

## **REPORT TO KINCARDINE AND MEARN'S AREA COMMITTEE – 16 JANUARY 2018**

### **PROPOSED 20MPH ZONE – JAMES GREGORY ROAD, DRUMOAK**

#### **1 Recommendations**

**The Committee is recommended to:**

- 1.1 Authorise the commencement of the statutory procedure for the making of the 20mph Zone - James Gregory Road, Drumoak Traffic Order.**
- 1.2 Authorise the subsequent making of the 20mph Zone - James Gregory Road, Drumoak Traffic Order in the event that no valid objections are received or any received are resolved and withdrawn.**
- 1.3 Instruct the submission of a further report to Committee in the event that any valid objections received are not resolved and not withdrawn, or the proposals are amended following consideration of valid objections.**

#### **2 Background / Discussion**

- 2.1 Planning consent (APP/2013/0196) and subsequent Roads Construction Consent (S/13/04) were both granted to Stewart Milne Homes, in respect of the development at James Gregory Road, Drumoak in 2013.
- 2.2 It is proposed that a 20mph Zone mandatory speed limit be introduced for this development which also serves as access to the new Drumoak Primary School as detailed in schedule and plan contained in appendices 1 and 2 of this report respectively.
- 2.3 Implementation of the traffic order as proposed will comply with Scottish Government guidance and the Council's commitment to provide a 20MPH limit at all Aberdeenshire Council Schools.
- 2.4 It should be noted that James Gregory Road has been designed in accordance with national research backed speed reduction principles promoted in "Designing Streets", a Scottish National Planning Policy document, to produce a layout designed to incorporate an appropriate selection of speed reduction measures and features that naturally promote low average vehicular speeds that are well below 20MPH. As such, the 20MPH zone proposed is already largely self-enforcing by design but introduction of a formal order will allow additional opportunity to prosecute any rogue speeding, if required.

- 2.5 The junction of James Gregory with the existing public road (U154C) at “Sunnyside Drive” is located within both the existing full time 30mph limit and the part time operation 20mph limit that are currently in force on the U154C, Sunnyside Drive as indicated in the drawing contained in appendix 2 of this report.
- 2.6 Ward 18 Stonehaven & Lower Deeside Local Members have been consulted and have raised no issues in relation to the report.
- 2.7 Police Scotland have been consulted on the contents of this report and have raised no issues in relation to the report.
- 2.8 Crathes, Drumoak and Durris Community Council have been consulted on the contents of this report and have raised no issues in relation to the report.
- 2.9 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

### **3 Scheme of Governance**

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section B.11.3 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the approval of making of permanent orders for the regulation of traffic.

### **4 Implications and Risk**

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment has not been carried out, this report is for feedback only.
- 4.2 There are no additional staffing or financial implications identified. All costs involved in promoting and implementing any final order made will be met in full by the developer, via a) the standard fee charge for promoting the Traffic Order and b) subsequent implementation of all necessary speed limit signage required is provided for within the developers current Construction Consent for James Gregory Road.
- 4.3 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level:
  - Active Travel – failure to implement appropriate speed limits in our settlements may discourage residents from choosing to walk or cycle.

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**APPENDIX 1**

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL Infrastructure Services	<b>Mandatory Speed Limit Proposal</b>	Ref: James Gregory Road, Drumoak Sheet: 1 of 1 By: M Neave Date: 12/12/17
<b>REGULATION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
20mph Zone Mandatory Full Time	<b><u>James Gregory Road, Drumoak</u></b>  Over its entire length, a distance of 428m or thereby.	

