

Report

Report to:	Clydesdale Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 November 2006
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Enforcement Action – Unauthorised Siting of Remote Directional Signboards at A72 and A702, Biggar
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1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ seek approval from the Council for an Enforcement Notice to be served on various individuals in respect of the siting of approximately 24 signboards adjacent to the A72 and A702, Biggar.

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that an Enforcement Notice be served on various individuals to seek removal of several remote signboards adjacent to the A72 and A702, Biggar. This notice would come into effect within one month of the date of service and a period of one month should be allowed for compliance with the Notice.

3 Background

- 3.1 On 18 July 2006, I received a complaint regarding the siting of several remote signboards between Coulter and Biggar on the A702. On investigating this complaint, it was noted that approximately 24 signs have been erected in the vicinity of Biggar on the A702 and the A72. No consent has been sought or obtained for these remote signboards.
- 3.2 Between 21 August 2006 and 6 October 2006, letters have been forwarded to WP Bryden Newsagents, Biggar Co-operative, The Crown Inn, Biggar Rugby Football Club, The Tinto Hotel, Biggar Museum Trust, Culter Mill Restaurant, Cabbage Patch Fabrics, Cornhill House, The Elphinstone Hotel, Hartree House and The Christmas Box, advising that collectively the signs were having an adverse effect on the surrounding area and may cause a distraction to vehicular traffic and therefore the signs should be removed from site.
- 3.3 Since the above date, Biggar Co-operative have removed their sign but, to date, all other signs remain on site. The Crown Inn have relocated their sign from the A702 to A72.
- 3.4 In the absence of applications, I am unable to fully assess the siting of remote signs at this location. In planning terms, however, I consider the collective siting of these signboards to be unacceptable. If left unchallenged the signs would set an

undesirable precedent which would encourage further similar applications, resulting in adverse impact of the character of the area and may cause a distraction to vehicular traffic. I therefore consider it appropriate to serve Enforcement Notices to ensure the removal of all remote signs at this location.

4 Employee Implications

4.1 There are no employee implications.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 Staff costs in preparing and submitting Council's case can be met from existing budgets.

6 Other Implications

6.1 None.

7 Consultations

7.1 None required.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

? Living in the Community.

Previous References

? None.

List of Background Papers

? None.

Contact for Further Information

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