ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 29 NOVEMBER 2016

VARIATION OF SPEED LIMITS AT C51 ARBROATH - HILLEND ROAD, ARBROATH REPORT BY HEAD OF TECHNICAL & PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report relates to the proposed alterations to current speed limits on the C51 Arbroath - Hillend Road at Arbroath.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the committee agree to the promotion and making of a Speed Limits Order to effect changes to the speed limits on a section of the C51 Arbroath - Hillend Road at Arbroath.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN

- 2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:
 - Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant

3 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 Planning permission was agreed by the Development Standards Committee on 1 November 2016 (Report No. 382/16 refers), for the erection of 287 houses on an area of land in Arbroath bounded on its south and east sides by East Muirlands Road and the C51 Arbroath Hillend Road, respectively.
- 3.2 The agreed development includes a condition stating 'that prior to the commencement of development, a scheme for extending the existing 30 mph speed limit on the C51 Arbroath Hillend Road in a north-westerly direction shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The speed limit as extended must be operational prior to the commencement of development'.
- 3.3 On the C51 Arbroath Hillend Road the current 30 mph speed limit extends from its junction with East Muirlands Road, north-westerly for a distance of 102 metres or thereby, beyond which the national speed limit (60 mph) applies. In view of the impact of the new development and the planning condition agreed by the Development Standards Committee it is proposed, in the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety, to alter the existing speed limit from 60 mph to 30 mph from the existing 30 mph termination point north-westwards to a point just northwest of Bottlend Cottages, that is, a further 260 metres or thereby.

- Just north-west of Arbroath on the C51 Arbroath Hillend Road is the hamlet of Millfield Feus where there is an existing 30 mph speed limit with 40 mph 'buffer' speed limits on the approaches to the hamlet from the north-west (150 metres) and south-east (170 metres) directions. It is a relatively short distance between Millfield Feus and the proposed extended 30 mph speed limit from East Muirlands Road with the potential for high approach traffic speeds entering the proposed extended 30 mph speed limit area from the rural hinterland. As such it is proposed also to extend the existing buffer 40 mph speed limit south-east of Millfield Feus south-eastwards to the termination of the proposed extended 30 mph speed limit at Bottlend Cottages.
- 3.5 In order to implement the above changes to the speed limits on the C51 Arbroath Hillend Road the promotion and making of a speed limits Order is necessary.
- 3.6 A plan indicating the extents of the existing and proposed speed restrictions is provided in Appendix 1 to this report.

4 RISK

4.1 This report does not require any specific risk issues to be addressed.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications arising for the council as a result of the recommendation contained in this report as the costs of signing, etc. associated with these proposals will be met by Persimmon Homes, as developer of the housing site. There are no additional maintenance costs arising from the proposals.

6 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

7 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The issues contained within this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Resources, the Head of Corporate Improvements & Finance, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Police Scotland were consulted in the preparation of this report.

9 CONCLUSION

9.1 In the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety and taking into consideration the increased traffic movements arising as a result of a new housing development at East Muirlands Road, Arbroath alterations to speed limits are recommended for promotion.

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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. 382/16 - Planning Application - Field 100m East of Electricity Sub Station East Muirlands Road, Arbroath

Appendix 1: Location Plan

