

**REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2013**

**REPORT ON: DUNDEE ROAD AND LIFF ROAD SPEED LIMITS**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT NO: 3-2013**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report considers the review of the existing speed limits on Dundee Road and Liff Road.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the proposed reduction of the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on Dundee Road on the single carriageway section between Margaret Crescent/Ralston Road and Ellislea Road.
- 2.2 It is also recommended to reduce the limit of Liff Road from the national speed limit of 60mph to 40mph on the section of single carriageway between Dykes of Gray Road to Gourdie Brae Road. This is the road on the north side of Liff hospital.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of alterations to the necessary signage is estimated at £5,000. This will be met from the City Development Department's 2013/2014 Revenue Budget for Minor Traffic Works.

## **4 BACKGROUND**

### **A930 Dundee Road**

- 4.1 A number of complaints have been received on behalf of residents and local Councillors to re-assess the local speed limit of the section of Dundee Road from Margaret Crescent to Ellieslea Road.
- 4.2 This section of the Dundee Road (A930), has remained a 40mph speed limit since 1961. It is the main road link between Broughty Ferry and the city centre. This road is an "A" class road and is a busy route with the typical 24 hour traffic volume being approximately 16,000 vehicles.
- 4.3 A speed limit assessment was carried out where the main factors included existing speed survey results, accident history and severity, concerns from the local community where fast moving traffic may cause severance, while taking account of the function and type of road as outlined above. The Scottish Government has produced guidance for Local Authorities when setting local speed limits and the assessment was carried out in accordance with Circular No 1/2006.

4.4 The results of the surveys and investigations relating to the main factors of speed, accident history and community concerns were as follows:

a Speed Survey Results

Speeds were surveyed on Dundee Road to the east of Ralston Road. The average speeds was 40mph which is in line with the current speed limit.

b Injury Accident History

Accident records were reviewed for the 3 year period 2009 to 2011 and these indicated that there had been no injury accidents on this section of road.

c Local Concerns

Although the injury accident history is not significant and in itself does not warrant remedial measures, and mean speeds are at the permitted speed limit, there is a high level of anxiety from local residents and the Local Councillors with regard to perceived road safety issues associated with the 40mph speed limit.

In view of local concerns it is proposed to lower the speed limit of the section of Dundee Road between Margaret Crescent/Ralston Road junction and Ellieslea junction from 40mph to the national speed limit in urban areas of 30mph.

### **Liff Road**

4.5 This section of the Liff Road has a 60mph speed limit as this is the national speed limit for this type of rural road. This road is a "C" class road that travels in an East/West direction that links between Gourdie Brae and Dykes of Gray Road. The section of road is immediately north of Liff Hospital and is on the City Council boundary with Angus Council. A road of this type generally carries low volumes of traffic.

4.6 A number of complaints have been received on behalf of residents to re-assess the local speed limit of the section of Liff Road from Dykes of Gray Road to Gourdie Brae. The section of Liff Road that runs along the north edge of Liff Hospital is a rural road which has the national speed limit (60mph).

a Speed Survey Results

Speed surveys have not been undertaken as there have been road works in and around the area. There are also limited locations for survey equipment. It is considered that this rural road is quite narrow and its physical characteristics tend to restrict speeds to below the national speed limit of 60mph.

b Injury Accident History

Accident records were reviewed for the 3 year period 2009 to 2011 and these indicated that there has been one serious injury accident on this stretch of road. It is considered that this accident was not vehicle speed related.

c Local Concerns

Although the injury accident history is not significant and in itself does not warrant remedial measures, there is a level of anxiety from local residents and elected member representatives with regard to perceived road safety issues associated with the 60mph speed limit. It is also considered that it would be suitable to reduce the speed limit to the same as the upgraded Dykes of Gray Road as this gives a more consistent approach for drivers in the area.

There has been significant land uses changes at Liff Hospital and a revised 40mph speed limit would also link into future proposals associated with the Western Gateway developments.

## 5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Anti-Poverty and Risk Management and no major issues have been identified. A Strategic Environmental Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment were deemed not to be required.

## 6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, Head of Democratic and Legal Services and the Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## 7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Report 500-2011 – Local Speed Limit Review – reported to the City Development Committee on 12 December 2011.

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