

REPORT

To: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) SUB- COMMITTEE	Subject: THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL (B7066, SALSBURGH) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER - CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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1 BACKGROUND

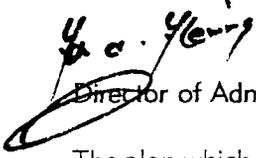
- 1.1 In terms of the statutory arrangements for the promoting of Traffic Regulation Orders it is proposed that an Order be processed for the B7066 at Salsburgh.

2 REPORT

- 2.1 In terms of paragraph 1.1, the B7066, Salsburgh runs generally eastwards from its junction with the A73 at Newhouse to Whitburn in West Lothian, where it continues as the A705. Salsburgh village is split by the B7066. There is no frontage access onto the B7066 through Salsburgh except at Kirk O'Shotts.
- 2.2 The road in question is currently subject to a 40 mph speed limit from the west end of Salsburgh generally eastwards to beyond the east end of Salsburgh, generally over that length of road where there are adjacent residential properties. The 40 mph speed limit was originally implemented by virtue of an Order made by the Secretary of State in 1964 when part of this road was classified as the A8 Trunk Road. The road was later detrunked with sections realigned. However, no subsequent Order(s) can be traced which relate to the 40 mph zone as presently signed.
- 2.3 The Local Member, Councillor Hugh Lucas, and the Kirk O'Shotts Primary School Board have expressed concern over the speed of traffic passing the primary school, which is situated 250 metres east of Salsburgh, where the national speed limit applies. This is at a point where a significant number of primary school children are required to cross the road which, even with the attendant school crossing patrol lady, raises concerns over possible vehicular/pedestrian conflict and in particular the children's safety. During discussions with members of the Planning and Development Department and Strathclyde Police's Traffic Management Unit on this matter, the issue was raised of another conflict point, at the junction of Duntilland Road with the B7066 Hirst Road, approximately 300 metres further east of Kirk O'Shotts Primary School. A significant number of turning manoeuvres are made at this junction by slow-moving quarry trucks, at a point where the national speed limit is in force, there is a slight crest curve, and where Duntilland Road meets Hirst Road on the outside of a slight bend.
- 2.4 For reasons of safety it is proposed that the 40 mph speed limit is extended from the east end of Salsburgh, eastwards for a distance of approximately 680 metres, to a point 175 metres east of the extended east kerblines of Duntilland Road. The position of the 40 mph speed limit at the west end of Salsburgh will remain as existing.
- 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 Councillor 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 (B7066, Salsburgh) (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 John Murray at Extension 2259.