

**REPORT**

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| <p>To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</p>     | <p><b>Subject: PETITION TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT AT NEW MONKLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, GLENMAVIS AND THE PROVISION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE SHOPS.</b></p> |
| <p>From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT</p> |   |
| <p>Date: 28 March 2007      Ref: S/TT/3/2/AR</p>  |   |

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise committee of the investigations carried out in response to this petition, first reported to committee on 2 February 2005.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 A petition containing 300 signatures was received from Mr G Ralston requesting a reduction in the speed limit passed New Monkland Primary and the provision of a controlled crossing on B803 Coatbridge Road.
- 2.2 The B803 Coatbridge Road is a single carriageway Main Distributor Road running through Glenmavis and is part of the strategic road network. New Monkland Primary is situated directly on the B803. The shops are situated to the west of the junction with the B802 Glenmavis Road. The current speed limit in force over this section is 30mph.
- 2.3 The B803 has had some traffic calming measures installed along its length comprising of mini-roundabouts, a pedestrian refuge island and hatching along the centre of the road.

**3. Considerations**

- 3.1 A review of the Strathclyde Police accident records in May 2004 indicated that there were two pedestrian injury accidents recorded on the B803 in the vicinity of the shops in the three-year period April 2001 – March 2004.
- 3.2 A survey was carried out along the frontage of the shops on Tuesday 18 May 2004. This resulted in a  $PV^2$  of  $0.19 \times 10^8$  which is below the relevant criteria for the provision of a controlled crossing.
- 3.3 Following representations from the local councillor Sophia Coyle that the information gathered was not typical, it was decided to repeat the survey to ensure that it accurately reflected the circumstance on site.
- 3.4 A review of the Strathclyde Police accident records indicates that there was one pedestrian injury accident recorded on the B803 in the vicinity of the shops in the most recent three-year period (February 2004 – January 2007) for which accident records are available.
- 3.5 A survey was carried out along the frontage of the shops on Tuesday 29 August 2006. This resulted in a  $PV^2$  of  $0.29 \times 10^8$  which is below the relevant criteria for the provision of a controlled crossing.
- 3.6 New Monkland Primary is included in the programme of mandatory part time 20mph at schools and the necessary traffic regulation order is being progressed.

**4. Comment**

- 4.1 From the above it is clear that the council's criteria for the installation of a controlled crossing (  $PV^2$  of  $1.0 \times 10^8$  ) was not met in 2004 and that the circumstances have not changed sufficiently since then to justify a controlled crossing.

**5. Recommendations**

5.1 Committee is asked to:-

- a) Note that progress is being made on lowering the speed limit in front of the school.
- b) Note that the criteria for the provision for a controlled crossing are not met and authorise that no further action is taken on this matter.



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