

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**ROADS COMMITTEE**

**9 MARCH 2000**

**VARIATION OF SPEED LIMIT AT LITTLE BRECHIN**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS**

**ABSTRACT**

This report deals with a proposed reduction in the current speed limit at Little Brechin

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the promotion of the necessary Traffic Regulation Variation Order to effect a change to the speed limit from 60 mph to 40 mph at Little Brechin.

**2 DETAILS**

The residents of Little Brechin have concerns about the speed of traffic travelling through the village and wrote to their local MP on this subject. The matter was subsequently the subject of the local public meeting attended by John Swinney MSP MP, the local member (Cllr The Hon Ruth J Leslie Melville), Convener Sandy West, Roads Department officials and Tayside Police. Following discussions it was proposed that the speed limit in the village be reduced to 40 mph.

A speed survey had been carried out between 11 am and midday which showed that the 85 percentile speed (ie the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles travel) was 40 mph with an average speed of 38 mph. Following comments at the public meeting the survey was repeated between 8 am and 9 am when an 85 percentile speed of 43 mph and an average speed of 38 mph was recorded. These traffic speed surveys indicate that the proposed reduction of the speed limit to 40 mph is appropriate. (It should be noted however that these surveys were based on very low traffic volumes and as such may not be statistically representative).

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost of the proposals is £2500 and this will to be contained within the 2000/01 Revenue Budget for Traffic. Additional maintenance costs would amount to £250 per annum and these would require to be contained within future years Roads Revenue Budgets.

**4 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of the Report.

## 5 CONCLUSION

In the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety a reduction in the current speed limit at Little Brechin is considered appropriate. A variation of the current Traffic Regulation Order to impose the new speed limit is therefore necessary.

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Director of Roads

### NOTE

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 on to any material extent in preparing the above Report).

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