#### PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

### **Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee**

#### 5 June 2013

# CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS PROJECTS 2013/14

# **Depute Director (Environment)**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report details the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects implemented in 2012/13 (approved by Committee on 13 June 2012), and seeks Committee approval for a list of works funded from Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant 2013/14 of £158,000 from the Scottish Government.

#### 1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1. In 2012/13 the Scottish Ministers in exercise of their powers under Section 70 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 offered Perth and Kinross a Capital Grant of £172,000 for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street (CWSS) projects. Details of how this was spent are given at Appendix 1 of this report.
- 1.2 In 2013/14 the Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the same powers, have offered Perth and Kinross Council a Capital Grant for CWSS projects of up to £158,000. Transport Scotland expect the CWSS Grant to be used for the purpose of undertaking a programme of works for local cycling, walking and safer streets projects.
- 1.3 Included in the terms and conditions of the Grant is that local authorities shall consider a minimum of spend of 36% (and preferably above 50%) on works and promotion relating to cycling. This approach was agreed by the COSLA Regeneration and Sustainable Development Executive Group on 5 February 2010.

#### Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets 2012/13

- 1.4 At its meeting on 13 June 2012, (Report No. 12/229 refers) the Committee approved a list of works to be funded from the Council's Capital Grant 2012/13 of £172,000 for CWSS projects. Some of this funding was also matched by Sustrans as part of their Community Links Programme (£84,500). Details of the schemes agreed are listed at Appendix 1.
- 1.5 Three of the schemes originally proposed (Appendix 1 Nos 12, 13 and 14) were ultimately not implemented. Sustrans did not award match funding for two of the schemes whilst the other incurred difficulties in terms of installation. In light of this it was possible to fund another project from the CWSS Grant

- (Appendix 1 No 6 School Road, Dunkeld). In total, approximately £255,000 of works were funded in 2012/13 from CWSS and Sustrans Grant Funding.
- 1.6 As approximately 60% of the 2012/13 Grant funding was spent on cycling works, the terms and conditions of the grant were met.

#### 2. PROPOSALS

# Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets 2013/14

- 2.1 In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant, the schemes which have been identified for implementation in 2013/14 are listed at Appendix 2. The associated plans are at Appendix 3
- 2.2 Schemes 1 to 3 have been identified through working with the local communities, schools and elected members. The proposals at Bute Drive, Perth follow on from a project undertaken last year, aimed at reducing speeds on Bute Drive whilst making provision for pedestrians and cyclists. The scheme at Swansacre, Kinross has been developed through consultation on the High Street Environmental Improvements Scheme. It will address concerns of residents regarding vehicle speeds and rat-running. The Puffin crossing at Burrell Street, Crieff is proposed on the grounds of road safety at a busy junction which caters for access to a number of community facilities including the local schools.
- 2.3 Sustrans has confirmed that it will provide match funding of approximately £90,500 for 9 of the 12 schemes through their Community Links 2013/14 Programme. This programme is one of Sustrans Scotland's grant schemes. It is key to meeting the target of the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland, as it provides funding for the creation of cycling network infrastructure. It is highlighted that the Green Routes project already has Committee approval (Report 13/43 refers).
- 2.4 All schemes will be implemented within the current financial year with design briefs currently allocated and some works provisionally programmed.
- 2.5 In line with the terms and conditions of the Grant in relation to spend on cycle related projects, it is proposed to implement a number of cycle projects.

  These amount to approximately 74% of the Grant funding. The Council will therefore meet the requirements on spend on cycle related projects.

# 3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 This report provides an update on the projects implemented from the Scottish Government ring-fenced Grant for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets in 2012/13, and details the schemes which it is proposed to fund from the Grant in 2013/14.
- The report also details schemes where applications for match funding from the Sustrans Community Links Programme 2013/14 have been made.

#### 3.3 The Committee is asked to:

- Note the schemes implemented from the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grand Funding in 2012/13 as detailed at Appendix 1.
- ii) Approve the proposed list of works for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for the financial year 2013/14 as detailed at Appendices 2 and 3.
- iii) Note the applications for funding from the Sustrans Community Links 2013/14 programme as detailed at Appendices 2 and 3.

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#### ANNEX

# 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	Yes
Risk	Yes
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) bringstogether 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 schemes detailed in this report contribute to the following objections strategy and related actions will contribute to all of these objectives.

#### Corporate Plan

1.3 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013 – 2018 lays out five outcome focussed strategic objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. They are as follows:

- 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.

This report relates to all of the above.

# 2. Resource Implications

# <u>Financial</u>

#### <u>Capital</u>

2.1 The Scottish Government has made available an additional Capital Grant of £158,000 to the Council for CWSS projects. The list of works recommended in this report will fully utilise this finance. An additional £90,500 of grant funding from Sustrans is also likely to be utilised.

#### Revenue

2.2 It is estimated that the Revenue commitments arising from the routine maintenance of traffic calming features, footways, cycle paths and traffic signing (£3,000) will be met from the Roads Maintenance budgets. These costs will require to be prioritised within the existing revenue budgets.

#### Workforce

2.3 Existing design staff within the Road Safety and Design team will undertake the design, consultation and construction supervision of all schemes.

#### 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 **relevant** and no actions are required to be taken to reduce or remove negative impacts:
  - ii) Assessed as **relevant** and the following positive outcomes expected following implementation:

- a) The measures, for example improved crossing facilities, footways and traffic calming features, will provide improved access for communities, and will particularly improve travel opportunities for disabled people with mobility issues, sight or hearing impairment, children, elderly people & parent/carers walking with children in pushchairs/buggies.
- b) The measures will provide improvements for road users of all ages, but particularly for children and elderly people. This will include facilities to enable them to cross roads safely.
- c) The measures will also encourage children to walk or cycle to school, thus bringing health benefits.
- d) The measures will provide opportunities for increased travel by foot and cycle for all age groups.

# Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.4 The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

#### Sustainability

3.5 The schemes proposed, and those implemented in 2012/13, all seek to encourage travel by sustainable modes.

#### Legal and Governance

3.6 The schemes which will require a Traffic Regulation Order to be promoted (e.g. I-way at Swansacre) may be subject to future reports to this Committee should objections be received.

# Risk

3.7 Risks and controls required to mitigate in risk will be reported through the Capital Monitoring process.

#### 4. Consultation

#### Internal

4.1 Elected Members have been consulted on the majority of the schemes and support them. Education and Children's Services, through the school travel

planning process, have been consulted on the schemes which relate to safer route to schools.

### **External**

4.2 The appropriate Community Councils have been consulted on the majority of the schemes and support them.

#### 5. Communication

5.1 Prior to any works being implemented full consultation will be carried out with those directly affected and key stakeholders. This is likely to be carried out through correspondence and attendance at meetings.

#### 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; (list papers concerned)

- Report to Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee 13 June 2012, Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) Projects 2012/13 (12/229)
- Report to Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee 30 January 2013, Provision of Green Routes in Perth and Kinross (13/43)

### 3. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects 2012/13 Appendix 2 Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects 2013/14 Appendix 3 Plans 3a – 3q

# Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects 2012/13

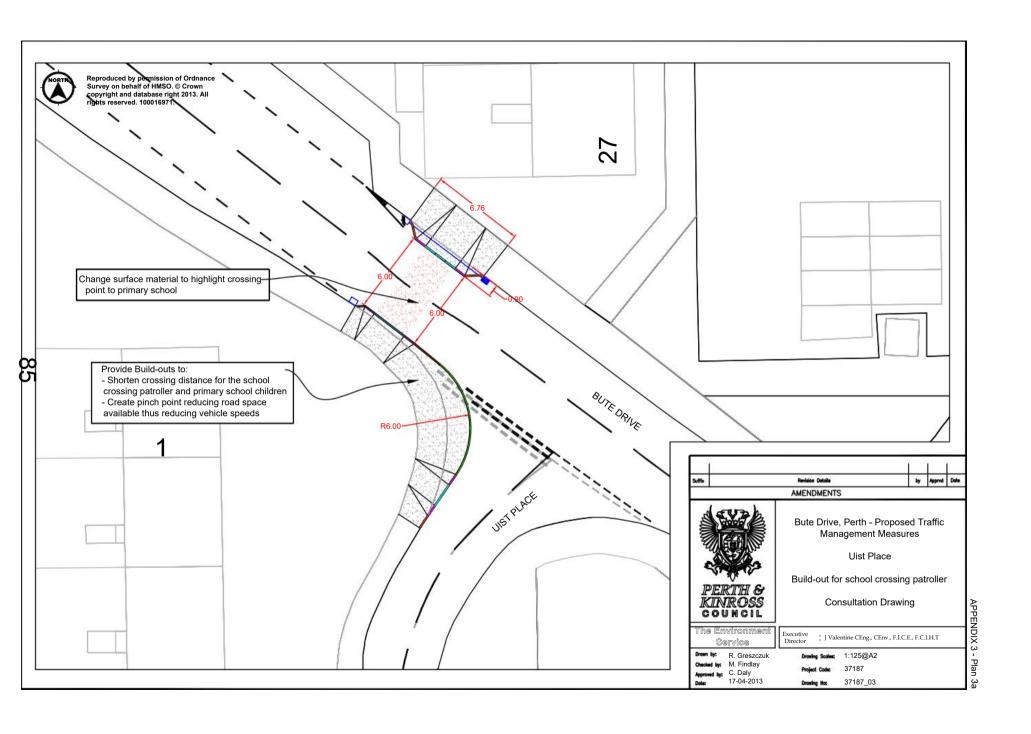
Tra	ffic Calming / Community Schemes		
1	Bute Drive, North Muirton, Perth Traffic management measures including a new footpath to the school, traffic islands and build-outs in liaison with the Community Council. (30% cycle related)	£44,218.00	
2	Construction of a footway link from Cairnie Road to the bus stop, to assist bus passengers and secondary school pupils accessing the bus stop. Identified in consultation with the Community Council and Public Transport Unit.		
Sai	fer Routes to Schools		
3	Abernyte  Construction of a footway linking the school to the village hall and recreation ground. Identified through the School Travel Plan to assist pedestrians and cyclists. (cycle related)	£22,953.31	
4	Bridge Street, Dunkeld Construction of a build-out in advance of the Zebra crossing to make the 20mph signs more prominent. Revision of existing signs.		
5	Berrydale Road, Blairgowrie Installation of a raised surface at the crossing of the Ardblair Trail to reduce vehicle speeds and assist pedestrians and cyclists. (cycle related)		
6	School Road, Dunkeld  Construction of a new footway adjacent to the primary school, identified through the school travel planning process.	£12,000	
Су	cle Schemes	<b>!</b>	
7	Kinross to Perth In conjunction with Sustrans, cycle route signs were erected on the route between Kinross and Perth.	£1,569.52	
8	Around Perth Cycle Route Erection of cycle route signs around Perth.		
Scl	nemes match funded by Sustrans (all cycle related)	ı	
9	Sustran	S £27,558.64 Is £48,000.00	
	Widening and surfacing of sections of the Ardblair Trail. Continuation of work from previous years. This route is regularly used by pupils travelling to and from the High School and Community Campus.		

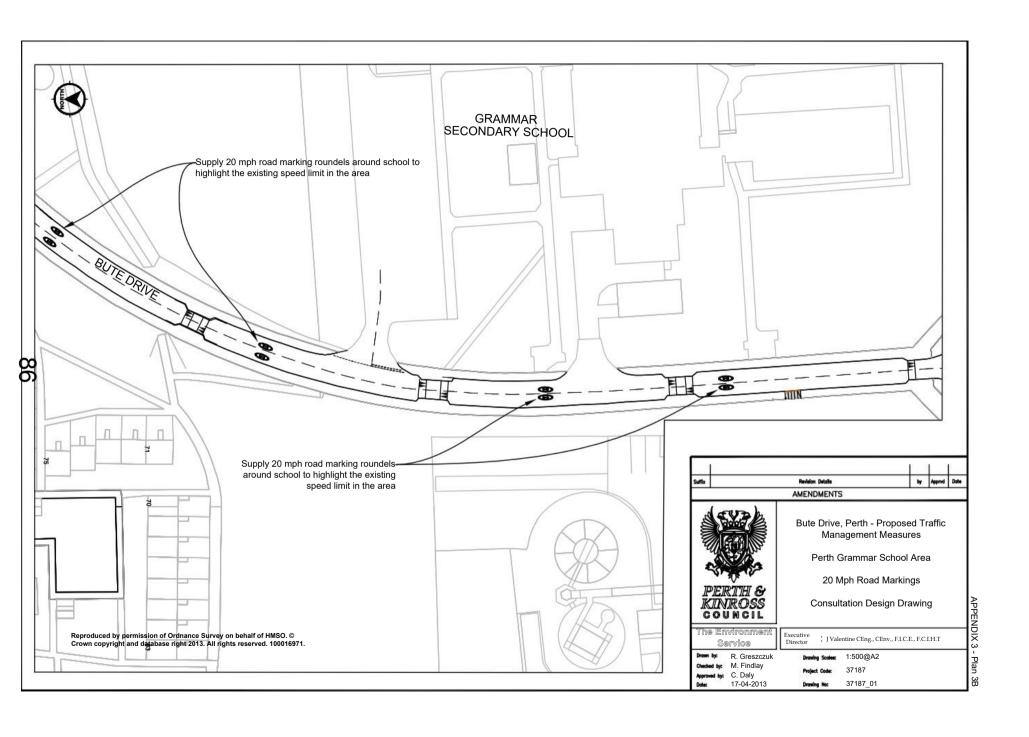
10	Hatton Road/Ferguson Park, Rattray	CWSS £7,148.36		
		Sustrans £6,500.00		
	Construction of a "park and stride" footpath link between Hatton Road and the			
	Primary School to assist and encourage walking and cycling to school and			
	assist in reducing traffic congestion at the front of the sch	nool.		
11	1 Crieff Road to Tulloch Road, Perth CWSS £12,6			
		Sustrans £30,000.00		
	The construction of a shared use link for students attending Perth college, as			
	well as a continuation of the North Inch to Perth College works that have been			
	provided in recent years.			
12	Breadalbane Terrace, Perth - Provision of cycle ramps	0		
	on pedestrian footbridge over railway line.			
	Difficulties in obtaining permission from Network Rail. (Note: £500 from			
	Sustrans allocated to Hatton Road footpath.)			
13	Friarton Park, Perth - strip widening of existing path to	0		
10	allow shared use	O		
	Funding not granted by Sustrans – scheme did not go ahead.			
	and the granted by education contents and the go ar	load.		
14	Shore Road, Perth - Surfacing and strip widening of	0		
	existing path to allow shared use.			
	Funding not granted by Sustrans – scheme did not go ahead.			
	Engineering Administration	£17,000		
	TOTAL	CWSS £170,909		
		Sustrans £84,500		

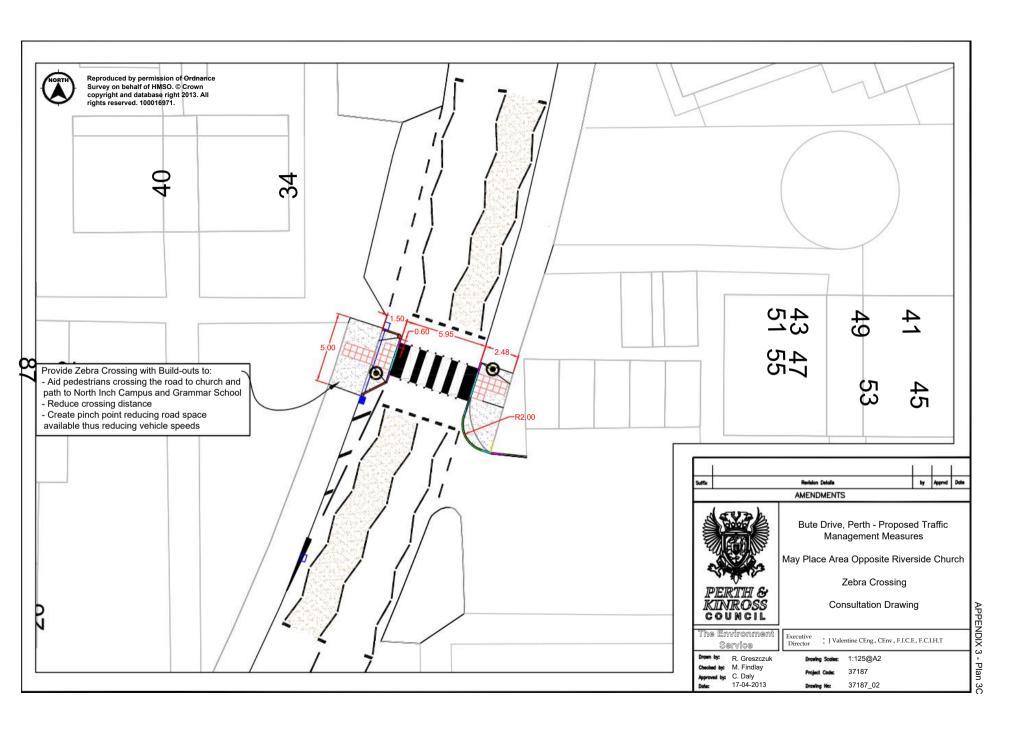
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Traffic	Traffic Calming / Community Schemes			
1	Bute Drive, North Muirton, Perth Provision of traffic calming measures.  Provision of measures to assist road safety including a build-out (to assist school crossing patroller), 20mph speed limit markings and a Zebra Crossing. Project is a continuation from 2012/13 through close working with the Community Council and Elected Members. (Ref. Plan 3a, b and c). (Some elements are cycle related – 50%)			£20,000
2	Swansacre, Kinross  Proposed speed table to red discourage through traffic), f system. Identified by the local local Elected Members. (Ref	ootway widening and 1-wa al community and supporte		£28,000
Safer	Routes to Schools			
3	Burrell Street, Crieff The installation of a Puffir particularly school children location. Also includes alto identified through school supported by Local Elected cycle related.	n at the school crossing erations to existing bus travel planning proces	patrol boarder ss and	£35,000
Scher	mes likely to be match funde	ed by Sustrans (all cycle	related)	
4	Ardblair Trail, Blairgowrie	Existing paths to be upgraded and a new path (Phases 3, 4 & 6)	Sustra	SS £21,000 Ins £27,500
	Continuation of the work carried out on the Trail. It is proposed to upgrade and widen existing paths and construct a new path link. This route is regularly used by pupils travelling to and from the local High School and Community Campus and the work is supported by Elected Members. (Ref. Plan 3f)			
5	School Road, Coupar Angus	Provision for cyclists and pedestrians and measures to reduce vehicle speeds		VSS £7,000 Ins £11,000
	Construction of a hard stan road hump (Phase 2) and p to school. Measures suppo (Ref. Plan 3g)	rovision of a shared use li	nk from the Communi	ne bus stop ity Council.
6	Coupar Angus	Cycle route signing		VSS £1,000 rans £4,000
	Due to the publication of a n minor roads in the area, information for cyclists. (Ref	it is proposed to erect	cle routes	s, mostly on

7	A94 at Ardler	Provision of a shared	CWSS £6,000	
		use path	Sustrans £7,000	
	In order to continue a cycle link between Coupar Angus and Alyth it			
	proposed to construct a shared use path in the interests of road safety.			
	hoped that this will form the start up a comprehensive network of cyc			
	routes in and around Coupar Angus. (Ref. Plan 3i)			
8	B8079 Killiecrankie to Blair		CWSS £15,000	
	Atholl (part of NCN 7) use path and footway Sustrans £1  NCN 7 links into the Core Path network. Following road safety conce			
	is proposed to provide a sho			
	link the existing path from th	e visitor centre to the villa	ge. (Rei. Plan 3j)	
9	B8079 Killiecrankie to Blair	Provision of cycle lanes	CWSS £2,000	
Ü	Atholl (part of NCN 7)	. To the letter of a systematics	Sustrans £3,000	
	It is proposed to visually nar	row the carriageway by pr		
	on a section of the National			
	provided to help raise aware			
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10	Green Routes - Saline	Upgrading of existing	CWSS £2,000	
	Road, Blairingone	road to facilitate	Sustrans £2,000	
		cyclists		
	As part of the Green Routes			
	routes which will include upg		. Supported by local	
	Elected Members. (Ref. Plar	า 3I)		
4.4	Crear Davitas Dalada ta	Harmadian of aviation	OMOC 02 000	
11	Green Routes – Balado to	Upgrading of existing	CWSS £5,000	
	Killoch Bridge	road to facilitate	Sustrans £8,500	
	As part of the Cross Boutes	cyclists	avalan a number of	
	As part of the Green Routes project it is proposed to develop a number of routes which will include upgrading a number of roads. Supported by local			
	Elected Members. (Ref. Plan		. Supported by local	
	Liected Members. (Itel. I lai	1 3111)		
12	Green Routes – Various	Provision of signing	CWSS £5,000	
	Locations		Sustrans £10,000	
	As part of the Green Routes project it is proposed to develop a number of routes which will require directional, advisory and warning signs.			
	Supported by local Elected Members. (Ref. Plan 3n, 3o, 3p and 3q)			
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	Eng	ineering Administration	11,000	
		TOTAL	CWSS £158,000	
			Sustrans £90,500	







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