

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

4th December 2024

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport – D.W.Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Neath East

(Walters Road, Melyn, Neath) (Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading At Any Time) Order 2024

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the correspondence received following the advertisement of the (Walters Road, Melyn, Neath) (Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading At Any Time) Order 2024, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the traffic regulation order which was formally advertised resulting in objections being received.

Background:

A previous scheme was prioritised by the local members following representations from a local resident stating that indiscriminate parking practices were taking place outside No.2 Walters Road.

However, the resident initially complained about the parking restrictions across their driveway entrance.

The proposed traffic regulation order is required to reduce the extent of the existing parking restriction across the driveway entrance but to maintain restrictions on the junction in the interest of road safety.

The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

Financial Impacts:

The scheme is to be funded by the Council's Capital Works Programme.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment, attached at Appendix B, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below: -

A full impact assessment is not required as the traffic regulation orders will provide a safe environment for all highway users.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

There are 'No Implications' associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts:

There are 'No Implications' associated with this report.

Legal Impacts:

The proposal was advertised for a 21-day period between 9th August 2024 and 30th August 2024.

Risk Management Impacts:

There are no risk management impacts associated with this report.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

A consultation exercise was undertaken between 9th August 2024 and 30th August 2024.

There were 10 letters and plans delivered to the properties on Walters Road and Llys Walters detailing the proposals.

Following a three-week consultation exercise, 2 statements of objection were received on the proposals.

A summary of the objections received are given below: -

Objections: - Any officer observations / comments are illustrated in italics in response to the points raised.

- a) A resident has objected to the proposal as they wish for the double yellow lines to be maintained in their current state.
- b) A resident has requested that enforcement of the current double yellows is undertaken.
- c) A resident has raised a concern and suggests that the proposed advert to remove the section of double yellow line outside their drive has been placed in error.

The resident that requested the shortening of the double yellow lines has since moved home and the new resident wishes for the double yellow lines to remain in place.

The Council will continue to monitor the situation going forward.

The Local Members have been consulted on the feedback received and support that the objections are upheld in full and that the proposed scheme is withdrawn.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are upheld in full to the (Walters Road, Melyn, Neath) (Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading At Any Time) Order 2024 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the proposed scheme is withdrawn with the situation monitored going forward.

The objectors will be notified of the decision of the board accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The scheme is withdrawn and the restriction shall remain in place; however, the Council will continue to monitor the situation going forward.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Plan – Walters Road, Melyn, Neath – Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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