
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	18 January 2024
Report By:	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services	Report No:	LS/169/23
Contact Officer:	Emma Peacock	Contact No:	01475 712115
Subject:	Proposed Traffic Calming Measures – Union Street and Newark Street, Greenock		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 Local Authorities are empowered to construct traffic calming measures under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, The Roads (Traffic Calming) (Scotland) Regulations 1994, The Road Humps and Traffic Calming (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 and The Roads Humps and Traffic Calming (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2002 and, in terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, the Head of Physical Assets is authorised to carry out the Council's functions under the relevant legislation.

1.3 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the outcome of the consultation procedure undertaken for proposed traffic calming measures at Union Street and Newark Street, Greenock. The consultation took place from 25 August 2023 until 22 September 2023. As a result of the consultation, there are 30 maintained objections to the proposals.

1.4 The process associated with hearing objections to the proposal is not set out in legislation. However, the Council's procedures for hearing objections to Traffic Regulation Orders are considered to be suitable procedures for hearing objections to proposed traffic calming measures.

1.5 The maintained objections must now be considered by the Council. Officers suggest that the most appropriate way for the Council to consider these objections is at a public hearing before a special meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee. There is no requirement for objections to proposed traffic calming measures to be heard by an independent Reporter. Given the number of objectors, it is recommended that, subject to the Committee's decision, the authority is sought from Inverclyde Council at its 15 February meeting to grant authority for alternative venues to be considered, in case the Council Chamber is not large enough to accommodate all participants.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- A. Notes the requirement to hold a public hearing to consider the maintained objections, decides to hear these before a special meeting of this Committee and remits it to the Head of Physical Assets and the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to make the necessary arrangements for the public hearing; and
- B. Remits to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to bring a report to the Inverclyde Council seeking authority to hold the said special meeting in a venue outwith Greenock Municipal Buildings if required.

Iain Strachan
Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services

3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Proposed traffic calming measures at Union Street and Newark Street, Greenock were advertised for public consultation on 25 August 2023 with responses invited by 22 September 2023. At the end of this consultation period, 33 objections were received.
- 3.2 Officers wrote to the objectors following the public consultation in connection with these proposals and as a result, 30 objections have been maintained.
- 3.3 It is proposed to install traffic calming measures on Union Street and Newark Street as a significant number of vehicles are travelling above the speed limit of 30mph on Union Street and Newark Street, Greenock. The proposed traffic calming works will involve the construction of mini-roundabouts with associated road markings and road signs at the junctions of Wood Street, Bentinck Street and Johnston Street.
- 3.4 All objectors will have the opportunity to attend the special meeting in order to have their objection heard by the Committee. Given there are 30 maintained objections, the Council Chambers may not be an adequate venue to accommodate the special meeting. Per the recommendations, it is recommended that it is remitted to the Head of Legal, Democratic Digital & Customer Services to seek authority from the Inverclyde Council to hold the special meeting in a venue outwith Greenock Municipal Buildings should that be required.

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the traffic calming proposals, a copy of which form Appendix 1, and to accordingly note the requirement to hold a public hearing to consider the maintained objections to this Order. The Committee is asked to hear the objections before a special meeting of this Committee.
- 4.2 The Committee is also asked to note the intention of the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to seek authority to arrange the said special meeting in a venue outwith Greenock Municipal Buildings should that be required.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial	X	
Legal/Risk	X	
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		X
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X
Environmental & Sustainability		X
Data Protection		X

5.2 Finance

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
83412	Traffic Calming Priority List	23/24	£20,000		Any cost of hiring an alternative venue for the special meeting of the Committee would be met within existing budgets.

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

5.3 Legal/Risk

The legal implications are summarised in this report.

5.4 Human Resources

There are no Human Resources implications directly associated with the proposal.

5.5 Strategic

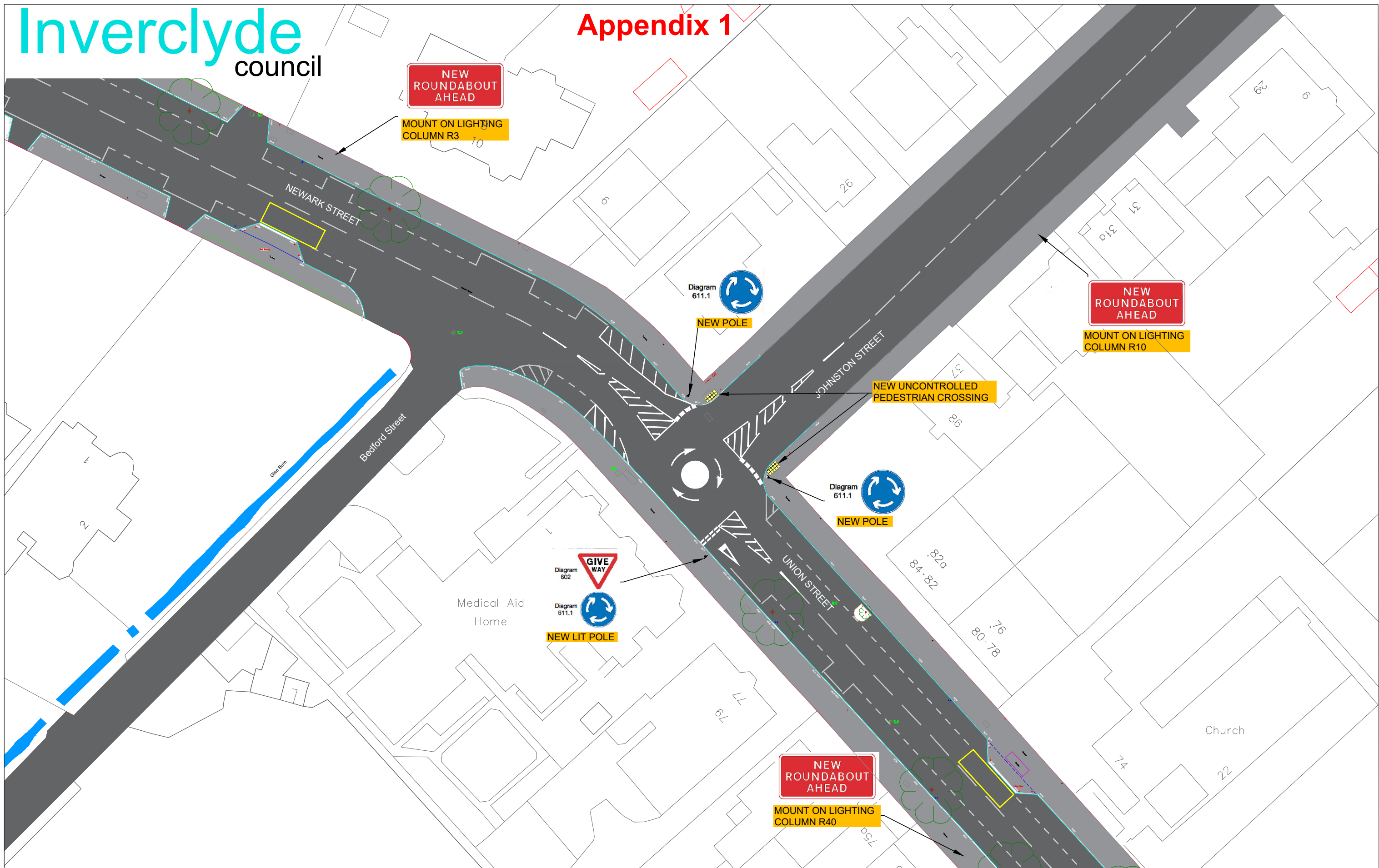
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6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The proposal has been advertised in the Greenock Telegraph and full details of the proposal has been made available for public inspection on the Council's website.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 N/A



Roads Design
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**Johnston Street
Mini-Roundabout Proposal
Roads Service
Consultation**

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**Bentinck Street
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Wood Street Mini-Roundabout Proposal
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