

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE - 11 SEPTEMBER 2002

KILMARNOCK, HURLFORD 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 Hurlford Road, Kilmarnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 1999 The Scottish Executive created a Public Transport Fund to assist local authorities in providing value for money enhancements to the public transport network. Eligible projects were limited to those that had the primary aim of encouraging the use of public transport, reducing traffic volumes, promoting social inclusion and improving the environment. On 1 August 2001 the Development Services Committee approved proposals to apply to the Public Transport Fund for an additional capital allocation to implement walking, cycling and road safety projects in Kilmarnock.
- 2.2 East Ayrshire Council was subsequently awarded an allocation of £670,000 from the Public Transport Fund. The projects are to be completed over a period of two years (2001 – 2003), and include traffic calming measures for Hurlford Road.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The proposed works for Hurlford Road are as shown in Figure 1. The measures consist of build-outs, central hatching, right turn lanes and the provision of on-street parking between the roundabout at Campbell Street and the junction with Haining Avenue. A new pedestrian crossing point and a gateway feature at the approach to the 30-mph speed limit from Queens Drive have also been proposed. Further evaluation of the pedestrian crossing type is currently underway.
- 3.2 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 to comply with the Scottish Executive's budget programme. In order to achieve the necessary progress, consultation has taken place with other interested parties including Community Councils, Councillors, frontagers on the affected streets, emergency services and Local Committee Chairs. A mail drop has also been carried out for residents and shops adjacent to the proposals and a large-scale plan has been displayed at local offices with a contact phone number for further information.
- 4.2** Following the consultation process amendments will be made to the proposals as appropriate.

5. TIMESCALE

- 5.1** It is proposed that the works will be carried out between October and December 2002

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** The proposals will be funded from the Public Transport Fund.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1** No Legal Implications.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1** It is recommended that the committee: -
- (i) Agrees to the implementation of Traffic Calming and Pedestrian facilities on Hurlford Road, Kilmarnock, as described in 3.1 above.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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