

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL (VIEWPARK, UDDINGSTON) (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2005
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT		
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### 1. Purpose of Report

The Committee are asked to approve the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) under Section 84 and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994 to introduce a 20mph speed limit covering a number of roads within Viewpark, Uddingston.

### 2. Report

- 2.1. In order to examine the area wide road safety benefits of implementing mandatory 20mph traffic regulation orders the Council have decided to proceed with a pilot scheme which includes central Wishaw, Viewpark in Uddingston and Thrashbush and Holehill in Airdrie.
- 2.2. These locations have been chosen based on the level of pedestrian accidents, which are typically 9 in a three-year period.
- 2.3. At present the Viewpark area is covered by the Council's twenty's plenty initiative and providing a mandatory 20mph speed limit would formalise the existing advisory speed limit.
- 2.4. Currently, no speed related traffic regulation orders exist over the lengths of road under consideration.
- 2.5. The Council have advertised its proposal to introduce an Order by way of public advertisement. In addition, the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Passenger Transport, the local Councillor, 2290 residents and various public and other bodies have been consulted and one objection has been offered to the proposal.

### 3. Objection

- 3.1. The basis of the objection is that the introduction of a 20mph speed limit will lead to driver frustration and an increase in accidents, a rise in fuel costs, pollution and traffic noise and the withdrawal of bus services.
- 3.2. A response to the objection was formulated explaining that the Council was aware of the difficulties that the introduction of a lower speed limit may cause for residents. However statistics show that half of all road injuries occur on urban roads within 30mph speed limits and when hit by a vehicle travelling at 20mph 80 percent more pedestrians survive than when hit by a vehicle travelling at 30mph.
- 3.3. Following an attempt to resolve this matter the objection has been upheld.

#### 4. Options

4.1 As an objection has been upheld for this TRO Committee are advised that the following options are available under the current Legislation.

- Consider the objection and either approve, abandon or amend the proposed TRO to be less stringent.
- Hold a hearing, which shall be conducted by an independent person (referred to as "the reporter", appointed by the authority from a list of persons compiled by the Scottish Ministers for that purpose. It should be noted that if a hearing was to be conducted this could delay the TRO by up to a year.

#### 5. Recommendation

It is recommended that Committee approve the introduction of the North Lanarkshire Council (Viewpark, Uddingston) (20mph Speed Limited) Order 2005.



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