

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee

28 August 2013

PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT – GANNOCHY AREA, PERTH

Report by Depute Director (Environment)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report summarises the objection received during the advertising of the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the roads in and around the Gannochy area of Perth. The report recommends that the objection be set aside and the Order is made as advertised.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 At its meeting on 30 January 2013 this Committee agreed to promote a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a permanent 20mph in and around the Gannochy area of Perth. The proposals are shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 A resident has objected to the proposal on the grounds that without installing other traffic measures to accompany the speed limit it will not have any effect and suggests that road humps should also be installed.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The area has been assessed in accordance with the national guidance on speed limits and a 20mph speed limit is considered appropriate. It is hoped that the reduced speed limit will encourage lower vehicle speeds and discourage drivers from using this area as a “rat run”. Additional measures such as road humps are not considered appropriate.
- 2.2 The Committee is therefore asked to set aside the objection received and to proceed to implement the TRO to introduce a 20mph speed limit in and around the Gannochy area of Perth as advertised

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to set aside the objection and proceed with introducing the 20mph Speed Limit Order.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes/No
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	None
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	Yes
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	Yes

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership (CPP) brings together organisations to plan and deliver services for the people of Perth and Kinross. Together the CPP has developed the Perth and Kinross Community Plan which outlines the key things we think are important for Perth and Kinross.

- i) Giving every child the best start in life
- ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

- 1.2 It is considered that the actions contained within this report contribute to all of the above objectives.

Corporate Plan

- 1.3 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013-2018 outlines the same five objectives as those detailed above in the Community Plan. These objectives provide a clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resource allocation.

- 1.4 It is considered that the actions contained in the report contribute to the objectives as outlined in paragraph 1.2 above. These objectives are met by implementing schemes which promote road safety and encourage healthy sustainable travel.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

Capital

- 2.1 There are no capital resource implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

Revenue

- 2.2 There will be costs involved in promoting the Order and installing the 20mph signs and road markings. The indicative cost of £500 for advertising the order and £3,000 for new signs and road markings will be met from the Road Safety & Design budget in 2013/14.

Workforce

- 2.3 There are no workforce implications arising from this report.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.4 There are no land and property, or information technology implications arising from the contents of this report.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- (i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 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). The proposals have been considered under the Act and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

- 3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.
- 3.5 The proposals contained within the report are assessed to have a positive impact on sustainability, particularly with regard to encouraging sustainable modes of travel.

Legal and Governance

- 3.6 The Order will be promoted in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

Risk

- 3.7 There are no significant risks associated with the implementation of this project.

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.
- 4.2 The Police and Elected Members for the area have also been consulted and support the proposals.

5. Communication

- 5.1 The formal notice for the TRO will be published in the local press.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:

- Report to Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – 30 January 2012, Proposed 20mph Speed Limit – Gannochy Area, Perth (13/47)

3 APPENDICES

The proposals are as shown on the drawings at Appendix 1.



