

Formation of roundabout on A814 to provide access to new housing development at former Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh

1. SUMMARY

Under planning application 12/00417/PP Members agreed to attach an informative to the consent that the final design of the roundabout, in terms of landscaping and potentially some public art, was to be approved by the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee. A landscaping scheme has been submitted and the purpose of this paper is to provide Members with the details and seek their agreement to the proposal.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members

- I. Note the content of the report.
- II. Agree the design with regard to the landscaping plan

3. Context

On 11 May 2012 a planning application by Dunbritton Housing Association for the formation of a roundabout on the A814 to provide access to a new housing development was approved under reference 12/00417/PP. An informative was attached to the consent that the final design of the roundabout, in terms of landscaping and potentially some public art, was to be approved by the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee.

The proposal was previously discussed at the Helensburgh & Lomond Area Business Day on 14th May 2013. A landscaping scheme has now been submitted and tentatively agreed with Roads and Amenity Services who have responsibility for its maintenance. A number of options were discussed at the Business Day and the layout proposed includes Members' comments. The proposed scheme is attached.

The landscaping plan shows a range of ground cover planting designed to provide interest all year round but also be cost effective in terms of maintenance costs. The design also allocates space in the centre for some public art.

Based on the above it is recommended that Members agree the design with regard to the landscaping plan.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1	Policy	No Policy issues
4.2	Financial	Roads and Amenity Services has budget responsibility for the maintenance of the roundabout
4.3	Personnel	Roads and Amenity Services personnel have responsibility for the maintenance of the roundabout
4.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	Nil
4.5	Legal	No legal implications