

Agenda Item	4
Report No	LA/17/22

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Lochaber

Date: 7 November 2022

Report Title: Amendment to Speed Restriction Orders for Ardgour and Acharacle

Report By: Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure, Environment & Economy

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is to advise Members to **approve** the proposed extension to the 30mph limits on both Speed Restriction Orders for Ardgour and Acharacle.
- 1.2 We submit this report to seek Members support in accordance with guidance in “Operational Procedure 415 Permanent Road Traffic Orders” (OP/415) Permanent Road Traffic Orders.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Roads are supportive of extending the 30mph limits on both Speed Restriction Orders and Members are asked to approve the proposed extensions.

3 Implications

- 3.1 **Resource** – The funding resources for both Orders will be met from the area Revenue signs budget.
- 3.2 **Legal** – Formal speed limits required to be supported by a Road Traffic Regulation Order. This report sets out the representations made and is seeking approval to make the RTRO.
- 3.3 **Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island)** – Lower vehicle speeds aim to reduce the risks to vulnerable road users and increase active travel choices.
- 3.4 **Climate Change / Carbon Clever** – Reduced vehicle speeds have the aim of increasing active travel choices and thus reducing the number of vehicles on the road.

3.5 **Risk** – If the making of the Road Traffic Regulation Order the speed on the roads identified with the proposed RTRO will remain at 60mph.

3.6 **Gaelic** – There are no Gaelic implications.

4 Background

4.1 Two requests have been received by the Lochaber Area Roads Office to extend the following existing Speed Restriction Orders:-

Highland Council (A861 Ardgour) (Restricted Road) Order 1992; and
The Highland Council The Highland Regional Council (Acharacle Lochaber) (30 and 40 Speed Limits) Order 1994 Amendment Order 2011

4.2 **Ardgour:** A request was received via Councillor Fanet to extend the existing 30mph speed limit east of Ardgour village due to the village expanding in that direction, resulting in more pedestrian and cyclist traffic using this section of road. In accordance with OP415 a Traffic was carried out and survey results confirm that the proposed extension to the existing limit falls within the guidelines. Roads are supportive of extending the 30mph at this location. Plan in **Appendix 1** shows extended area in blue and results below.

Location 3 (A861 Ardvullin)

- traffic travelling southbound to ferry
- average mean speed was 22.7mph
- traffic travelling northbound from ferry
- average mean speed was 25.5mph

Location 4 (A861 at the church)

- traffic travelling southbound to the ferry from the church
- average mean speed was 30.4mph
- traffic Travelling northbound from the ferry to the church
- average mean speed was 25.5mph

4.3 **Acharacle:** A request was received by Acharacle Community Council to extend the existing 30mph speed limits in a southerly direction on the B8007 (Salen) and A861 Blain, Acharacle. The village at Salen has expanded quite substantially south since the original Order was implemented in 1994, resulting in more local/tourist pedestrian and cyclist traffic using this section of road. The same applies at the north end of Acharacle (Moss/Blain) where there are several pupils using the route to cycle/walk to school.

In accordance with OP415 a Traffic survey was carried out and results confirm that the proposed extension to the existing limits falls within the guidelines. Roads are supportive of extending the 30mph at the two locations. Plan in **Appendix 2** shows extended area in blue and results below.

Location 1 (B8007 Salen)

- traffic travelling from A861 junction to Salen.
- average mean speed was 28.8mph
- traffic travelling towards A861 junction from Sale.
- average mean speed was 28.8mph

Traffic survey results confirm that the proposed extension to the existing limit falls within the guidelines. Roads are supportive of extending the 30mph at this location. Plan in **Appendix 2** shows extended area in blue.

Location 2 (A861 Acharacle)

- traffic travelling from Sheilfoot to Acharacle
- average mean speed was 27.7mph
- traffic travelling from Acharacle to Sheilfoot
- average mean speed was 27.1mph

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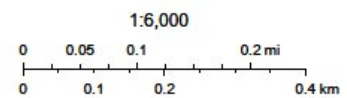
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A861 Ardgour - Proposed Extension to 30mph Limit



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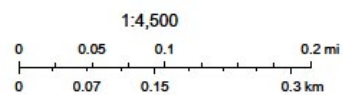


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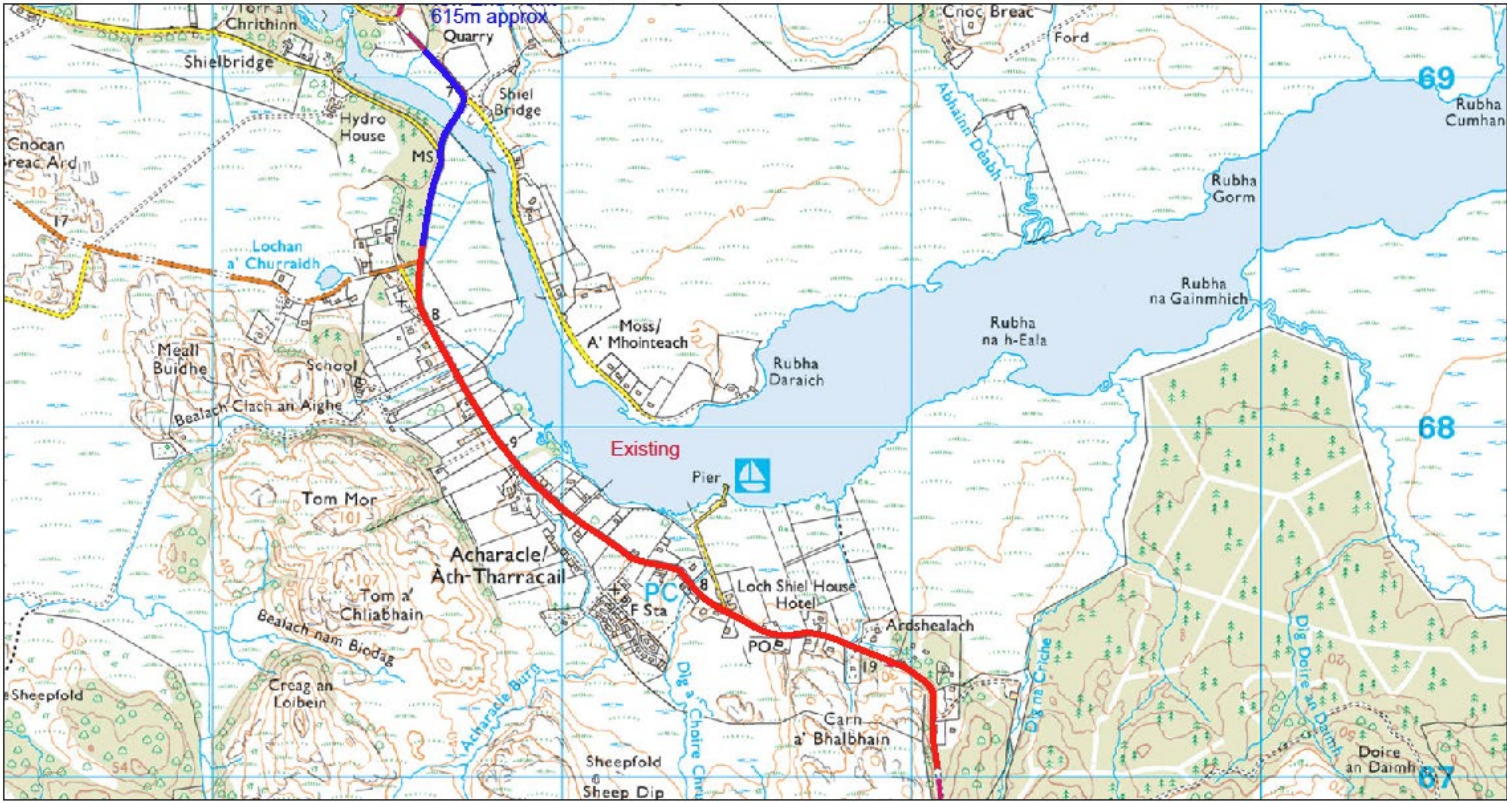


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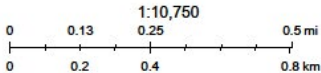


A861 Acharacle Proposed Extension to 30mph Limit



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APPENDIX 2



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