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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

5th February 2025

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Gwaun Cae Gurwen and Lower Brynamman

(Traffic Calming Measures At A474 Heol Y Gors, Cwmgors) Order 2024

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the correspondence received following the advertisement of the (Traffic Calming Measures At A474 Heol Y Gors, Cwmgors) 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 regarding excessive speeds along Heol Y Gors. These practices were highlighted by some local residents as a road safety concern.

The Order is necessary to reduce vehicular speeds 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 43 letters and plans delivered to the properties on Heol Y Gors detailing the proposals. Following a three-week consultation exercise, 7 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) Residents would prefer to introduce a 20mph speed limit.
- b) Residents claim that the speed humps produce “stop and start traffic, air, and noise pollution due to more acceleration needed after going over the speed humps”.
- c) Residents are saying that their vehicles will be damaged by the speed humps and house prices will be affected due to the introduction of speed humps.
- d) Residents claim there are no speed related accidents along this road.
- e) One resident claims the dimensions of these speed humps will not affect the vehicles that cause the speeding as motorbikes and large powered vehicles are the ones at large.
- f) Many residents are not in favour of the speed humps.
- g) Many residents think that these speed humps will cause environmental problems.

- h) Many residents claim noise is a big issue in this area and speed humps will make it worse.
- i) Residents would prefer we put our budgets towards other priorities.

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 (Traffic Calming Measures At A474 Heol Y Gors, Cwmgors) 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 Cabinet Board accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The Order is necessary to reduce vehicular speeds 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 – Heol Y Gors – Traffic Calming Measures – Traffic Regulation Orders.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None

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