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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Coedffranc West

(Elba Crescent and Baldwins Crescent, Crymlyn Burrows)
(Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Except for Access) Order 2024

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the correspondence received following the advertisement of the (Elba Crescent and Baldwins Crescent, Crymlyn Burrows) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Except for Access) Order 2024, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

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

Background:

The scheme was prioritised by local members following representations from residents regarding indiscriminate parking practices by non-residents along Elba Crescent and Baldwins Crescent. These practices were highlighted as a road safety concern.

The traffic regulation order is required to prevent non-residents from parking indiscriminately 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 September 2024 and 30th September 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 September 2024 and 30th September 2024.

There were 72 letters and plans delivered to the properties on Elba Crescent and Baldwins Crescent detailing the proposals.

Following a three-week consultation exercise, 2 statements of support and 1 statement 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 local business owner has objected to the proposal as customers will no longer be able to park outside of their premises.
- b) A local business owner feels that the proposal will have a direct impact on the business as a number of their customers park in the existing short stay bays on Elba Crescent.
- c) A local business owner has also raised safety concerns as students are currently dropped off in Elba Crescent away from the busy main road. If the proposal goes ahead then they will be unable to do this.
- d) The Police would not support this scheme as it places the onus of enforcement by the Police. To ensure that an offence has been committed the Police would require more than one officer to gather sufficient evidence to secure a conviction

and this places an unnecessary burden on limited police resources given the severity of the offence.

The proposed order will be an 'Except for Access' order and therefore any vehicles wanting to access the area and visit premises located directly off Elba Crescent and Baldwins Crescent will be able to do so. Vehicles not visiting property described above would be in contravention of the traffic regulation order.

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- a) Residents have queried whether the proposals will prevent indiscriminate parking by people attending Swansea University but are in full support of the proposal going ahead.
- b) A resident has queried whether the proposal will affect access for property maintenance but is in full support of the proposal.

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The Local Members have been consulted on the feedback received and support that the objections are overruled in full and the scheme is implemented as advertised.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are overruled in full to the (Elba Crescent and Baldwins Crescent, Crymlyn Burrows) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Except for Access) Order 2024 (as detailed in

Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme is implemented as advertised.

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

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The Order is necessary to prevent non-residents from indiscriminately parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices:

Appendix A – Plan – Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Except for Access Order – Elba Crescent – Crymlyn Burrows.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None

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