

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Environment and Highways Cabinet Board**

5 January 2017

### **Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport**

D. W. Griffiths

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Ward Affected:** Neath South

#### **Proposed Revocation and Goods Vehicle Loading Only Order: Maes-yr-Haf, Neath**

#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 For Members to consider the response received following the advertisement of the proposed Order for the revocation of an existing Order and the introduction of a Goods Vehicle Loading Only, 30 Minutes, 7 Days a Week Order in Maes-yr-Haf, Neath, as indicated in Appendix A.

#### **Executive Summary**

- 2 The report outlines the proposed Order and the reason why the Order is required.

#### **Background**

- 3 The scheme is necessary to facilitate a dedicated loading bay to service adjacent businesses in 'The Parade' and especially Windsor road, where adequate loading bays are in short supply.
- 4 In November 2016, the proposal was advertised and at the same time, a consultation exercise was undertaken to all neighbouring properties potentially affected by the scheme; see Appendix B.

#### **Financial Implications**

- 5 The scheme will be funded from the 2016/17 Capital Works Programme.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6 A 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.

## **Workforce Impact**

- 7 Not applicable.

## **Legal Impact**

- 8 The scheme will be advertised for a 21 day period.

## **Risk Management**

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

## **Consultation Outcome**

- 10 Following the consultation exercise, there was one letter of objection written in Welsh. A summary of the content is listed below:-
- That elderly users of the premises, especially on Sundays, need to walk a short distance.
  - Difficult for vehicles to pass a large lorry when parked in the bay.
  - Their specialist vehicles would not be able to use the loading bay.
  - A lorry parked in the bay would obstruct the premises entrance.
  - The proposed Order is for seven days a week.
  - Two adjacent premises both have spaces specifically for deliveries.
  - Should provide an alternative loading bay in front of the entrance to Specsavers.

## **Observation of Objections**

- There is a disabled bay within 50 metres of the Church outside Pizza Hut.
- The proposed loading bay is 6 metres in length and not suitable for HGV's.
- The specialist vehicles would be able to unload but not wait.
- The order is for seven days because nearby premises operate for seven days.
- The loading bay can be used by all the adjacent premises which do not have spaces for deliveries.
- A loading bay outside Specsavers would necessitate the premises carrying stock across 'The Parade' and present Health & Safety issues.

## **Recommendation**

11 It is recommended that:-

Having due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment screening, the objection be overruled and the objector be informed accordingly, and the Traffic Order for the revocation of an existing Order and the introduction of a Goods Vehicle Loading Only, 30 Minutes, 7 Days a Week Order in Maes-yr-Haf, Neath, as indicated at Appendix A to the circulated report, be approved.

## **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

- 12 The proposed loading bay is on the same side of the street as the premises requiring the facility preventing staff crossing the highway with stock.
- 13 Only one space is being lost to provide the loading bay adjacent to the objector's premises. There will still be three spaces in the existing limited waiting bay.
- 14 There is a disabled parking bay for four vehicles on The Parade within 50 metres of the objector's premises.

## **Implementation of Decision**

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

## **Appendices**

- 16 Appendix A - Plan  
Appendix B - Letter

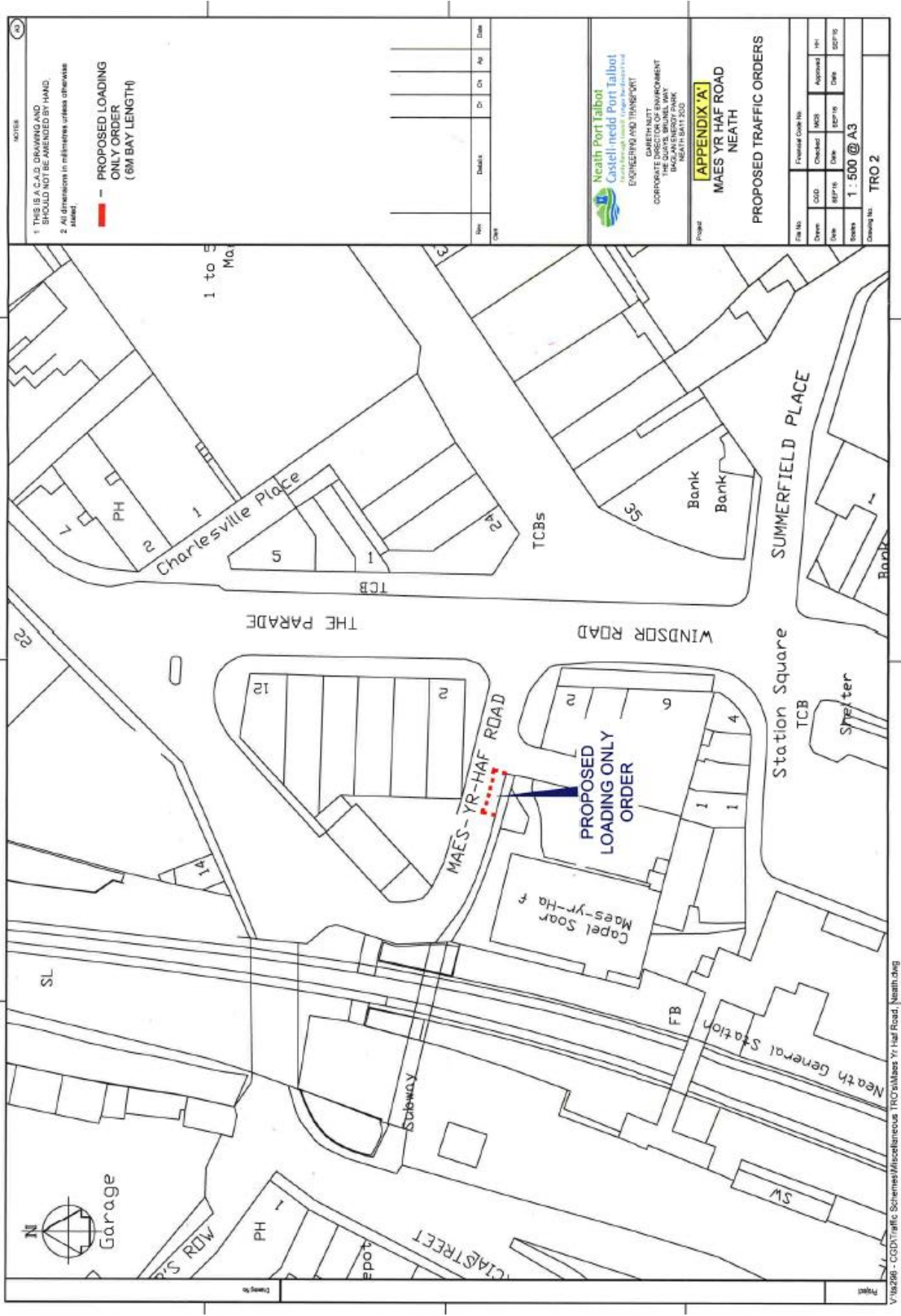
## **List of Background Papers**

- 17 File TR25

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# Appendix A



***APPENDIX B***

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TR25/MCB/

**The Occupier**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Revocation of Waiting Limited to 1 Hour and Replace with Goods Vehicles Loading Bay, Waiting Limited to 30 Minutes, 7 Days a Week – Maes-yr-haf, Neath**

It is the intention of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to revoke a Waiting Limited to 1 Hour Order and to replace it with a Goods Vehicles Loading Bay, Waiting Limited to 30 Minutes, 7 Days a Week 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 Pontardawe Library.

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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

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

Yours faithfully

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**Head of Engineering & Transport**

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