

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE 8 DECEMBER 2009**

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL
RURAL DEVELOPMENTS**

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To bring forward a proposal to set out the requirements for road access to single house and small developments in rural areas of Moray as part of the revision of the road guidelines and specification as identified in the Moray Local Plan (2008).
- 1.2 To seek approval to undertake wider consultation on this proposed document that will form part of a wider series of documents forming the 'Road Standards for Construction and Adoption'.
- 1.3 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the function of the Council as Roads Authority.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Committee is invited to note the contents of this report.**
- 2.2 **The Committee is invited to approve Appendix A that forms the draft 'Transportation Access Requirements for Small Developments in Rural Areas', and instruct appropriate consultation.**
- 2.3 **A further report shall be submitted following the consultation period, advising of the comments and representations received.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There is work under way to revise the 'Road Standards for Construction and Adoption' and this report presents the first of a series of publications that will form the overall new document.
- 3.2 This report concerns the preparation and consultation for a document covering single house and small developments in rural parts of Moray.

3.3 The main objectives in preparing this publication are:

SAFETY	Access Visibility
	Provision of Service bays and passing places
	Appropriate junction spacing
CONSTRUCTION	Consistent design
	Appropriate Standard
	Compliance with Legislation
DRAINAGE	Provision of roadside drainage
	Appropriate SUDS
	Flood risk minimised
Accessibility	Access to Rural Transport Options

3.4 A copy of the draft 'Transportation Access Requirements for Small Rural Developments' is attached at **Appendix A**.

3.5 A review of publications prepared by neighbouring local authorities has been undertaken. Assistance has been received from Transportation Officers in Aberdeenshire Council and Highland Council.

3.6 It is proposed that consultation is carried out with the following:

- Known developers; architects; agents
- Community Councils and Community Associations
- Ward Forum
- General consultation via publicity and use of the Council web site

3.7 All submissions will be reported back to this Committee for consideration and final approval.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Moray Local Plan/Service Improvement Plan

This report contributes to:
SOA 8. Roads/Transport
MLP(2008) Action Plan – Revised Road Guidelines and Specification
SIP 2.2 Improving the Transport Infrastructure

(b) Policy and Legal

This report relates to the Transport and Accessibility part of the Moray Local Plan. In particular this publication will provide information and guidance to assist developers to fulfil the requirements of MLP(2008) Policy T2 – provision of a safe and suitable road access and MLP(2008) Policy IMP1(c) – adequate roads, public transport, etc. This will enable the adoption of roads in accordance with the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

Consultations to be carried out as part of staff workload.

(d) Consultations

Consultation has taken place with the Planning & Development Manager; Principal Solicitor (Conveyancing) and Principal Accountant and their comments have been incorporated into this report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The provision of a safe and suitable road access to satisfy the requirements of Moray Local Plan (2008) Policy T2 is essential. Moray Local Plan (2008) Policy IMP1(c) requires new developments to meet certain criteria including adequate roads, public transport, and walking and cycling provision.**
- 5.2 The publication of the proposed ‘Transportation Access Requirements for Small Rural Developments’ will provide information and guidance to assist developers to satisfy the requirements of these policies.**
- 5.3 Consultation is proposed and a report on the outcome of the consultation will be brought back to Committee.**

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Background Papers: Moray Local Plan (2008) – Action Plan

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