

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

22 NOVEMBER 2001

VARIATION OF SPEED LIMITS

REPORT BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report deals with the alterations to current speed limits on the Dundee – Friockheim Road (B961) at Monikie School; Kinnaber Road, Hillside, Montrose and Monifieth Seafront.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to:-

- (a) the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to:-
 - (i) introduce a part-time 30mph speed limit on a section of the Dundee – Friockheim Road (B961) adjacent to Monikie School;
 - (ii) reduce the current speed limit to 20mph on Marine Drive and South Union Street, Monifieth;
 - (iii) extend the existing 30mph speed limit on Kinnaber Road, Hillside, Montrose.
- (b) seek authorisation from the Scottish Executive for the proposed part-time 30mph speed limit at Monikie.

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.

(i) Dundee –Friockheim Road (B961)

In January 2001 the Committee agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce part-time 20mph speed limits on a two year trial basis at six sites adjacent to schools in Angus. This included a section of the Dundee – Friockheim Road (B961) adjacent to Monikie School which is currently de-restricted (ie national maximum speed limit 60mph).

The TRO has progressed. However recent guidance on the introduction of 20mph speed limits including part-time limits issued by the Scottish Executive

has strongly indicated that such speed limits should only be considered on roads with existing 30mph speed limits.

Following discussions between the Director of Law and Administration and the Acting Director of Roads it was agreed that the Council should follow this guidance and the proposed part-time 20 mph speed limit at Monikie was deleted from the Order.

The introduction of a part-time speed limit at Monikie School remains a commitment under the trial. After due consideration and discussions with other Authorities involved in the trial it is proposed that a part-time 30mph would be appropriate at this location.

No current legislation permits the promotion of a TRO for such a speed limit and it will therefore require the express authorisation of the Scottish Executive. Discussions with other Authorities involved in the trial who also wish to introduce part-time 30mph speed limits on de-restricted roads have indicated that the Scottish Executive may look on applications for such restrictions favourably.

(ii) **Monifieth Seafront**

The development of proposals for the environmental improvement works at Monifieth Seafront are ongoing. As part of those proposals the introduction of traffic calming measures is anticipated and in order to reinforce these measures a reduction in the current speed limit to 20mph on Marine Drive and South Union Street is considered appropriate.

(iii) **Kinnaber Road, Hillside, Montrose**

At present the existing 30mph speed limit is imposed by virtue of street lighting on this unclassified road. Development of several new houses has progressed over the years beyond the current limit of the street lighting. The local member for Hillside and residents have raised concerns about the speed of traffic in the vicinity of their houses at the approach to the village and about pedestrian safety. It is considered appropriate to extend the existing 30mph speed limit a short distance to reduce traffic speeds in this area.

3 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost of £4000 for the part-time speed limit at Monikie School will be met from the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund in 2001/2002 as previously agreed.

The estimated cost of £3,500 for the speed limit proposals at Monifieth Seafront will be met from the expenditure allocated to the scheme in the Councils 2001/2005 Financial Plan.

The estimated cost of the proposals at Kinnaber Road is £600 and it is anticipated that this can be contained within the 2001/2002 Revenue Budget for Traffic. Additional maintenance costs would amount to £60 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 interest of pedestrian and traffic safety the proposed alterations to speed limits are considered appropriate. The variation of the current Traffic Regulation Orders to alter or extend existing speed limits or impose new limits are therefore necessary. No current legislation is available to introduce a part-time 30mph speed limit and therefore specific authorisation of the Scottish Executive is required.

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NOTE:

The following 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 this Report:-

Report No 647/00 - Promotion of Part-Time 20mph Zones at Schools - Angus Council Roads Committee - 8 June 2000.

Report No 112/01 - Promotion of Part-Time 20mph Zones at Schools - Angus Council Roads Committee - 25 January 2001.

Report No 1124/01 - Monifieth Seafront Development - Angus Council Recreation and Cultural Services Committee - 4 October 2001.

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