

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 20 APRIL 2010**

**SUBJECT: ELGIN ROAD HIERACHY – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION
SUBMISSIONS**

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report concerns the requirement identified in the Moray Local Plan for the production of an Elgin Road Hierarchy (page 79 of the Moray Local Plan refers).
- 1.2 This report is submitted to advise Committee of the comments and representations received to the proposed Elgin Road Hierarchy designation.
- 1.3 The 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 recommended to:

- (i) **note the responses received to the consultation for the proposed Elgin Road Hierarchy – Primary and District Distributor Roads;**
- (ii) **approve the recommendations set out in Appendix 2 and;**
- (iii) **approve the Elgin Road Hierarchy for the purposes of development management and traffic management.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A report was submitted to the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on 8 December 2009 (para 10 of the minute refers) inviting the Committee to consider proposals to meet the requirements identified in the Moray Local Plan for an Elgin Road Hierarchy. The consultation period ended on 22 February 2010.
- 3.2 In addition to documents being made available at libraries, access points and via the web site a total of 60 letters and 30 emails were also issued to a range of organisations including community councils, community associations, area forums, key agencies, technical consultees; internal departments and services.
- 3.3 Following the example of the Scottish Government a consultation form was used that enabled respondees to clarify/select the appropriate confidentiality status for their response. A copy of the blank consultation form is available at **Appendix 1** to this report.

- 3.4 The responses received have been summarised and where appropriate a 'Group Confidential' or 'Individual Confidential' reference has been used in the respondent column. The responses and the associated recommendations are shown in the table at **Appendix 2**.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

This report contributes to:

SOA 8 Roads/Transport

SIP 2.2 Improving the Transport Infrastructure

(b) Policy and Legal

This report relates to the following:

- **Roads (Scotland) Act 1984**
- **New Roads and Street Works Act 1991**
- **MLP (2008) Action Plan – Elgin Road Hierarchy**
- **Moray Local Plan 2008 – Policy T6 Traffic Management**

The formal designation of the Primary and District Distributor roads in Elgin will provide a framework for development management and traffic management.

Once approved the Elgin Road Hierarchy will become a material consideration when assessing planning applications.

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

Completion of the Elgin Road Hierarchy is to be carried out as part of staff workload.

(d) Consultations

The Traffic Inspector for Grampian Police has been consulted and is in agreement with this report.

Lorraine Paisey, Principal Accountant has been consulted and is in agreement with the financial implications.

Donald Lunan, Planning and Development Manager has been consulted and is in agreement with this report.

Alasdair McEachan, Principal Solicitor (Commercial & Conveyancing) has been consulted and is in agreement with this report.

Bill Ross, Road Maintenance Manager has been consulted and is in agreement with this report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Only minor changes are proposed as a consequence of the receipt of consultation responses.**
- 5.2 The identification of Primary and District Distributor roads will provide a framework for development management and traffic management. This will help to reduce the overall impact of traffic.**
- 5.3 The Elgin Road Hierarchy can be used as a material consideration in respect of future planning applications in relation to MLP (2008) Policy T6 Traffic Management.**

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Background Papers:

Ref: GRH/RG/