

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**Environment and Infrastructure Committee**

**7 November 2018**

**PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT AT ABERNYTE (U142 OFF B953) (WARD 1)**

**Report by Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (18/371)**

This report details a proposal to introduce a 30mph speed limit at Abernyte (U142 Off B953) (Ward 1). The report recommends the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for the 30mph Speed Limit.

**1. BACKGROUND**

**30mph at Abernyte (U142 off B953)**

- 1.1 Road safety concerns have been raised by a local resident that there were insufficient signs regarding a reduced speed limit. Upon investigation, it was discovered that this road is not subject to a reduced speed limit. Therefore, the national speed limit applies, which is not appropriate for this road.
- 1.2 As a result of these concerns, it is now proposed to start the process to introduce a 30mph speed limit at Abernyte (U142 off B953).
- 1.3 Consultation was carried out with the residents, local elected members, Community Council and Police Scotland, who were all in agreement with the proposal. Local consultation was undertaken to gauge opinion and the results are shown below:

| <b>Name on file</b> | <b>Comment or objection</b>                                                                                | <b>Response</b>                                                                               |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     | One resident objected as the introduction of 30mph signs will encourage drivers to drive at a higher speed | Proposed 30mph speed limit assessed and agreed with local elected members as per the request. |
|                     | Two residents supported but feel a 20mph limit would be better                                             | Proposed 30mph speed limit assessed and agreed with local elected members as per the request. |
|                     | One resident supported                                                                                     | Proposed 30mph speed limit assessed and agreed with local elected members as per the request. |
| Elected Members     | All Supportive                                                                                             |                                                                                               |

## 2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 It is proposed to introduce a 30mph speed limit at Abernyte (U142 off B953). The route has been identified and shown in Appendix 1.

## 3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 This report details the location where it is proposed to introduce a 30mph speed limit.
- 3.2 Approval will allow a start to be made to the formal procedure to vary the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). This procedure will involve statutory consultation, preparation of draft TRO and advertising in the press. It will provide an opportunity for additional comments to be made or objections to be raised. If objections are raised, these will be reported back to Committee, with appropriate recommendations.
- 3.3 It is recommended that the Committee approve the promotion of a variation to the relevant TRO to allow the start of the process towards the introduction of a 30mph speed limit.

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### Approved

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

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

### 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 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. 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 lower traffic speeds.

## **2. Resource Implications**

### 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 advertising the variations to the Traffic Regulation Orders. The indicative cost of £300 for this will be met from the Traffic & Road Network Revenue Budget in 2018/19.
- 2.3 The estimated costs of £1,500 for the new posts and signs will be met from the Traffic & Road Network Revenue Budget in 2018/19.

### Workforce

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

### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.5 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 and Governance, the Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 4.2 Police Scotland, the local elected members and the Community Council for the area have been consulted and support the proposals.

## **5. Communication**

- 5.1 Approval will allow a start to be made to the formal procedure to vary the Traffic Regulation Order. 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. If objections are raised, these will be reported back to Committee, with appropriate recommendations

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 No 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:

## **3. APPENDICES**

- 3.1 The proposals are as shown in Appendix 1.