

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure DATE: 23 February 2010

CORPORATE DIRECTOR : Director of Corporate Governance

TITLE OF REPORT : The Aberdeen City Council (Streets in the vicinity of Mile End Primary School) (20 mph speed limits) Order 2010

REPORT NO : CG/10/016

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report deals with a single objection received after the statutory advertisement of the above-named order which provides for the establishment of a wider part-time 20 mph speed limit zone in the vicinity of Mile End Primary School (ie Midstocket Road, Raeden Park Road, Woodstock Road, Cairnaquheen Gardens, Richmondhill Road, Richmondhill Place, Richmondhill Gardens, Camperdown Road, Harcourt Road and Raeden Avenue).

The order would also provide for the revocation of 20 mph speed limits in Gordondale Road, Hosefield Avenue, Rosebery Street and (different parts of) Midstocket Road.

The objector, Mr. James D. Ferguson, lives at 19 Rosebery Street. He has suggested that the boundary of the new zone be moved so that it is approximately thirty-seven metres west of the west arm of Richmondhill Gardens. The significance of this is that it would result in a reduction of three part-time 20 mph flashing signs, a proposal attractive to local residents who would then have to contemplate significantly less visual intrusion, and attractive also to the Council because of the consequent financial saving (between £6,000 and £8,000).

The original boundary of the zone was to have been at a point thirty-six metres east of the east arm of Richmondhill Gardens, this being the former boundary of the former zone outside the old Mile End School. Retaining the old boundary looks arguably sensible but perhaps idealised, and, in the light of an objection, the reasonableness of its content, and the financial saving, the recommendation here is to implement the order with the amended zone boundary.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the objection be upheld and the order made with the amendment suggested in it.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommendation entails a saving of around £6,000 - £8,000. Otherwise, the measures are being funded within existing budgets.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

These are speed limit arrangements intended to protect road safety in general, and pedestrian safety in particular in the vicinity of the new Mile End Primary School.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

6. REPORT

The main issues have already been outlined in section 1.

7. AUTHORISED SIGNATURE

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9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers were used as a point of departure for writing this report (other than the statutory objection itself).