#### PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

# **Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – 22 August 2012**

# PROPOSED PERMANENT 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON A SECTION OF THE B9099 PERTH ROAD, STANLEY

## **Report by the Depute Director (Environment)**

#### **ABSTRACT**

This report details a proposal to revoke the existing part-time 20mph speed limit and introduce a permanent 20mph speed on a section of the B9099 Perth Road in Stanley, and recommends a variation of the Traffic Regulation Order for 20mph Speed Limits.

#### 1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to agree to the promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) necessary to:
  - (i) Revoke the existing part-time 20mph speed limit on the B9099 Perth Road, Stanley
  - (ii) Introduce a permanent 20mph speed limit on the B9099 Perth Road, Stanley.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 25 August 2004 this Committee approved the introduction of a mandatory part-time 20mph speed limit on the B9099 Perth Road adjacent to the primary school in Stanley (report 04/447 refers). This was part of a Scottish Executive initiative to introduce 20mph speed limits at all schools. All schools within the Council area now have mandatory full-time or part-time 20mph speed limits at them.
- 2.2 Despite the introduction of a part-time 20mph speed limit, the school children raised their concerns, through their School Travel Plan in 2008, about drivers failing to stop at the Zebra crossing outside the school. They suggested that the crossing should be raised so that drivers would have to slow down on the approach. This would also assist the school crossing patrol person.
- 2.3 In liaison with the school and the local community a 'raised table' at the Zebra crossing was installed in 2011. It has significantly reduced vehicle speeds and has been welcomed by the Elected Members. Given that vehicles speeds are now sufficiently low at all times it is now proposed to make the part-time 20mph speed limit permanent and extend it to include the tight bend to the south and a short section of Percy Street.

## 3. PROPOSALS

3.1 It is proposed to promote a variation to the existing TRO for 20mph Speed Limits to revoke the existing part-time 20mph limit as detailed on the plan at Appendix 1, and introduce a permanent 20mph as detailed on the plan at Appendix 2.

#### 4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Head of Legal Services, the Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report. The Police, the Local Members for the area and the Community Council have also been consulted on this report and support the proposal.
- 4.2 Details of the proposal were sent to nearby residents to ascertain their views and invite comments. There was a limited response but the general view was support for the proposals.

#### 5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

# 5.1 Capital

5.1.1 There are no Capital resource implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

# 5.2 Revenue

5.2.1 There will be costs involved in promoting the variation to the Traffic Regulation Order, removing the part-time flashing signs and installing the permanent 20mph signs. The indicative cost of £300 for advertising the TRO and the estimated costs of £2,000 to remove the part-time signs and replace them with new permanent posts and signs will be met from the Road Safety and Design Budget in 2012/13.

## 6. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2009-2012

- 6.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2012 lays out five Objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. This report impacts on the following:
  - a. A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
  - b. Healthy, Caring Communities

# 7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

7.1 An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.

- 7.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
  - Assessed as **relevant** but no further actions are required as the proposals i) summarised in the committee report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing or equality protected characteristics, other than improving the general safety of the road network and all the benefits this brings to everyone.

#### 8. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS).
- 8.2 However, no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

#### 9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 This report outlines a proposal to revoke the existing part-time 20mph speed limit and introduce a permanent 20mph speed limit on the B9099 Perth Road, Stanley, and proposes to vary the relevant TRO.
- 9.2 This approval will allow a start to be made to the formal procedure to vary the TRO. This procedure will involve statutory consultation, preparation of a draft TRO and advertising in the press. This will provide an opportunity for additional comments to be made or objections to be raised. Should objections be raised, there will be a report back to Committee, with appropriate recommendations at the time.

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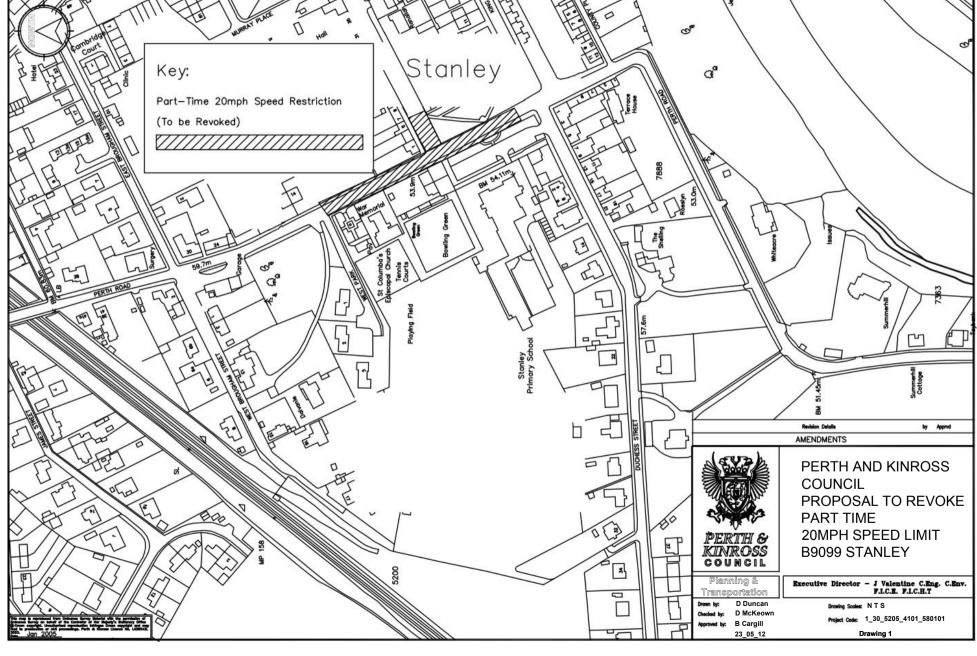
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