

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL (B7070, NORTH ROAD, BELLSHILL) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER - CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 27 November 1996	Ref: JM/IG	

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 specifies the reasons whereby a Local Authority can promote a Traffic Regulation Order. In the case of North Lanarkshire Council, all requests for the promotion of such Orders emanate from the Divisional Managers of the Planning and Development Department who, following appropriate informal consultations with emergency services and other interests, will formulate a proposed Order.
- 1.2 The Divisional Manager then prepares a report recommending the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order which is then submitted to the Director of Administration, along with its accompanying schedules and plans showing its detail.
- 1.3 The Director of Administration then prepares a formal draft Order on the basis of the proposals as contained within the said schedules and plans. Thereafter, the Director of Administration undertakes a formal consultation exercise by letter involving various public and other bodies and interests. In the absence of significant adverse comment, the proposals are then advertised formally in the press and locality and the draft Order and other documentation therewith are made available for inspection in accordance with the Local Roads Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1987.
- 1.4 Should no objections to the proposed Order be received, the proposal is then submitted to Committee for approval.

2 REPORT

- 2.1 In terms of paragraph 1.1 above a request was received for a Traffic Regulation Order over a 1 kilometre section of the B7070, North Road, Bellshill. This length of road lies to the north of the town of Bellshill forming part of the link to the A8 and Coatbridge.
- 2.2 The length of road in question is currently subject to a speed limit of 40 mph imposed by The County Council of the County of Lanark (40 mph Speed Limit) (No.1) Order 1965, which terminates approximately 200 metres north of the junction at Hattonrigg Road and the access to Bellshill Maternity Hospital.

- 2.3 A new junction (Caldwell Grove), on North Road approximately 250 metres north of the termination of the existing 40 mph speed limit, has been constructed. At this point the road is subject to the national speed limit of 60 mph. Caldwell Grove will serve a housing development of 64 dwellings (presently under construction), effectively extending the built-up area of Bellshill.
- 2.4 For reasons of road safety it is proposed that the speed limit of 40 mph on the B7070, North Road, be extended from the present northern termination, to a point 187 metres north of Caldwell Grove.
- 2.5 The Council have advertised its proposal to introduce the Order by way of public advertisement, to which no objections were received. In addition the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Passenger Transport, local Councillors and various public and other bodies have been consulted and have offered no objections to the proposal.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Sub-Committee approve the introduction of The North Lanarkshire Council (B7070, North Road, Bellshill) (40 mph Speed Limit) Order as detailed in this report.


Director of Administration

The plan which relates to the proposed Order can be inspected by contacting Mr Gaffney at Extension 2342.