

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

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**VARIATION OF SPEED LIMITS AT A937 HILLSIDE, MONTROSE
AND WESTWAY, ARBROATH.**

REPORT BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report deals with proposed alterations to the current speed limits at Marykirk Road, Hillside (A937) and Westway, Arbroath.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the promotion of the procedures necessary to:-

- (i) effect changes to the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph on a section of Marykirk Road, Hillside (A937);
- (ii) effect changes to the speed limit from 40 mph to 30mph on Westway, Arbroath.

2 DETAILS

The specific locations where alterations to speed limits are considered appropriate are listed below with brief reasons and are shown on the attached location plans.

2.1 MARYKIRK ROAD, HILLSIDE

An existing private access is located on Marykirk Road which serves several cottages and a former NOSWA waterworks as well as providing access to Sunnyside Hospital. The junction of the access with Marykirk Road is substandard in terms of visibility sightline to the south due to a road bend and adjacent trees.

Recent removal of some trees on the ground adjacent to south of the junction has improved the situation but concerns remain about its safety as the junction is outwith the 30mph speed limit for the village and approach speeds around the bend are high.

Speeds within the 30mph limit also tend to be high and in order to improve the overall situation the extension of the 30mph urban speed limit was suggested.

It was not felt appropriate to extend the 30mph limit in this semi-rural location but in view of all the circumstances it is felt appropriate in this instance in order to further improve safety and reduce traffic speeds on the road to introduce a 'buffer' speed limit of 40mph extending from the existing 30mph limit to just past the junction as shown on the attached plan.

2.2 WESTWAY, ARBROATH

In recent times the introduction of cycle lanes on Westway as part of the North Sea Cycle Route and Sustrans Route 1 National Cycle Route has proven popular but has raised complaints about parking in the lanes and speeding traffic particularly on the 40mph section south of Arbirlot Road. There has been a significant increase in development in this area including a fast food outlet as well as private housing and a nursing home along this length of road.

In view of the above it is proposed to make the whole length of Westway subject to a speed limit of 30mph.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of the proposals is £3500 and it is anticipated that this can be contained within the 2002/2003 Revenue Budget for Traffic. Additional maintenance costs would amount to £500 per annum and this will require to be contained in future years Revenue Budgets.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

5 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 this Report.

6 CONCLUSION

In the interests of pedestrian and traffic safety the above alterations to speed limits are considered appropriate. The variation of the current draft Traffic Regulation Orders to alter or extend existing speed limits or impose new limits are therefore necessary.

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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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