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Dear Aileen

Thank you for your email of 23 January regarding a request for an extension to the 40mph speed limit zone at Dolphinton Creamery on the A702 trunk road.

We carried out a review of speed limits on A-class trunk roads in line with Scottish Government guidance ("Setting Local Speed Limits"). The findings of this review have been published on our website at: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/safety/Speed-limit-review>

The review aimed to make speed limits clear and consistent across the country and to improve self compliance with speed limits, thereby helping to reduce accidents and enhance road use for the long term. The findings of the Review were agreed with the local police forces, who have responsibility for speed limit enforcement.

When assessing the character of the section through Dolphinton against the guidance, it was given special consideration due to the number of properties that have direct frontage onto the trunk road. The alignment through the section consists of a long straight with a small number of bends towards the eastern end. The buildings are primarily on the west side of the A702 although there are a number of accesses on the east side. There is a footway, which is in place along the entire length of this section, on the west side of the carriageway. There is a system of street lighting in place throughout. These features are consistent with other 40 mph speed limits on other trunk roads and so the assessment concluded that in the interests of consistency across the network, the speed limit review recommended no change.

Our operating company, Amey, also carried out a review of the area and it was concluded that although there has been the recent introduction of a bus layby on the southbound carriageway, there has been no real change to the road alignment and characteristics of the trunk road that would support an extension of the speed limit. It is noted that the residential development at the Old Creamery was prior to the speed limit review in 2012 and was therefore considered as part of the review. As such there are no plans for another speed limit review at this location, however, if there was a significant change to the character of the road then we would review the speed limits at that point.



I hope this is helpful.

I am copying this reply to the Minister for Transport and the Islands, Humza Yousaf MSP.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy Brannen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ROY BRANNEN