

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

SUBJECT: PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION, ELGIN CENTRE

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to approve the promotion of a 20 mph speed limit within the central area of Elgin bounded by the A96 Trunk Road, Greyfriars Street and Lossie Wynd as detailed in **Appendix B** and as shown on the plan in **Appendix A** to this report.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the making of Orders for the regulation of traffic.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Committee is asked to:-

- (a) **approve the proposal to introduce a 20 mph speed limit within the specified area of Elgin Centre and instruct the Director of Environmental Services and the Chief Legal Officer to proceed with the statutory process and;**
- (b) **to instruct the Director of Environmental Services and the Chief Legal Officer to make and implement the order if, following the consultation period, there are no outstanding objections.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The proposal seeks to improve road safety for all residents and visitors, especially vulnerable road users and young people.
- 3.2 The proposal will seek to improve the street scene and improve the experience in what is a designated conservation area.
- 3.3 A survey was undertaken to provide a record of existing vehicular speeds and the following results were within Government guidance on the implementation of 20mph limits.

85%ile Speed

Glover Street	–	22.1 mph
South College Street	–	17.8 mph
Lossie Wynd	–	22.2 mph

- 3.4 The existing road layout already incorporates a number of traffic calming features, and this will ensure that compliance with the proposed speed limit will be high.
- 3.5 Additional traffic calming features will be required to comply with legislation and these will be consulted on simultaneously.
- 3.6 The work on Glover Street as part of the new Council Headquarters development (build-out at new HQ staff entrance/exit; footway from build-out to Greyfriars Street and waiting restrictions) will complement this proposal.
- 3.7 The Glover Street waiting restrictions proposal is the subject of a separate report to this Committee.

4 SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

The proposal adheres to National and Local Outcomes by striving to ensure that there are no collisions or people injured on Moray's roads.

(b) Policy and Legal

This proposal complies with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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

The cost of the scheme including promoting the order, signing and the necessary traffic calming is estimated to be £10,000 and, subject to competition with other road safety schemes, funding can be met from the Road Safety Capital Plan for 2010/11, if approved.

There are no staffing or property implications from this report.

(d) Consultations

Scott Mann, Traffic Inspector of Grampian Police has been consulted on this report and is in agreement with the recommendation.

Lorraine Paisey, Principal Accountant has been consulted on this report and agrees with the financial implications.

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

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 It is proposed to promote a traffic regulation order which will have the effect of introducing a 20mph speed limit within the central area of Elgin (see attached plan in Appendix A and schedule in Appendix B).

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Background Papers: None

Ref: ARD/KMP/

THE MORAY COUNCIL

SCHEDULE

“PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS”

Roads in Elgin	Location
Commerce Street	For its entire length.
High Street	From its junction with Commerce Street, to its junction with South College Street
South College Street	From its junction with High Street to its junction with Greyfriars Street
Glover Street	For its entire length
North Port	For its entire length
Lossie Wynd	From its junction with High Street, to its junction with the A96 Trunk Road
St. Giles Road	For its entire length
North College Street	From its junction with High Street / South College Street to its closure south of the A96 Trunk Road

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The speed restrictions are being introduced to improve road safety and access for vulnerable road users, by reducing vehicular speeds. This will complement the centre of Elgin as a Conservation area.