committee is recommended to :

- (a) note that a review of traffic signs in Blacksnykes Avenue will be carried out shortly; and
- (b) note that the situation at Whattriggs Road/Tinto Avenue will be monitored.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**