

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – 22 August 2012

PROPOSED 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE A822 AND U173 AT AMULREE**Report by the Depute Director (Environment)****ABSTRACT**

This report details a proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A822 and U173 at Amulree following the construction of a new bridge and road. It recommends a variation of the Traffic Regulation Order for 40mph 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 introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A822 and U173 at Amulree.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 When the Speed Limit Review was being carried out in 2010 the new bridge at Amulree was being constructed so it was not possible to carry out the required surveys. Once the bridge was constructed and the road realigned, and further to requests from the local Elected Members, the new section of road was assessed to determine the most appropriate speed limit. The surveys determined that a 40mph speed limit was appropriate.
- 2.2 As a result it is proposed to install a 40mph speed limit from a point approximately 100 metres east of the new bridge through the settlement to a point approximately 100 metres south of its junction with the U173. It is also proposed to cover a length of approximately 100 metres of the U173 to incorporate the village hall and school.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is proposed to promote a variation to the existing TRO for 40mph Speed Limits to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A822 and U173 as detailed above. Full details are shown at the plan at Appendix 1.

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 generally the 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 TRO and installing the 40mph signs. The indicative cost of £500 for advertising the TRO and the estimated costs of £1,000 for new 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:
- i) Assessed as **relevant** but no further actions are required as the proposals 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 introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A822/ and U173 through Amulree to encourage lower vehicles speeds, and proposed to vary the relevant TRO.

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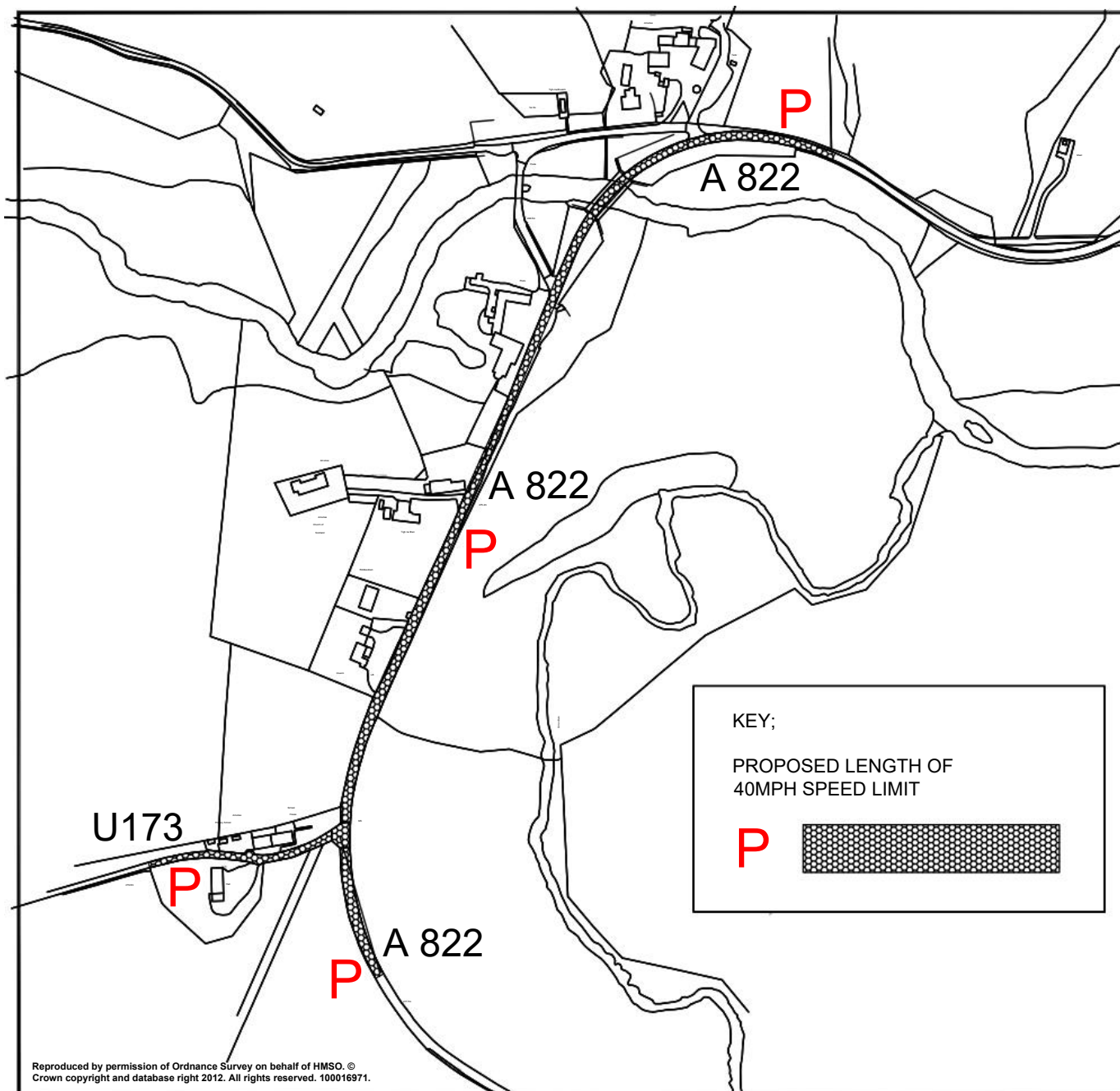
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NOTES:

1. All works shall be set out on site with the Engineer's Representative.
2. All dimensions in millimetres unless otherwise stated.
3. Road markings shall be thermoplastic screed with applied glass beads laid to standard diagrams as detailed in The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 and the Traffic Signs Manual chapter 5.
4. Traffic Signs shall be manufactured and erected in accordance with The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 and the Traffic Signs Manual chapter 7.



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 PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL		PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT A822,U173 AMULREE		
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