

# KCC November 2025 - Roads Report

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## Road Closures:

- Napier road – from B8334 Station Road to Allan road – closed 26/11/25
- Kerse Road, Stirling – 20/11/25 to 7/12/25 – Partial closure with traffic lights

## Blane Water Bridge

Works were completed at the end of October to address the drainage issues

Continued correspondence with Stirling Council, but the most recent response confirms that traffic lights are not required, and ongoing cutting of the foliage will help.

“Thank you for your enquiry and for your continued support regarding infrastructure matters across Stirling.

Following a full assessment of the location near the Devil’s Pulpit, Stirling Council does not support the installation of permanent traffic lights at this time for the following reasons:

The visibility concerns raised are primarily due to a privately owned hedge on the southeast approach. The landowner has historically responded positively to requests for trimming, and when maintained, visibility has been significantly improved. We will engage again with the landowner to establish a regular trimming schedule and ensure sightlines are consistently protected. Regarding the road layout, there have been no changes to the carriageway width or turning radii since the bridge reopened. The current layout does not meet the criteria for permanent traffic signals. Drivers are expected to follow the existing give-way signage and adjust their speed appropriately to the road conditions.”

## Hedge on Graham Road

Following KCC passing on a report to Stirling Council of a significantly overgrown hedge on Graham Road, the hedge has now been cut back and both sides of the road are usable again.

## Suggestion of 40mph limit from Killearn to Distillery

Following a request from a resident, KCC approached Stirling Council about implementing a 40mph limit on the A875. Stirling Council have assessed the length of road and determined the road does not meet the criteria for a 40mph limit.

“Speed limits in the Stirling Council area are set based on the Council’s Speed Limit Policy. This Policy has been put together in line with the recommendations contained in Scottish Executive ETLLD Circular No. 1/2006 on the setting of local speed limits. The Council’s Speed Limit Policy states that consideration may be given to implementing a 40-mph speed limit on a rural “A” class road where there is a high number of bends, junctions or accesses, substantial development, or where the road is used by considerable numbers of vulnerable road users. Having assessed the section of the A875 leading from Killearn to the A81, I noted the following:-

- The A875 from Killearn to the A81 is approximately 1.1 miles in length. There are four bends, two of which I have considered to be a slight bends and two of which are severe enough to warrant the erection of bend warning signs/SLOW road markings. I do not consider this to be a high number of bends.
- There are no junctions between Killearn and the A81, but there are seven private accesses leading to nine properties.

- Nine properties located over a one mile length of road cannot be considered to be substantial development.
- There is no evidence that the road is being used by considerable numbers of vulnerable road users.
- There has been two reported injury accident in the past 10 years.

Based on my findings I am satisfied that the criteria for consideration to be given to the implementation of a 40-mph speed limit have not been met. I confirm, therefore, that a 40-mph speed limit will not be implemented on the section of the A873 from Killearn to the A81. It is important to note that where a speed limit is set inappropriately, for example substantially lower than the speed that the majority of drivers would otherwise choose, evidence shows the speed will regularly be disobeyed. This leads to an over-reliance on Police enforcement and may lead to an increase in risk. This increase in risk is caused by greater differences in speed between vehicles that can lead to an increased number of overtaking manoeuvres. You may wish to note that the Scottish Government is currently working through consultation responses in relation to a proposal to reduce the national speed limit in Scotland from 60-mph to 50-mph. Local authorities await the outcome of this consultation and, if taken forward, what resultant changes may be made to national speed limit policy if this proposal is taken forward. Any change to national speed limit policy will result in a review of Stirling Council's speed limit policy which may afford an opportunity for the speed limit on this section of road to be reviewed at some point in the future."

## No Waiting restrictions in Drymen

No Waiting At Any Time restrictions to be put in place at the corner of Main Street in Drymen, to prevent parking over and blocking dropped kerbs.

## No Waiting restrictions in Blanefield

No Waiting At Any Time restrictions to be put in place on the A81 Blanefield (opposite Station Road/Cuilt Brae) to improve visibility for vehicles joining from adjacent properties.