

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL27 February 2020Report by Director of EnvironmentTHE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (C9 AURS ROAD, BARRHEAD TO NEWTON
MEARNS) (30mph & 40mph SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2020**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To submit for the approval of the Council the making and confirmation of “The East Renfrewshire Council C9 Aurs Road, Barrhead to Newton Mearns (30mph & 40mph Speed Limits) Order 2020” which will introduce a 30mph & 40mph speed limit over sections of the C9 Aurs Road between Barrhead and Newton Mearns. (See Appendix 1)

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended:-

- (a) that the Council approve the making and confirmation of “The East Renfrewshire Council C9 Aurs Road, Barrhead to Newton Mearns (30mph & 40mph Speed Limits) Order 2020” and delegate to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures; and
- (b) that the making of Roads Orders in future be delegated to the Cabinet and that the Scheme of Administration be amended accordingly..

BACKGROUND**C9 Aurs Road, Barrhead (30 mph Speed Limit)**

3. The section of the C9 Aurs Road between Springfield Road Barrhead and the northernmost access lane to Scottish Water’s ‘Ryat Lynn Reservoir’ incorporates a combination of sweeping and tight bends. It gives direct access to a number of agricultural farm fields, maintenance access to the main Network Rail train line between Neilston and Glasgow and to reservoirs managed and maintained by Scottish Water. This section of road also provides access to new residential development sites currently under construction.

4. To reflect the current and future features of this stretch of road it is considered appropriate to extend the existing 30mph speed limit from the junction with Springfield Road to a point 150 metres or thereby northwest of the northernmost access lane to Scottish Water’s ‘Ryat Lynn Reservoir’, a distance of approximately 910 metres.

C9 Aurs Road, Barrhead (40 mph Speed Limit)

5. The section of the C9 Aurs Road between Scottish Water’s ‘Ryat Lynn Reservoir’ and the B769 Stewarton Road incorporates a combination of sweeping and tight bends. It gives direct access to a number of agricultural farm fields and maintenance access to reservoirs managed and maintained by Scottish Water. Proposed recreational development (visitor

centre) as part of the City Deal programme is due to take place. This will be accessed via this section of road and is likely to significantly increase the number of pedestrians and cyclists of all ages along this transport corridor.

6. To reflect the current and planned features along this stretch of road it is considered appropriate to introduce a 40mph speed limit between the proposed 30mph speed limit at a point 150 metres or thereby northwest of the northern most access lane to Scottish Water's 'Ryat Lynn Reservoir' and the existing 40mph speed limit approximately 25 metres northwest of its junction with the B769 Stewarton Road, a distance of approximately 1,170 metres.

7. The Council has a duty under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 to secure the safe movement of traffic on the local road network. One aim of the Council's Local Transport Strategy is to adapt and manage the road network so that it can efficiently and safely meet the needs of all road users. (*Sect 12.5 LTS*)

REPORT

8. The C9 Aurs Road is a main connecting route and transport corridor running between Barrhead and Newton Mearns.

9. It is rural in nature and the speed limit in effect at present is the National Speed Limit of 60mph. Volumetric vehicular traffic flow levels were measured at the end of January 2019 and the average 2-way flow was found to be in the order of 6,804 vehicles per 24hr period (7-day average), a total of 47,630 vehicles per week.

10. The concerns regarding the speed of traffic on this route is further exacerbated due to the following features:

- direct access to a number of agricultural fields and maintenance access for the rail network and Scottish Water reservoirs;
- future development to land fronting this section of road, both for residential and recreational purposes; and
- increased potential for large and slow moving vehicles combined with increased pedestrian and cycling traffic accessing and using this main through route.

11. A statutory formal consultation on the proposed Order was carried out between 12 November and 13 December 2019 in compliance with "The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) Scotland Regulations 1999 (and subsequent amendments)". A Public Notice advising of the proposals was published in the 'Glasgow Evening Times' and 'Barrhead News' newspapers which circulate in the area, informing of the consultation and advising where drawings showing the proposals could be viewed and where any representations or objections to the proposals should be sent. The emergency services, Elected Members and other organisations/ persons likely to be affected by any provision in the Order were notified of the proposals.

12. At the termination of the statutory consultation period no objections were received regarding the proposed speed limit order.

Future arrangements for dealing with Roads Orders

13. In terms of the Council's Scheme of Administration all Roads Orders need to be dealt with by the full Council. This can have timing implications for the introduction of Orders, particularly those of an urgent nature. To address this is proposed that in future, Roads Orders

are dealt with by the Cabinet. However, Members may wish to note that the Cabinet “call in” procedures would apply to Roads Orders in the same way that they apply to all Cabinet reports.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

14. The funding for promoting and implementing this Traffic Regulation Order including changes to the posted speed limit signage will come from the ‘City Deal’ projects funding for the Aurs Road improvements. This will be met from existing resources.

CONSULTATION

15. The Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 sets out the statutory requirements for consultation. The Council has met the procedural requirements.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

16. The proposals presented in this Order involved partnership working from the inception of its design with Police Scotland and through the process of formal consultation with adjacent land owners, the Elected Council members, Community Councils and members of the public via Public Notices published in the newspapers circulation in the area and on the Councils Website.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

17. By approving this proposed Order and on completion of the works involved there will be an immediate safety benefit offered to the public by the introduction of reduced speed limits for all vehicles travelling along this section of the C9 Aurs Road.

18. There will be no property, IT or sustainability implications arising from the proposals. There is a positive equality outcome in relation to these proposals.

19. Changing the Scheme of Administration to enable the Cabinet to deal with Roads Orders in future will speed up the process.

CONCLUSIONS

20. “The East Renfrewshire Council C9 Aurs Road, Barrhead to Newton Mearns (30mph & 40mph Speed Limits) Order 2020” if approved and introduced, will implement a reduced speed limit applicable to all road vehicle users in order to improve safety by addressing inappropriate driving speeds along this section of road. It will promote safer travel thus contributing to reducing accident casualties as per the aims of the Council’s Local Transport Strategy

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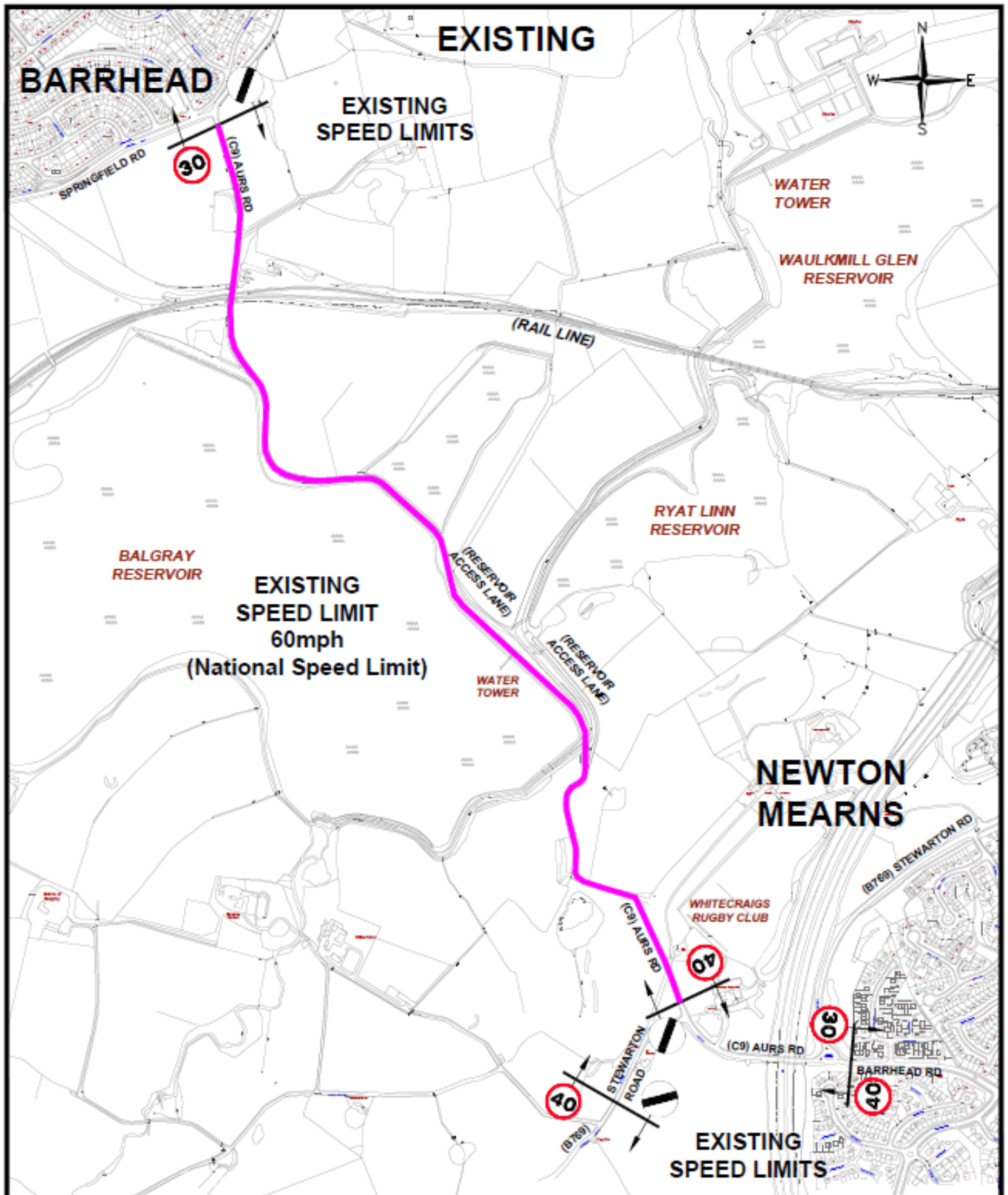
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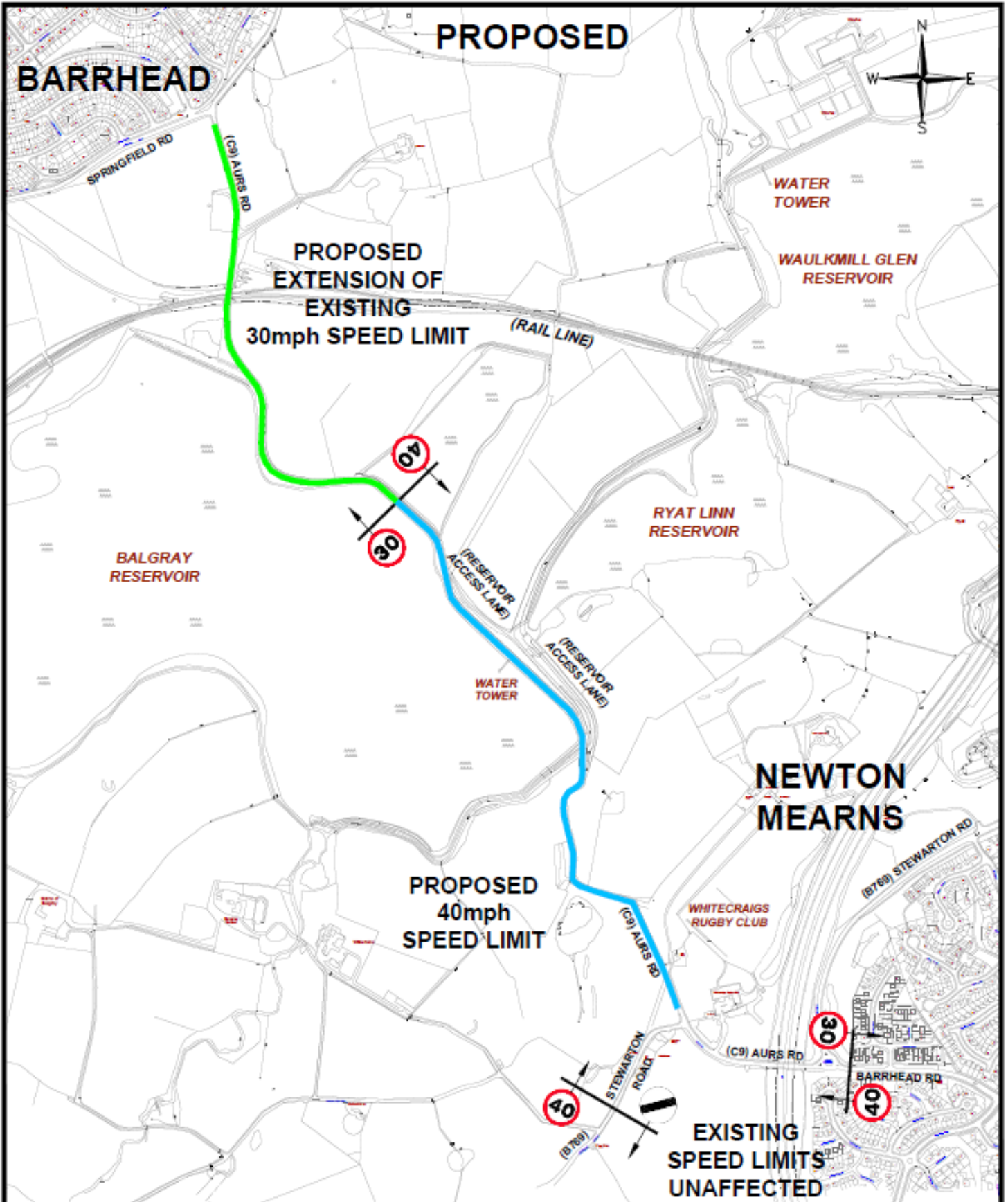
BACKGROUND PAPERS

East Renfrewshire Council Local Transport Strategy 2008-2011

- Section 12.5
- East Renfrewshire City Deal projects – Aurs Road improvement



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