

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure
DATE	19 March 2013
DIRECTOR	Gordon McIntosh
TITLE OF REPORT	Proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit on a length of the C128C 'Kingswells to Cults' Road – Initial Statutory Consultation
REPORT NUMBER:	EPI/13/038

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Committee of the results of the initial statutory consultation process undertaken following the report 'Review of the National Speed Limit on the C128C Road between its junction with the A944 at Kingswells Roundabout and the existing 40mph restriction to the north of Cults' dated 11 September 2012.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended this Committee instructs officers to progress to the public advertisement stage and report the results to a future committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost associated with introducing a 40mph speed limit would be in the region of £2500 and would be financed through a future 'Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets' Scottish Government Grant.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There is a risk, if funding is insufficient, that any approved traffic regulation orders may have to re-enter the legislative process if they are unable to be implemented within the statutory implementation time of 2 years from the start of public consultation.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

5.1 This Committee, on 11 September 2012, considered a report that reviewed the current speed limits on the C128C 'Kingswells to Cults' Road and the effect that road safety engineering measures, introduced in 2011, had on vehicular speeds and accident numbers /severity.

5.3 After deliberation, it was resolved to instruct officers to commence the statutory consultation process to reduce the speed limit to 40mph on a length of the C128C Road from Blacktop Road to the A944 (see plan in Appendix 1).

5.4 The initial statutory consultation process gave various parties the opportunity to consider the proposal to change the speed limit. The responses received from those parties that replied appear in Table 1, which is appended to this report.

5.5 Grampian Police have indicated they will put forward an objection to this proposal at the public advertisement stage. In previous informal consultations with Grampian Police on this matter they have stated the setting of a 40mph speed limit would set an unwelcome precedent on this type of route.

5.6 While acknowledging Grampian Police will object to this proposal, it is recommended the Committee instructs officers to progress to the public advertisement stage and report the results to a future committee. At this stage the Committee will be able to consider the full range of objections/comments received as a result of the wider public consultation.

6. IMPACT

6.1 This report could be considered to meet with the local Community Plan objectives to continually improve road safety.

6.2 This proposal could be considered in line with the Councils Transport Strategy as its aim is to improve road safety.

6.3 This proposal will be of interest to the residents/proprietors of properties adjacent to this route, and also to commuters who use this road.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

“Review of the National Speed Limit on the C128C Road between its junction with the A944 at Kingswells Roundabout and the existing 40mph restriction to the north of Cults”, Agenda Item 8.3, Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure Committee, 11 September 2012.

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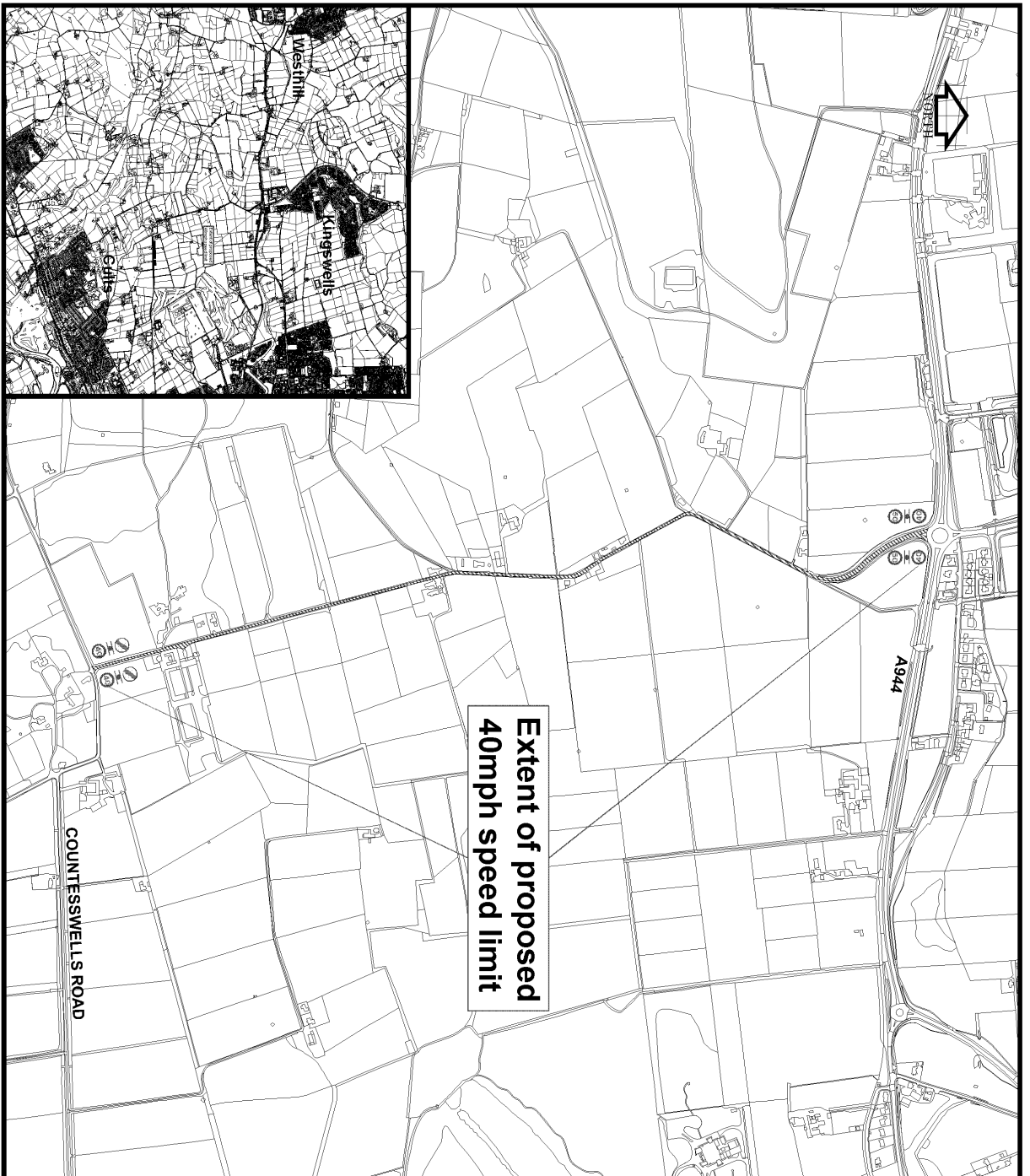
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Appendix 1



**Extent of proposed
40mph speed limit**

LEGEND
 Mandatory 40mph Speed Limit

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Project	
Title	Proposed mandatory 40mph speed limit on a length of the CI28C Kingstons to Chils Road (currently subject to the National Speed Limit)

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Table 1

Initial Statutory Consultation

**Proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit on a length of the C128C
'Kingswells to Cults' Road – Initial Statutory Consultation**

<u>Consultee</u>	<u>Response</u>
Aberdeen Cycle Forum	<p>The Aberdeen Cycle Forum is very supportive of this proposal.</p> <p>This section of the C128C road is used by cyclists but is widely regarded by cyclists as an unpleasant and intimidating road, given the speed of traffic. There are few options open to people wishing to cycle north from Cults to connect to workplaces or other destinations, other than the C128C. The lower speed limit will make the road less hostile to cycling, benefitting current and future cyclists.</p> <p>Indeed, we would wish to see the national speed limit over the whole length of the Kingswells to Cults road reduced to the 40mph limit. The section south of the junction with Countesswells Rd is well used by cyclists who use it to connect to the Deeside Line. Traffic speed is a factor that creates an intimidating road environment</p> <p>Reducing the speed limit on the Kingswells to Cults Rd would be one step towards locking in the benefits of the AWPR.</p>
Cults, Bielside & Milltimber Community Council	No response
Federation of Small Businesses	No response
First Aberdeen Ltd	No response
Freight Transport Association	No response
Grampian Cyclists Touring Club	No response
Grampian Fire & Rescue Service	No response

<u>Consultee</u>	<u>Response</u>
Grampian Police	“...Grampian Police will table an objection to this proposal.”
Kingswells Community Council	No response
Public Transport Unit	“...no objection to this proposal. This will not have any adverse impact on any of our or public transport services...”
RAC Foundation	No response
Road Haulage Association	No response
Scottish Ambulance Service	No response
Stagecoach Bluebird	No response
The Access Panel	No response

Consultee Comments (to this Report)

Councillors

Barney Crocket has been consulted.
Ramsay Milne has been consulted.

Marie Boulton has been consulted.
Aileen Malone has been consulted.
Mohammed Tauqeer Malik has been consulted.

Council Officers

Margaret Bochel, Head of Planning & Sustainable Development, has been consulted and made the following comments: -

“Considering

- 1) the speed survey results in June 2012 indicating that 85% of road users already drive at/or below 45 mph;
- 2) the road safety improvements, surface retexturing and vehicle activated signage installation, carried out along this route in 2011, with the subsequent reduction in road accidents along this route;

We would not recommend the introduction of a 40 mph speed limit along this route.”

Mike Cheyne, General Manager Operations, has been consulted.
Barry Jenkins, Head of Finance, has been consulted and had no comments with regard to finance.
Jane MacEachran, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, has been consulted.
Gordon McIntosh, Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure, has been consulted.
Ciaran Monaghan, Head of Service, Office of Chief Executive, has been consulted.
Hugh Murdoch, Head of Asset Management & Operations, has been consulted.
Dave Young, ICT, Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure has been consulted.
