

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

To: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL (GRAMPIAN WAY, CAIRNGORM GARDENS AND CAIRNTOUL COURT, BALLOCH, CUMBERNAULD) (TEMPORARY 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER - CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 13 January 1997	Ref: JM/MBG	

1 Background

1.1 In terms of the statutory arrangements for promoting Traffic Regulation Orders, it is proposed that an Order be processed over various streets in Cumbernauld as detailed below.

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2.1 In terms of paragraph 1.1 above a request was received for a Traffic Regulation Order encompassing Grampian Way, Cairngorm Gardens and Cairntoul Court, Balloch, Cumbernauld.

2.2 Grampian Way, Cairngorm Gardens and Cairntoul Court are located in the Balloch area of Cumbernauld. These roads were constructed by Cumbernauld Development Corporation to an unorthodox design which does not comply with the Council's Guidelines for Development of Roads. The roads are generally narrow, ranging in width down to 3.3 metres wide, with tortuous alignment and restricted sight lines. Abundant soft landscaping is a feature of the area further restricting sight lines. There are no footways on the roads in the area nor any service strips and plantings in close proximity to the carriageway further restricts inter visibility between pedestrians and vehicles. Although there is a remote footpath system the road system is used to some extent by pedestrians.

2.3 Discussions on adoption of the roads have been in progress for some years but have been inhibited by the non-standard layout, lack of service strip and consequential road safety implications.

2.4 Legislation allows the Council, with the consent of the Secretary of State for Scotland, to create a 20 mph zone over the roads. This appeared to offer a means of resolving some of the problems associated with the adoption of the roads and discussions have taken place with Cumbernauld Development Corporation as to what additional measures require to be introduced to ensure that the requirements for introduction of such a zone can be met.

2.5 Speed surveys have been carried out on these streets and these suggest that existing speeds appear to meet the necessary criteria for a 20 mph speed limit zone. In this situation it is considered that a temporary 20 mph limit should be introduced for a period of 18 months together with the construction by Cumbernauld Development Corporation of "gateway" features at the various entrances to these roads from Balloch Loop Road. The intention is that the effects of the limit and gateways would be monitored with a view to meeting the criteria for a permanent 20 mph limit. The Development Corporation

have also agreed to cut back or remove intensive soft landscaping where required to meet the less onerous visibility requirement associated with 20 mph speeds.

- 2.6 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 a 20 mph zone over the entire lengths of Grampian Way, Cairngorm Gardens and Cairntoul Court, Balloch, Cumbernauld and authorise the Director of Administration to approach the Secretary of State for Scotland for consent to introduce the North Lanarkshire Council (Grampian Way, Cairngorm Gardens and Cairntoul Court, Balloch, Cumbernauld) (Temporary 20 mph Speed Limit) Order.


Director of Administration

The plan which relates to the proposed Order can be inspected by contacting John Murray at Extension 2259.