

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 14 APRIL 2015

BALLUMBIE CASTLE ESTATE – TRAFFIC CALMING

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report informs the Committee of the difficulties which some pedestrians encounter in crossing Poplar Drive, Ballumbie Castle Estate and seeks authority to undertake formal consultation on the proposal to install traffic calming measures.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the difficulties which pedestrians, particularly school children, encounter when crossing Poplar Drive, Ballumbie;
- (ii) approves in principle to the introduction of proposed traffic calming measures;
- (iii) instructs the Head of Technical and Property Services to undertake consultation on the above proposal; and
- (iv) notes that a further report will be brought forward to this committee following completion of the proposed consultation.

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

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are prosperous and fair
- Our communities are safe and strong
- Our communities are sustainable

3. BACKGROUND

Earlier this year Murroes and Wellbank Community Council, a local member from the Monifieth and Sidlaw ward and the chair of the Residents' Association raised concerns regarding the speed of vehicles travelling from Silver Birch Drive through the roundabout and along Poplar Drive, Ballumbie Castle Estate, particularly during the morning and afternoon peak times when children are crossing the road near the bus stop.

4. DETAILS

A 'black box' radar speed survey was carried out on Poplar Drive near the bus stop between 10 February 2015 and 17 February 2015. The results from this survey show that the mean average speed of eastbound vehicles was 29.6mph and the 85th percentile speed of vehicles was 34.6mph (the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles were travelling).

The issue was raised at the Angus Area Traffic Co-ordination Group and a site visit was held on 18 February 2015 with representatives from Police Scotland, Roads and Transport and Schools and Learning in attendance. The site visit gave the officers the opportunity to observe the situation first hand and to discuss the concerns raised. The officers noted that the majority

of vehicles failed to slow down as they negotiated the mini-roundabout from Silver Birch Drive to Poplar Drive with many of the drivers taking a straight line through the roundabout. At the time of the visit there were several vehicles parked opposite the bus stop and a significant number of school pupils crossed the road in the vicinity of the bus stop. It was decided that although the recorded speeds at this location were not excessive further investigations would be carried out to consider appropriate options that would encourage a reduction in the speed of vehicles on Poplar Drive.

Following the site visit a number of options were considered to reduce the speed of traffic entering and exiting Ballumbie Castle Estate including the introduction of traffic calming features.

The preferred option is to install 3 sets of 75mm high speed cushions on Poplar Drive between its junction with the B978 and the roundabout (see **Appendix A**). It is envisaged that the proposed speed cushions will reduce the speed of approaching traffic at an area where pedestrians are crossing the carriageway to and from the bus stop.

5. PROPOSALS

Notwithstanding that the concerns were raised by the Community Council and local member, the local members have been advised of the proposals. The installation of speed cushions requires formal statutory consultation in accordance with road humps regulations. It is recommended that this formal consultation should be carried out, on the proposal to install these measures, involving the consultees listed in **Appendix B** and includes those residents encompassed in the plan area shown in **Appendix C**. The outcomes of such consultation would be subject to a future report to this committee.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At this stage there are no financial implications arising from this report other than the costs associated with the consultation which can be contained within the Roads Revenue Budget for 2015/16. Any financial implications associated with any proposed measures will be detailed in a future report to this committee following the consultation exercise.

7. CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the proposal to install traffic calming features as shown in **Appendix A** is consulted upon, allowing those listed in **Appendix B** the opportunity to express their views on the implications of the proposal. The results of the consultation will be subject of a future report to this committee.

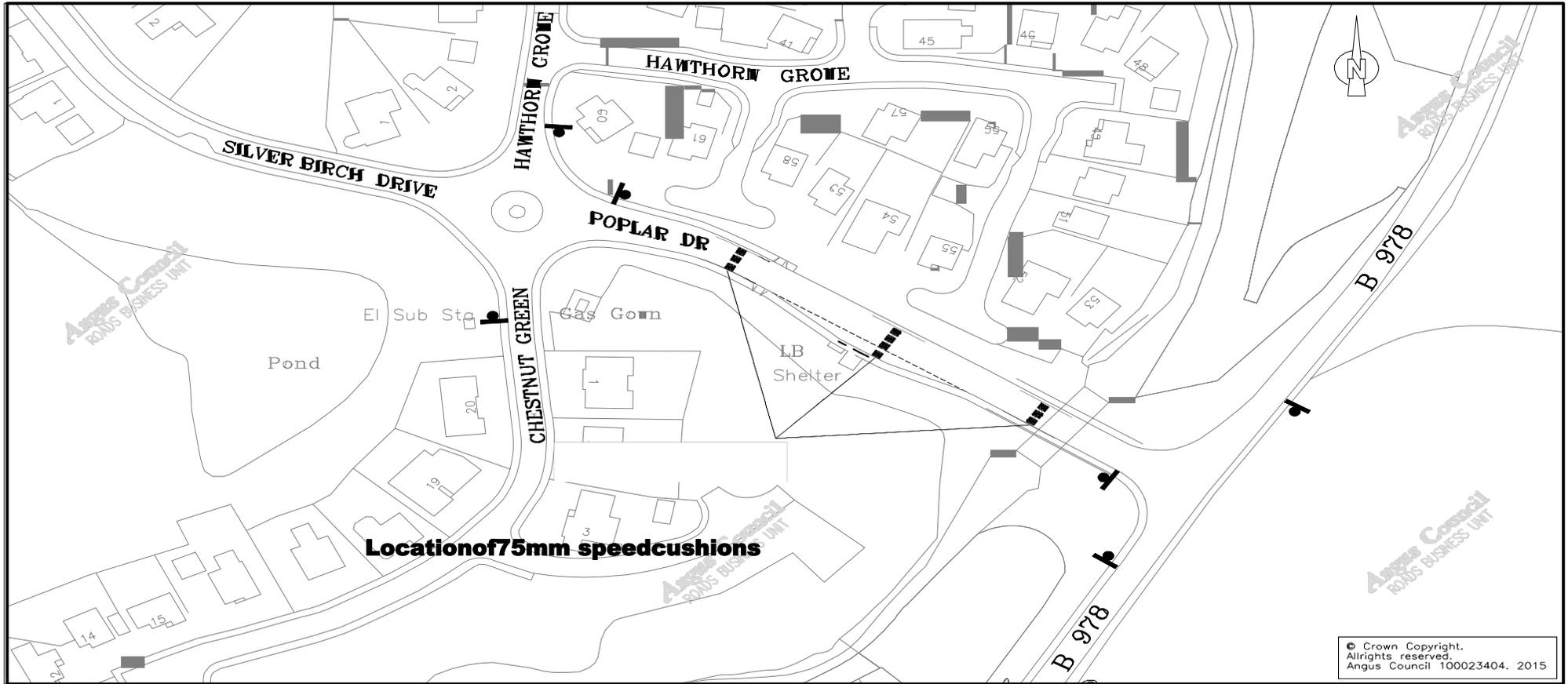
8. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Strategic Director – Resources, Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Head of Schools & Learning and the local Police Commander for Tayside Division have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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List of Appendices: Appendix A – Traffic Calming General Layout
Appendix B – Proposed List of Consultees
Appendix C – Consultation Location Plan



Location of 75mm speedcushions

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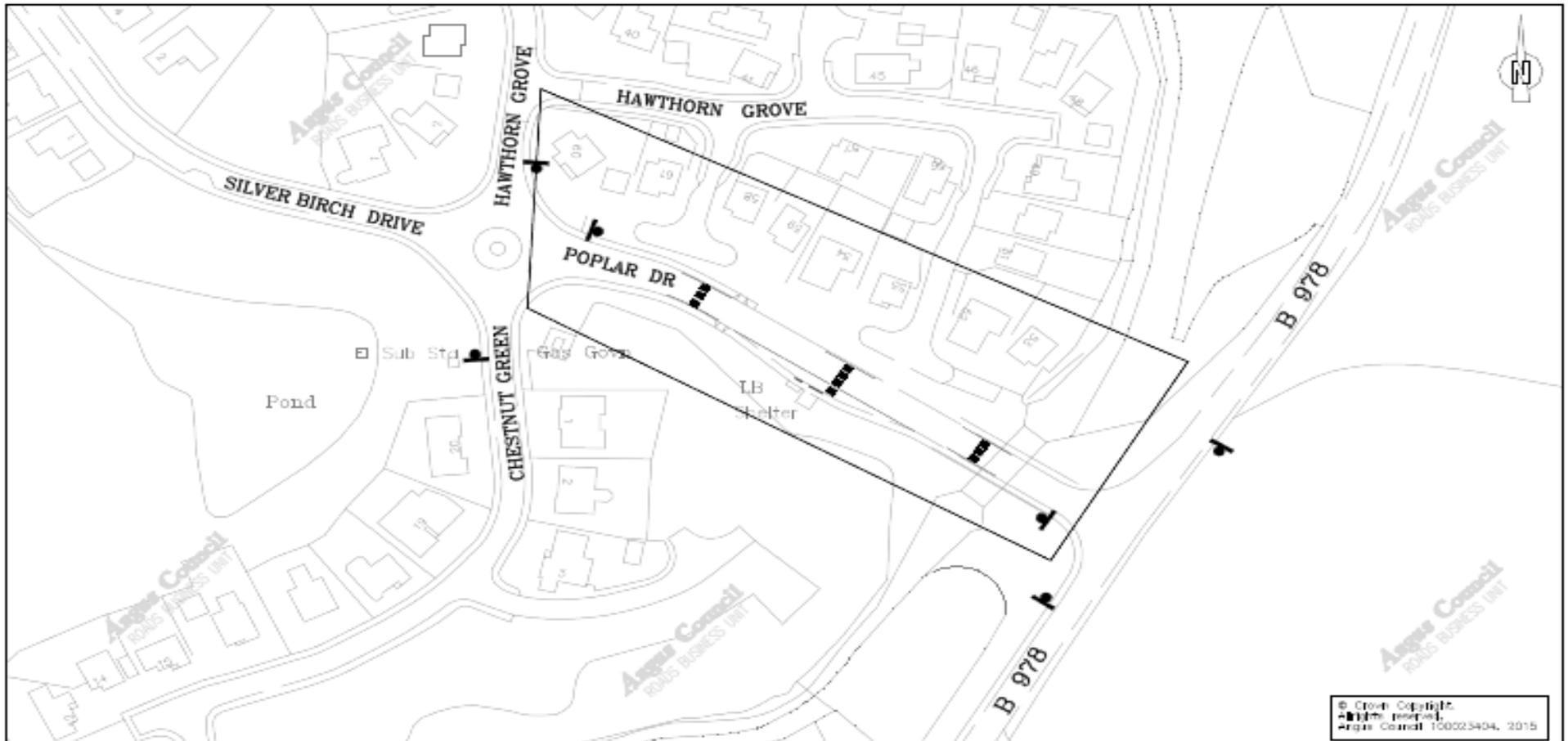
PROPOSED LIST OF CONSULTEES

1. Local Ward members for the Monifieth and Sidlaw area
2. Murroes and Wellbank Community Council
3. The local Divisional Police Commander for Tayside
4. The Fire & Rescue Area Manager
5. The Regional Officer for the Ambulance service
6. Head of Schools & Learning
7. Service Manager – Regulatory, Protective & Prevention Services
8. Angus Access Panel
9. Forfarshire Society for The Blind
10. T G Travel (Angus Council contracted bus operator)

Additionally each resident within the area indicated on the attached plan (see Appendix C) will be provided with an individual copy of the consultation pack.

It is envisaged that the consultation will be included on the Angus Council website and that consultation packs will be made available at the Monifieth Access Office for the general public who wish to comment on the proposed option. Completed questionnaires can be completed online, handed into the Monifieth Access office or posted to the Traffic Manager, Angus Council, County Buildings, Market Street, Forfar DD8 3WR.

A press release will be issued informing the public of the consultation period.



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