

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL****Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – 30 January 2013****PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT – GANNOCHY AREA, PERTH****Report by Depute Director (Environment)**

This report details a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the roads in and around the Gannochy area of Perth, and recommends a variation of the Traffic Regulation Order for 20mph Speed Limits.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS****1.1** The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) to the commencement of the legal procedure to promote a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a permanent 20mph in and around the Gannochy area of Perth, as shown on the plan at Appendix 1.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The local community have voiced their concerns about motorists using streets in the Gannochy area of Perth as a “rat run” to avoid queuing traffic at Bridgend. They also anticipate that the redevelopment of Murray Royal Hospital will generate an increase in the volumes of traffic in this area.
- 2.2 As a result the local community, with the support of the local Elected Members, have requested the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on the streets shown on the plan at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The area has been assessed in accordance with 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”.

**3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 It is proposed to promote a variation to the existing TRO for 20mph Speed Limits to introduce a permanent 20mph as detailed on 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. Tayside Police, the local Elected Members and the Community Council have been consulted and support the proposals.
- 4.2 Details of the proposal were sent to approximately 400 residents to ascertain their views and invite comments. Although there was a limited response, 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, and installing the 20mph signs and road markings. The indicative cost of £500 for advertising the TRO and the estimated costs of £3,000 for the new posts, signs and road markings will be met from the Road Safety and Design Budget in 2013/14.

#### **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:
  - (i) A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
  - (ii) 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 details a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit on streets in and around the Gannochy area of Perth as shown on the plan at Appendix 1, and proposes to vary the relevant TRO.
- 9.2 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, these will be reported back to Committee with appropriate recommendations.

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No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied upon to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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