

**REPORT TO:** East Lothian Council

**MEETING DATE:** 17 December 2013

**BY:** Depute Chief Executive (Partnership and Community Services)

**SUBJECT:** Countess Crescent, Dunbar – Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – Prohibition of Vehicular Traffic (During School Travel Periods)

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To advise Council of the proposal to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order at Countess Crescent, Dunbar. The purpose of the Order will be to prohibit vehicular traffic at the critical school travel times.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Council approve the initiation of the consultation process and Traffic Regulation Order formal procedures.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 To facilitate the construction of the new Bleachingfield Centre a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) was made to physically close the Countess Crescent / Countess Road junction. This was primarily done to ensure construction traffic was effectively diverted away from the main area of pedestrian activity near to the main school entrance of Dunbar Primary School (John Muir Campus).
- 3.2 The junction was closed for the maximum permissible period of 18 months. The junction was closed:
- to ensure safe traffic management during the construction of the Bleachingfield Centre (March 2011 – April 2012), and;
  - in the interest of public safety near to the school (May 2012 – October 2013)

- 3.3 As the TTRO period has now ended, the temporary closure has been removed. The Council has now received a number of requests to reconsider the removal of the closure.
- 3.4 A site meeting took place on 14<sup>th</sup> November, at which the local members, Headteacher, Parent Council, Police Scotland and Transportation Officers attended. It was agreed that Transportation officials would investigate an appropriate restriction, banning motorised vehicular traffic only during peak travel periods during the school year (190 days) only.
- 3.5 The proposed location is shown on the plan in Appendix A.
- 3.6 Draft sign variations are shown on the drawings in Appendix B. It should be noted that the use of these signs are currently permitted in The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. It should be noted that vehicular access for residents and blue badge holders will still be permitted during the restricted periods.
- 3.7 Support and a commitment to enforce these proposals will be sought from Police Scotland.
- 3.8 This proposal is similar to traffic control measures currently being promoted near two schools in Haddington at Victoria Road and Neilson Park Road.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 These proposals can contribute towards The East Lothian Council Plan 2012-17 and Our Objectives - Growing Our Communities
- 4.2 These proposals can contribute towards East Lothian's Single Outcome Agreement Outcome 9 - East Lothian's roads and homes are safer.

#### **5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

#### **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

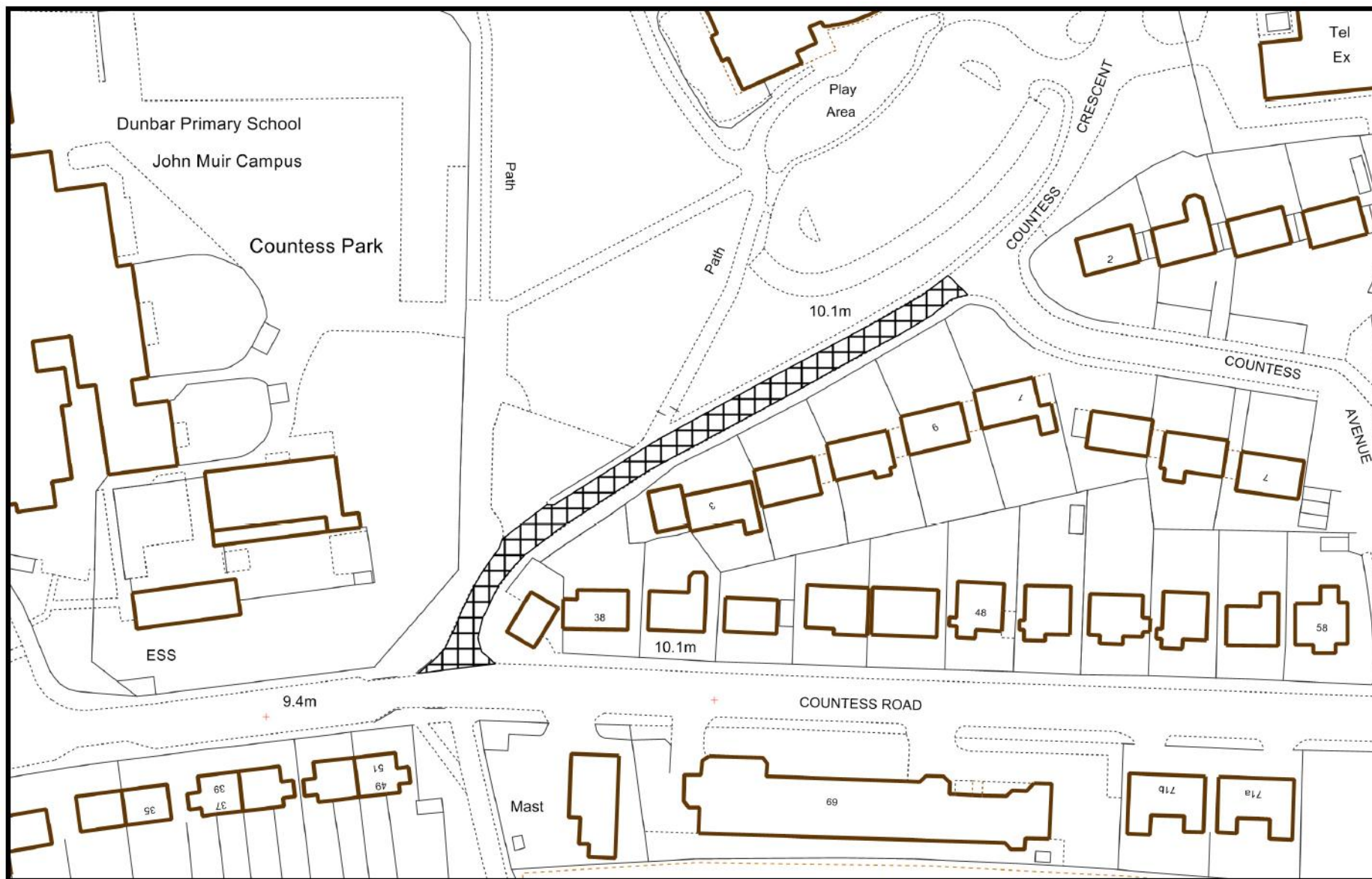
- 6.1 Financial - all costs involved in the design, processing, staff time and implementation associated with these proposals can be accommodated within the current Transportation – Road Network Revenue Budget.
- 6.2 Personnel - None
- 6.3 Other - None

## 7 BACKGROUND PAPERS


- 7.1 Neilson Park Road and Victoria Road, Haddington – Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – Prohibition of Vehicular Traffic (During School Travel Periods) – Item 7 Cabinet 13 November 2012

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Appendix A  
Countess Crescent, Dunbar



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