

REPORT

To: PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: Kilsyth Town Centre – Traffic Management Scheme
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 28 March 2007	Ref: HQ/TT/78/15/64	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Committee are asked to approve the introduction of the Kilsyth Town Centre – Traffic Management Scheme.

2. Background

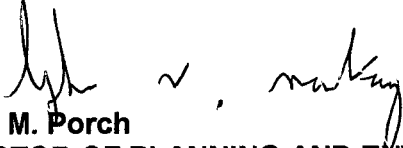
- 2.1 Kilsyth Main Street and the adjoining side streets have recently undergone major refurbishment with the main aims to revitalise the town centre and to improve pedestrian safety with better management of pedestrians and vehicles using the area.
- 2.2 Initial proposals prohibited all vehicular traffic except loading by goods vehicles and disabled vehicle access between 08.00 – 10.00 and 16.00 – 18.00. The Director of Planning and Environment abandoned these proposals following representations made during the order making process.
- 2.3 Traffic proposals now comprise prohibition of all vehicles (pedestrianisation).
- 2.4 The Council has advertised the proposals to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order by way of public advertisement to which two objections from the public have been received, one in relation to disabled vehicular access and one concerning loading for the shop units. In addition, the Chief Constable, the Local Councillors and various public and other bodies, including North Lanarkshire Disability Forum who have representation from all disabled groups have been consulted and no objections have been offered.
- 2.5 It should be noted that there is a traffic order in place at present which does not permit loading from Main Street and parts of King Street, Backbrae Street and Market Street and this order has been in place since 1987. The only difference in the new order from the existing one is the addition of a one-way operation for exempt vehicles and the removal of the current exemption for disabled vehicular access.
- 2.6 Despite a commitment being given to provide additional disabled parking, in the adjacent car parks, and rest points in accordance with the Department for Transport's Inclusive mobility guide and highlighting the current loading restrictions, both the objections in 2.5 above have been maintained.

3. Corporate Considerations

- 3.1 This project will contribute towards the Council's aim of improving road safety for road users and pedestrians which is one of the aims contained in the Promoting Community Safety & Development theme of the Corporate Plan.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the introduction of The North Lanarkshire Council (Kilsyth Town Centre) (Traffic Management Scheme) Order 2007.



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