

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure DATE: 27 October 2009

CORPORATE DIRECTOR : Director of Corporate Governance

TITLE OF REPORT : The Aberdeen City Council (Laurelwood Avenue and Elm Place) (20mph Speed Limits) Order 2009 (with associated speed cushions)

REPORT NO : CG10075

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report confirms that no objections were received as a result of the statutory advertisement of 20mph speed limits on Laurelwood Avenue and Elm Place, with associated speed cushions. The public notice is attached, from which members will be able to see the exact content of the proposals.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

Under these circumstances, the order and associated speed cushions can be introduced as originally envisaged, if the Committee so resolves.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All these measures are being funded within existing budgets.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

These are standard traffic management arrangements to protect road safety in general and pedestrian safety in particular.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

6. REPORT

There being no objections, the proposals are unproblematic and can be affirmed if the Committee so wishes.

7. AUTHORISED SIGNATURE

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9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers were used as a point of departure for writing this report.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984
and
ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED CUSHIONS ON
LAURELWOOD AVENUE AND ELM PLACE, ABERDEEN

Aberdeen City Council proposes to make The Aberdeen City Council (Laurelwood Avenue and Elm Place) (20mph Speed Limits) Order 2009, which would provide for regulatory 20mph speed limits on the two roads named in the title.

The Council is also proposing to introduce speed cushions on each of those roads. Each cushion would be established under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and would be 0.075 metres in height and 1.9 metres in length. Tolerances for the construction height of a speed cushion are plus or minus 10 millimetres transversely and plus or minus 15 millimetres longitudinally. The exact positioning of each cushion can be clarified by telephoning Mr. Graham McKenzie at Aberdeen (01224) 523471, or by calling at St. Nicholas House (details of this see below). All parties in the affected streets will receive the exact specifications by letterbox drop.

Full details of all the proposals are to be found in the draft order and in the schedules of speed cushion positionings which, together with maps showing the intended measures and an accompanying statement of the Council's reasons for promoting them, may be examined during normal office hours on weekdays between Monday, 24 August, 2009, and Monday, 21 September, 2009, inclusively, in the offices of the Traffic Operations Team on the 2nd floor of St. Nicholas House, Broad Street, Aberdeen.

It is recommended that anyone visiting St. Nicholas House to view the documents should use the above number to make an appointment to do so, in order that a member of staff can be present to offer an explanation if necessary. Anyone unable to visit St. Nicholas House can telephone the above number to speak to one of the roads officials.

Anyone wishing to object to the proposed order, or to the intended establishment of speed cushions, or both, should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the undersigned during the statutory objection period which also runs from 24 August until 21 September, 2009, inclusively. Any objection should state (1) the name and address of the objector, (2) the matters to which it relates, and (3) the grounds on which it is being made. The signatories of petitions or standard forms will not ordinarily be treated as objectors (in the sense in which statutory objectors are contacted by the Council about the possibility of informal negotiations, etc.) but petitions and standard forms are always brought to the attention of the relevant Committee.

Any person who submits an objection should note that, as a rule, the correspondence will end up in the public domain. Generally, this is because the Committee agendas are public documents, available in libraries and also distributed to the press. Also, when objectors are sent papers later in the procedure, these papers may refer to the complete set of objectors' names and addresses, along with summaries of their observations. If any member of the public is concerned about his or her objection entering the public domain in this way, this should be stated clearly in the objection submitted. Otherwise it will be assumed that an objector has no such concern. It may also be appropriate to indicate that, in fact, objections are very rarely publicised beyond their being read by Councillors, and so, unless any member of the public has a strongly-held or distinctive concern about confidentiality, it is probably in the public interest to observe that there is an element of technicality about this part of the statutory notice. Guidance on these issues can be obtained from Democratic Services at 522523.

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