EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE AYR ROAD ROUTE (M77) (SPEED LIMIT) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2011

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The above instrument was made in exercise of powers conferred by section 17(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

This instrument increases the speed limit from 50mph to 60mph over 973 metres of the northbound and southbound carriageways of the M77 motorway between Junction 3 (Nitshill) and the boundary of Glasgow City and East Renfrewshire Council with effect from 1st May 2011.

Background

The speed limit in this vicinity of the M77 changes at the Renfrewshire / Glasgow City Boundary. This was related to past road improvement schemes undertaken by various roads authorities who had responsibility for the road. As it currently stands, the character of the road in terms of road alignment and junction spacing does not warrant the current reduction from 60mph to 50mph for northbound traffic which forces drivers to reduce their speed unnecessarily on a downhill section of the road. The change of speed limit from 50mph to 60mph at its current location for southbound drivers also promotes inappropriate driver behaviour by encouraging increased acceleration on an uphill section of road. This in turn leads to inefficient fuel consumption and the release of atmospheric pollution derived from higher exhaust carbon emissions. Given that there is good forward visibility on the road, a higher speed limit is more appropriate.

The proposed changes are supported by Strathclyde Police and both Glasgow City and East Renfrewshire Councils.

Consultation

In accordance with section 134(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Scottish Government have consulted with statutory bodies and representative organisations detailed on the attached list.
There were no adverse comments to the proposals.

Financial Effects

It is estimated that the cost of altering the speed limit signing will be between £60,000 and £90,000.

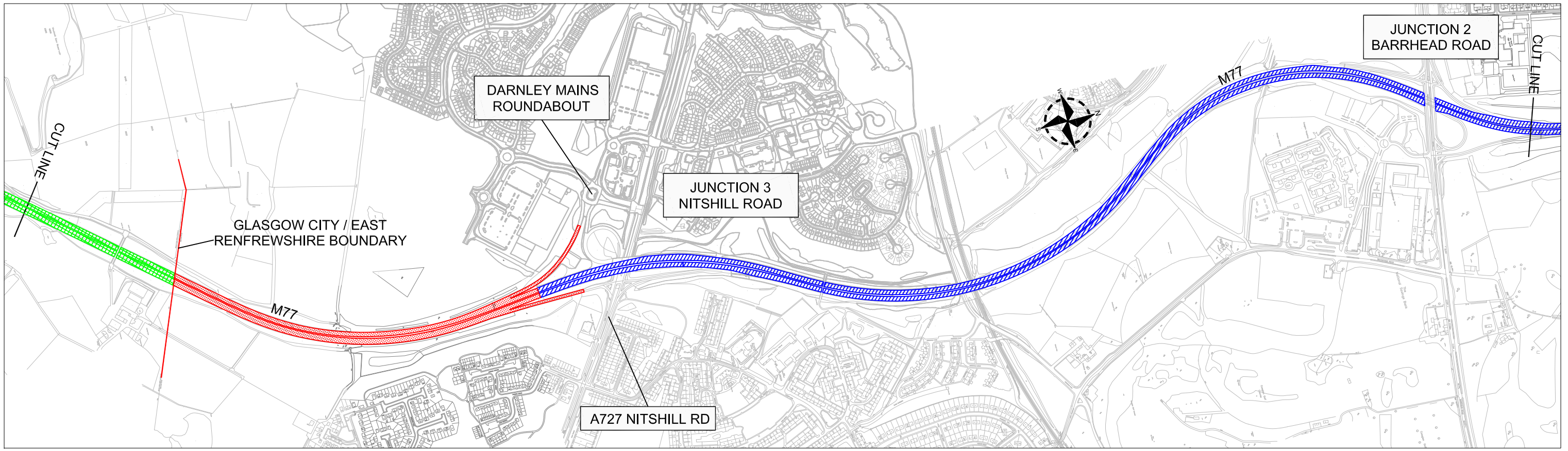
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