

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Environment and Highways Cabinet Board

3 March 2016

### Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

#### Matter for Decision

**Ward Affected:** Tonna

#### **Revocation of Residents Parking Bay outside 79 and 80 Henfaes Road, Tonna**

#### Purpose of Report

- 1 To consider the objections received following the advertisement of the proposals as indicated in Appendix A.

#### Executive Summary

- 2 Two identical letters of objection were received in respect of the proposal.
- 3 The report outlines the objections and the recommendation for the scheme

#### Background

- 4 The owner of 79 Henfaes Road applied for planning permission to convert the frontage of their property to off-street parking. The Planning Department consulted with the adjacent properties and posted a site notice on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 giving local residents 21 days in which to comment on the proposal. No comments were received and permission for the new vehicular access was granted on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015.
- 5 The owner of 80 Henfaes Road had previously converted their frontage to off-street parking.
- 6 There is currently a residents parking bay outside 79 and 80 Henfaes Road. As a consequence some permit holders are

parking in the bay blocking the access/egress to the off-street parking.

- 7 In January 2016 the proposals were advertised and at the same time a consultation exercise was undertaken to all properties directly affected by the scheme – Appendix B.
- 8 Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this function does not require an Equality Impact assessment.

### **Financial Implications**

- 9 The work will be funded from the capital works programme 2015/16.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 10 No requirement for Equality Impact Assessment

### **Workforce Impact**

- 11 Not applicable.

### **Legal Impact**

- 12 The scheme was advertised for a 21 day period.

### **Risk Management**

- 13 There are no service risk management issues associated with this scheme.

### **Consultation Outcome**

- 14 List of Consultees:-

Councillor Ms C Morgans  
Residents affected by the proposals

- 15 As part of the consultation exercise, a letter drop was undertaken to all residents within the immediate vicinity of the proposals.

During the consultation process two identical letters of objection were received;

Resident 1 and 2 stated that they strongly object to the proposed removal of the residents parking bay outside 79 and 80 Henfaes Road for the following reasons:-

- There are insufficient parking spaces to meet existing residents' needs and is made worse by the council allowing some residents to open their frontage.
- There are approximately 16 houses which have 30 vehicles registered to addresses in Henfaes Road which has created a fractious situation when it comes to being able to park near your house.
- The imposition of residents' parking 17 years ago created a marginal improvement in your ability to park in Henfaes Road if you hold a parking permit. With only nine designated bays and five non-residents bays the chance to park on Henfaes Road is remote.
- The situation is made worse as residents have to pay £20.00 for a permit with no guarantee they can park in a bay.
- By allowing some residents to open their frontage this has reduced the amount of parking available. The frontage takes up more than one parking space on the road.
- The removal of the two bays will reduce the parking available and create a two tier system with those having their frontage converted benefiting with free parking and the rest who have permits hoping they can park in the street.
- One of the residents' added that all of Henfaes Road should be converted to residents parking or the entire scheme should be removed.

#### Observations:-

The current parking situation on Henfaes Road is chronic as it is a narrow main road with parking on one side and too many vehicle owners for the number of parking spaces available. The conversion of frontages to some properties does guarantee the owners a parking space but overall has a low impact on the available on-street parking.

Historically parking schemes were implemented following representation from residents. Several site visits would have been made to ensure the

parking occupancy level on Henfaes Road would have met the council's criteria.

Currently new residents' parking schemes are only considered where there is a mix of commercial and residential properties. As Henfaes Road is predominately a residential area and it has been stated that there are far too many vehicles for the spaces available it would not be considered for a residents parking scheme using the current criteria. This decision is on the basis that the same number of cars will have to park on the same length of road regardless of whether there is a scheme in place.

### **Recommendation**

- 16 It is recommended that:-
- 17 The objections are overruled and that the residents' parking bay in front of 79 and 80 Henfaes Road is removed as previously advertised.
- 18 That the residents of Henfaes Road be consulted with a view to removing the one remaining residents' parking bay as shown in Appendix C. The works will be funded from the monies allocated to residents' parking in the 2016-17 capital works programme.
- 19 That the objectors to be informed accordingly.

### **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

- 20 To allow the residents of 79 and 80 Henfaes Road unobstructed access and egress to their off-street parking.
- 21 The decision is proposed for implementation after a three day call-in period.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix A – Legal drawing
- Appendix B – Consultation Letter
- Appendix C – Proposed removal of bay drawing

## List of Background Papers

File TR29

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## Appendix B



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### The Occupier

Appendix B

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re:- Proposal to Remove Residents' Parking Bay Outside 79 to 80 Henfaes Road, Tonna**

It is the intention of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to withdraw the Residents' Parking bay outside 79 to 80 Henfaes Road, Tonna as indicated on the attached plan.

A copy of the proposed Order, Statement of Reasons and an appropriate plan may be inspected during normal office hours at the main reception desks in the Civic Centres at Neath and Port Talbot, The Quays, Baglan and at the Council's First Stop Shop at Pontardawe.

Any comments should be submitted in writing to reach the Head of Engineering and Transport, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, The Quays, Brunel Way, Baglan Energy Park, Neath SA11 2GG by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Should you require any further information please contact my officer on the above telephone number.

Yours faithfully

  
For HEAD OF ENGINEERING & TRANSPORT

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