

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Planning and Development (Traffic Management) Sub-Committee		Subject: Cromarty Road, Airdrie - Proposed Stopping Up Order
From: Director of Administration		
Date: 27 November 1998	Ref: RTO/12 JM	

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit, for the consideration of the Sub-Committee, a proposal to stop up a length of Cromarty Road, Airdrie, from a point 8 metres north of the extended north kerblines of Sykeside Road, northwards for a distance of 9 metres or thereby.

2 Background

- 2.1 Cromarty Road is situated on the periphery of Airdrie Town Centre and provides access from Sykeside Road into a residential area.
- 2.2 Presently, vehicles wishing to access the main distributor road, namely Cairnhill Road, from Sykeside Road use Cromarty Road as a "rat run". This practice increases traffic volumes in residential streets thus compromising road safety.
- 2.3 A Petition was submitted from certain residents of Cromarty Road and surrounding streets in January 1998 seeking the introduction of some form of traffic management scheme in Cromarty Road. The Planning and Development (Transport and Development) Sub-Committee held on 18 February 1998 noted the terms of the Petition.

3 Proposal

- 3.1 To alleviate the difficulties currently experienced by the residents of Cromarty Road, and in the interests of road safety, the Director of Planning and Development proposes to promote a Traffic Regulation Order which will prohibit any vehicle, with the exception of emergency service vehicles and pedal cycles, from being driven on Cromarty Road, from a point 8 metres north of the extended north kerblines of Sykeside Road, northwards for a distance of 9 metres or thereby. A plan detailing the proposal is attached as Appendix 1.

4 Consultation

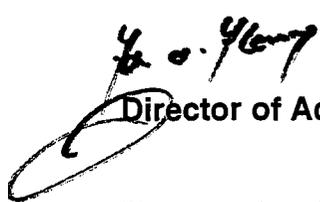
- 4.1 In terms of the Local Roads Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1987 the Council advertised its intention to introduce the Order, by way of public advertisement on 13 May 1998. In response to the notice eleven letters of objection were received, including a Petition containing 84 signatures. An additional objection was also received on 24 September 1998.
- 4.2 Details of the objectors and a synopsis of their grounds for objection are attached as Appendix 2.
- 4.3 Copies of the objections were passed to the Director of Planning and Development for this comments. A summary of the Director of Planning and Development's observations are attached as Appendix 3.
- 4.4 Copies of the objections were also passed to the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police, a copy of his response is attached as Appendix 4.

5 Current Position

- 5.1 In terms of the Local Roads Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1987, where objections are received to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order, the Authority promoting the Order are required to hold a Hearing to determine the matter.

6 Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee, after consideration of the views of the objectors and the comments from the representatives of the Department of Planning and Development and Strathclyde Police, should determine whether to:
- (a) Proceed with the proposal, as detailed above;
 - (b) Proceed with the proposal, in an amended form, or
 - (c) Abandon the proposal.


Director of Administration

Should any Member require further information please contact John Murray at extension 2443.



CROMARTY ROAD

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Sykeside Road
Ward Bdy

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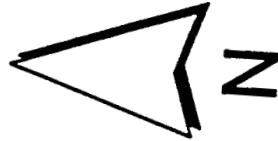
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Extent of Prohibition



APPENDIX 1

Title Cromarty Road, Airdrie
Proposed Prohibition of Driving
(Except for Emergency Vehicles
and Cyclists) Order.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
Department of Planning & Development
Divisional Manager - Central Division

Scale 1:500

Date March 1998

Drawn By G.F.

Drg No. TROCROM-01

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Reference	Objector	Nature of objection
1	Mr S. Magowan, 30 Sutherland Drive	<p>a Traffic calming on Cromarty Road would be a better solution</p> <p>b More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded</p> <p>c Increase in traffic at Cairnhill Road and Cromarty Road junction, which should be upgraded</p> <p>d Closure would lead to an increase in accidents in Cairnhill Road</p>
2	Miss A. Hunter, 123 Cromarty Road	<p>a Additional mileage and cost</p> <p>b More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded</p> <p>c Rat running not serious enough to warrant closure</p> <p>d Closure will encourage children to gather and play on the road</p>
3	Mr G. Herbertson, 127 Cromarty Road	<p>a Traffic calming on Cromarty Road would be a better solution</p> <p>b More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded</p> <p>c Lack of winter gritting</p>
4	Mr P.H. Wilson, Chairman, Monklands District Taxi ITOA, Upper Mill Street Industrial Estate	<p>a Traffic calming on Cromarty Road would be a better solution</p> <p>b Additional mileage and cost</p> <p>c Rat running not serious enough to warrant closure</p>
5	Mr J. Reid, 26 Galloway Road	<p>a Traffic calming on Cromarty Road would be a better solution</p> <p>b More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded</p> <p>c Increase in traffic at Cairnhill Road and Cromarty Road junction, which should be upgraded</p> <p>d Lack of winter gritting</p>

6	Mr A. E. Roy, 33 Sutherland Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Traffic calming on Cromarty Road would be a better solution b More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded c Increase in traffic at Cairnhill Road and Cromarty Road junction, which should be upgraded d Closure would lead to an increase in accidents in Cairnhill Road
7	Mr A. & Mrs M. Jack, "Arlberg", 56 Cromarty Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Traffic calming on Cromarty Road would be a better solution b More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded c Increase in traffic at Cairnhill Road and Cromarty Road junction, which should be upgraded
8	Mrs A. Glen, 32 Sutherland Drive (plus petition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Traffic calming on Cromarty Road would be a better solution b Additional mileage and cost c More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded d Increase in traffic at Cairnhill Road and Cromarty Road junction, which should be upgraded e Closure would lead to an increase in accidents in Cairnhill Road f School children would have to be dropped off on Sykeside Road, and have to cross the road g Increased traffic on Victoria Crescent and Thomson Drive
9	Mr F. Coogans, 121 Cromarty Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded b Increase in traffic at Cairnhill Road and Cromarty Road junction, which should be upgraded c Closure would lead to an increase in accidents in Cairnhill Road
10	Mr B. & Mrs E. Geddes, 34 Sutherland Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Additional mileage and cost b More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded c Increase in traffic at Cairnhill Road and Cromarty Road junction, which should be upgraded d Increased traffic volume on Victoria Crescent and Thomson Drive

11	Mr J. Cornyn, 78 Cromarty Road	a Traffic calming on Cromarty Road would be a better solution
		b More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded
12	Mr W. Thomson, 70 Cromarty Road	a More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded

Nature of Objection	Objector Reference	Comments by the Director of Planning and Development
Traffic calming on Cromarty Road would be a better solution	1,3,4,5,6,7,8 & 11	The Council received a request to introduce traffic calming but could not justify the expenditure considering there are no recorded accidents or speeding problems. Calming is not appropriate in isolation, and the whole Estate would have to be treated. Even with traffic calming, the delays on Sykeside Road are such that rat running through Cromarty Road would still be the more attractive option
Additional mileage and cost	2,4,8 & 10	This is recognised, however, the benefits of closure would outweigh the disadvantages of an increase in mileage and cost
More delays at Cairnhill Road/Sykeside Road junction, which should be upgraded	1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11 & 12	Longer queues at this junction are an inevitable result of the closure of Cromarty Road and it is accepted that junction controls would improve capacity and ease traffic flows. Traffic signals would exacerbate the capacity problem. A mini roundabout would reduce but not solve the capacity problem but requires land. At present there is no finance available to improve the junction but could be provided in future
Increase in traffic at poor junction of Cairnhill Road and Cromarty Road, which should be upgraded	1,5,6,7,8,9 & 10	Instruction has been issued to cut back trees and improve visibility at the junction. Capacity problems are not expected, but, if so, consideration could, in future, be given to the provision of a right turn lane
Lack of Winter Gritting	3 & 5	At present Sutherland Drive and Cromarty Road are on the secondary winter gritting routes. Closure would mean the added inclusion of Galloway Road to complete a loop for the gritting vehicle. Additional grit bins can be provided
Closure would lead to an increase in accidents in Cairnhill Road	1,6,8 & 9	No justification for claiming that accidents would increase. There is no existing accident history
Rat running problem not serious enough to warrant closure	2 & 4	Recent count established 152 vehicles rat running in the evening peak hour - 41% of total flow, and significant enough to warrant closure
Closure will encourage children to gather and play on the road	2	Roads are not for playing on. Parental discipline should be used
School children would have to be dropped off on Sykeside Road, and have to cross the road	8	Consideration would be given to re-routing school buses and/or relocating drop off points. Children's safety would not be compromised
Increased traffic volume on Victoria Crescent and Thomson Drive	8 & 10	Marginal increase would be insignificant



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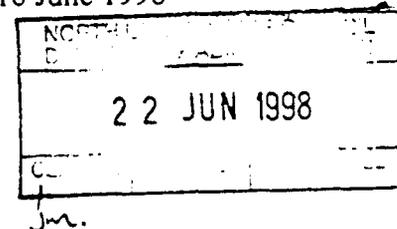
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F.A.O. Mr John Murray

16 June 1998



Dear Sir

PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF DRIVING ORDER - CROMARTY ROAD, AIRDRIE

I refer to your letter dated 3 June 1998 relative to the above proposed road closure.

I appreciate that the purpose of the proposed restriction on vehicles entering the estate from Sykeside Road was to alleviate the complaints raised by the residents relative to the speed of traffic using Cromarty Roads as a short cut.

Traffic Management Officers have carried out Nu-Metrics speed checks over a 24 hour period on Cromarty Road and this showed that the average speed of all traffic was 24.2 miles per hour and the 85 percentile speed was 28.1 miles per hour.

The point raised by the objectors relative to them having to turn right across traffic on leaving the estate at Cairnhill Road is a valid point, but drivers should be exercising due care when attempting such a manoeuvre.

The local community held a public meeting regarding the problem of traffic using Cromarty Road and this solution was suggested by Roads Engineers. I accept that the suggestion by the objectors regarding the construction of a roundabout on Cairnhill Road at its junction with Sykeside Road may be a better solution, but it may be financially prohibitive.



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Chief Constable: JOHN ORROBE QPM BACIMgt

I would conclude by stating that I have no objections to the proposed order or indeed for the road remaining in its present form.

I trust this will be of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully


Chief Inspector