

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

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE RESPONSE TO
CONSULTATION SUBMISSIONS**

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to advise Committee of the comments and representations received to the proposed document that would form part of the overall Moray Council Road Design Procedures and Standards publications.
- 1.2 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;**
- (ii) approve the recommendations set out in Appendix 2 and;**
- (iii) delegate the Director of Environmental Services to make the necessary changes and publish the document.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There was submitted to the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee on 8 December 2009 (para 11 of the minute refers) inviting the Committee to consider a document covering the transportation requirements for single house and small developments in the countryside as part of a wider revision to the Moray Council Road Design Procedures and Standards. 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 58 letters and 28 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**
- **Moray Local Plan 2008 – Policy T2, T5, and IMP3**

Once approved the publication will become a material consideration when assessing planning applications.

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

Completion of the publication will be carried out as part of staff workload.

(d) Consultations

Donald Lunan, Planning and Development Manager has been consulted and any comments on the report can be made at the meeting.

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

Alasdair McEachan, Principal Solicitor (Commercial and Conveyancing) has been consulted and is in agreement with the recommendation.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 **The need for early consultation so that transportation requirements can be identified and appropriate planning permission sought is widely**

accepted. This document will provide guidance to enable the identification of all transportation requirements in advance of any future application.

- 5.2** There are a number of proposed changes as a consequence of the receipt of consultation responses. The most significant one relates to the new arrangements for dealing with passing places on single track roads and possibly contributions to Dial-a-bus services through the Service Level Agreement with Aberdeenshire Council Planning Gain Service. Through this document notice will be provided to developers/applicants that developer contributions may be required in certain circumstances. The detailed arrangements will be handled by the Planning Gain Service.
- 5.3** Once approved the publication will become a material consideration when assessing planning applications.

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Background Papers:

Ref: GRH/RG/