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**RE: Crail C C and Members of Public Request 20 MPH**

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I'm afraid a permanent 20mph speed limit on the A917 through Crail is not something that Roads and Transportation Services can support.

The A917 through Crail forms a key arterial route linking the East Neuk villages with Levenmouth and St Andrews area. It is important that this route is fit for purpose in terms of balancing its role as a traffic route with its dual function as an urban street through settlements. An "A Class" road by its very nature and definition is required to provide large-scale transport links within or between areas and its fundamental purpose is to efficiently and safely carry a high volume of traffic for longer distances.

As indicated above we don't use 20mph permanent speed limits on A Class Roads as a rule. The only exceptions to this is where there is a proven crash history combined with challenging road geometry issues, severe community severance problems and forms part of a walking route to school (A915 Largo Road, Lundin Links for example). In the case of Crail these factors are not in evidence.

It is very important that we take an holistic approach when establishing speed limits on the road network and the hierarchy of routes is most certainly an important aspect. We need to strike an appropriate balance between road safety, appropriate speeds, quality of life and the need to travel.

Also of concern is the setting of precedence. If Crail, for example, was treated in isolation it would most likely open the flood-gates for an overwhelming number of requests from other similar villages in Fife that are located on A Class roads for the same level of treatment. Many of these other locations and towns could be equally (or more) difficult to justify in terms of their environment and road geometry in relation to a reduced speed limit.

When the impact of a 20mph speed limit is considered in isolation it could be argued that the impact on the localised road network would be fairly minimal. If however this effect was then applied to all communities with an A Class road (through precedence) the impact would have a considerable and severe effect on the A Class road network, particularly in relation to public transport timetables, haulage routing, general travel times and commuting.

With the above comments in mind I cannot take forward a proposal for reducing the speed limit on the A917 through Crail to 20mph.

Notwithstanding the above, I am happy to arrange for the A917 through Crail to establish if there are any further low cost measures that can be provided within the existing 30mph speed limit to raise drivers'

awareness of the environment they are travelling within. Please let me know if this is something you would like me to take forward.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Kind regards

Colin

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Bill.

I have all ready raised this and am expecting a call regarding this from one of the Council officers to have a meeting with myself and reps from the Community Council. I did report this to Max when putting in my apologies.

Regards.

John D.

Cllr. John Docherty.

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Good Afternoon

At last night's Crail C C the committee and members of the public in attendance in line with the Crail Charrette Documents Confirmed that we Request a 20 MPH speed limit throughout Crail from Delimit Signs at Kilrenny end and Kingsbarns end and throughout the residential and harbour areas.

Can we please establish the process to put this into effect ?

Many Thanks

Cllr Bill Porteous

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