

OBAN/CONNEL BACK ROAD

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers a request to reduce the speed limit along the Oban/Connel Back Road.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members note the report.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 Concerns have been raised through the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Safety Forum as traffic flow has increased along the Oban/Connel Back Road.

- 3.2 Police Scotland have checked the area and monitored the road using a Sierzega device (equipment to measure vehicle speed and numbers). Police Scotland have confirmed that no speeding issues were detected. The report concluded:

The survey was carried out over a period of 2 days between Tuesday 4 June and Thursday 6 June 2013. The equipment was sited on a pole in a mid section of the road on a straight section of road. The weather conditions on those two days were good without any rain.

This section of road is a single track road with passing places and is subject to the national speed limit of 60mph. The geography of the road acts as a natural speed deterrent with hidden views, gradients and tight turns.

A total vehicle count of 463 vehicle movements were recorded with an 85th% speed of 39 mph and an average speed of 31 mph. The highest recorded speed was 50 mph with a total of 11 vehicles travelling at 45mph or higher.

Looking at the returned data there does not appear to have been any speeding issues.

- 3.3 Given the data provided by Police Scotland, this section of road does not meet the criteria to support progressing any reduction in the speed limit.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This report considers a request to reduce the speed limit along the Oban/Connel Back Road. Following analysis of data provided by Police Scotland, it is not proposed that any changes to the existing speed limit be progressed.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy	National Policy provides a policy framework for setting local speed limits.
5.2	Financial	None
5.3	Legal	None
5.4	HR	None
5.5	Equalities	None known
5.6	Risk	None known
5.7	Customer Services	None known

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