



COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT - A801 BOGHEAD ROUNDABOUT, BATHGATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES.

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to initiate the statutory procedures to install a 40mph speed limit on the A801 Boghead Roundabout.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council Executive approves the initiation of the statutory procedures to install a 40mph speed limit on the A801 Boghead Roundabout.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs. Being honest, open and accountable.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Policy – none. Legal – The introduction of the amended 40mph speed limit will require the promotion of a traffic order in line with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	The introduction of the 40mph speed limit will support Outcome no. 4 – We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The cost of promoting and implementing the speed limit will be funded through the 2021/2022 Accident Investigation and Prevention budget.
VII Consideration at PDSP	None.
VIII Other consultations	Police Scotland and the local ward members have been consulted.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

As part of the annual Accident Investigation Programme for 2021/2022, which was approved by Council Executive on the 22 June 2021, the A801 Boghead Roundabout was highlighted as a site of concern based on the accidents recorded at this roundabout.

The A801 Boghead Roundabout is currently subject to a de-restricted national speed limit of 60mph. The six roads served by this junction are rural in nature, however there are two roads that are currently subject to lower speed limits. The A7066 is subject to a speed limit of 50mph and B792 is subject to a speed limit of 40mph.

The Scottish Government Circular 'ETLLD 01/2006 - Setting Local Speed Limits' suggests that roundabout junctions be subject to the speed limit applicable on the majority of exits, however, it is considered that reducing the speed limit to 40mph will be beneficial in terms of approach, circulatory and exit speeds.

The speed of circulatory and exiting traffic was observed as being higher than desired and the potential contribution to accidents prompted a recommendation to introduce the lower of the approach speed limits at the roundabout. This is in line with best practice and is considered an integral part of the scheme to reduce accident frequency and severity at the junction.

The extent of the proposed 40mph speed limit is shown on in Appendix 1.

The statutory process will allow an opportunity for any formal objections to be raised through the statutory process. Any unresolved objections will be brought back to the Council Executive for consideration.

Police Scotland have been consulted and support this proposal.

The local ward members have been consulted and also support this proposal.

E. CONCLUSION

The introduction of a 40mph speed limit on the A801 at Boghead Roundabout will contribute to providing a safer environment for all road users.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

Appendices/Attachments:-

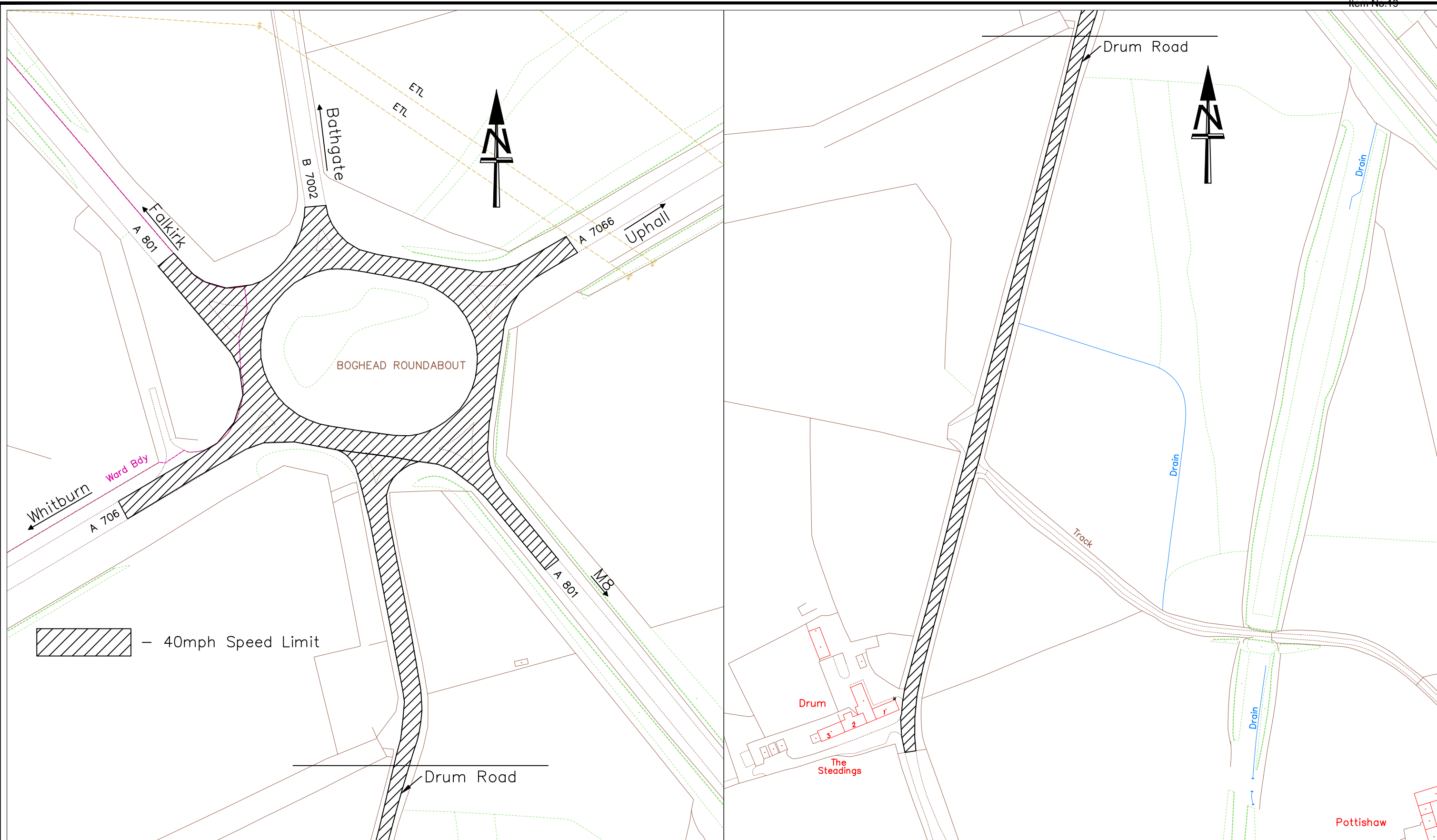
Appendix 1 – A801 Boghead Roundabout – Proposed 40mph speed limit

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