

Report

8

Report to:	Community Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 November 2008
Report by:	Executive Director (Community Resources)

Subject:	Air Quality Management Area - Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride
----------	---

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ approve an Order designating the location at Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride as an Air Quality Management Area. A map highlighting the boundary of the area is attached at Appendix A.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), encompassing the area detailed on the map contained in Appendix A to this report, at Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride, be declared by official Order, with a commencement date of 28 November 2008.

3. Air Quality Management Area at Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride – Current Position

- 3.1. The Committee considered a report at its meeting on 3 June 2008 which highlighted that the Council has a statutory duty to monitor the quality of air within its area in terms of the Environment Act 1995 and detailed in the Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000 and 2002 (as amended).
- 3.2. The requirement to make an Order to designate the area as an AQMA surrounding the Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride had also been highlighted and details were provided on the procedure to be undertaken in declaring an Air Quality Management Area.
- 3.3. Following a public consultation period, during which one objection was received and subsequently withdrawn, the Council can now proceed to designate this location by Order as an Air Quality Management Area.
- 3.4. It is now proposed that an Order be promoted, as detailed in Appendix B, to take effect from 28 November 2008, to designate the location at Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride as an Air Quality Management Area.

- 3.5. In terms of the process, an Action Plan will be produced over the 12 to 18 months following the Order coming into effect. In drawing up the Action Plan, measures designed to reduce levels of pollution below the 2010 objectives, where possible, will be included.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. There are no employee implications.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. The initial processes have been undertaken utilising existing resources. However, councils who have declared AQMAs previously have incurred expenditure during the Action Planning process. Accordingly, a further report will be produced upon completion of the Action Planning Process. The AQMA will be subject to future reports and any identified financial implications will be highlighted.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. Delivery of this recommendation would meet the requirement of Action 6.8 within the Council's Sustainable Development Strategy.
- 8.2. The Action Planning process requires to be subject to the Strategic Environmental Assessment procedure. This will direct the Action Plan to ensure maximum environmental benefits and impacts are managed.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. No equality impact assessment was required in respect of the proposals contained in this report.
- 9.2. Consultation will be undertaken in respect of the AQMA in compliance with the legislative requirements.

Norrie Anderson
Executive Director (Community Resources)

13 October 2008

Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values

- ◆ Sustainable Development

Previous References

- ◆ Community Resources Committee Report of 3 June 2008 (Item 6) – Air Quality Management Area.

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Environment Act 1995
- ◆ Air Quality (Scotland) Regulation 2000
- ◆ Air Quality (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2002
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council Updating and Screening Assessment 2006
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council Detailed Assessment 2007

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

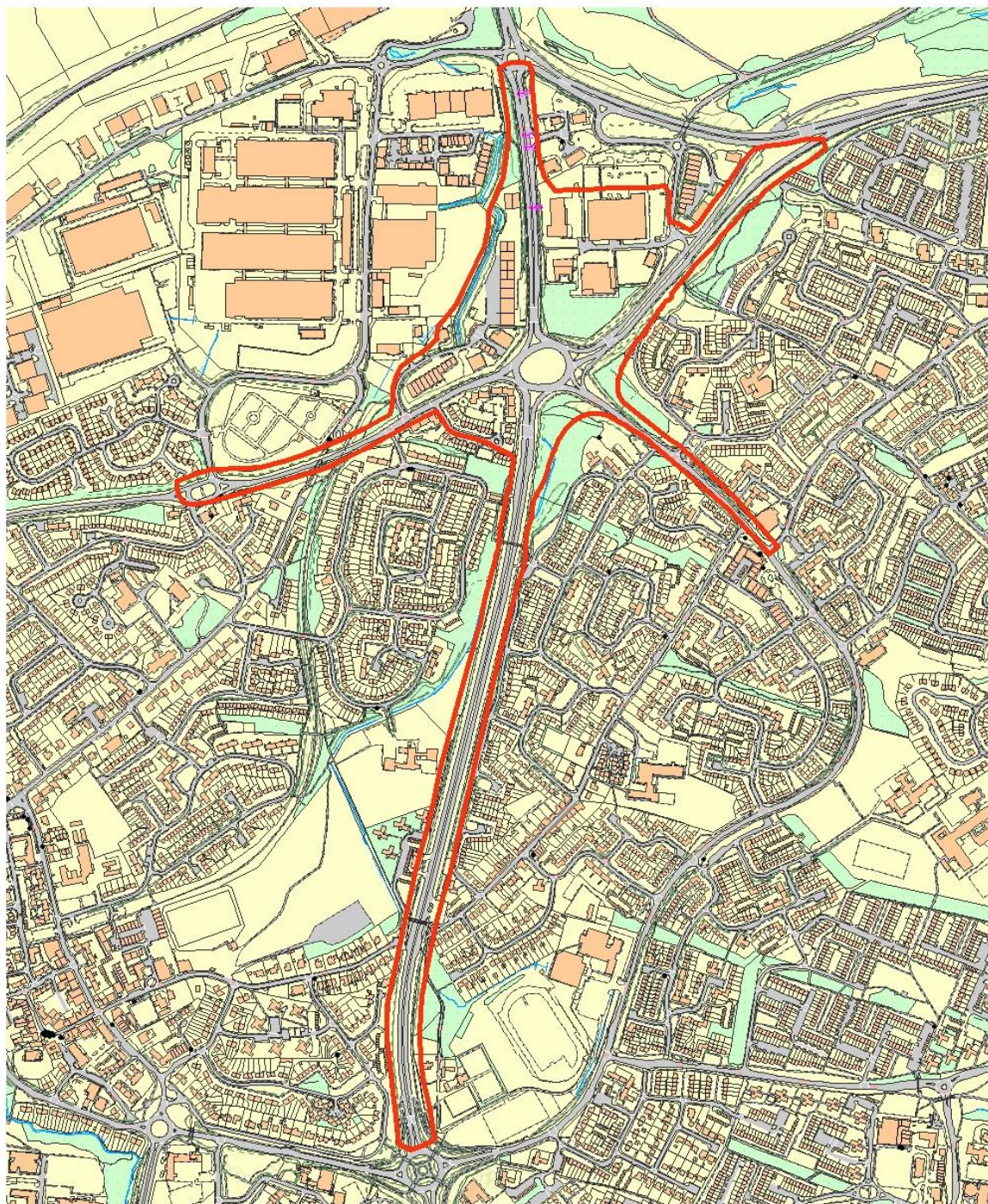
Robert Howe, Head of Environmental and Strategic Services

Ext: 5629 (Tel: 01698 455629)

E-mail: robert.howe@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Appendix A – Environment Act 1995
The area outlined in red on the following map to be known as
South Lanarkshire Council Air Quality Management Area
Whirlies Roundabout, East Kilbride

Air Quality Management Area



© Crown copyright. All rights reserved 100020730 2008

South Lanarkshire Council Air Quality Management Area
Whirlies Roundabout
East Kilbride



1:0



While all reasonable care has been taken in the preparation of this map, it depends on the source data used. Interpretation by an expert may be required for its use.