

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment and Highways Cabinet Board

16 February 2017

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Ward Affected: Neath North

Proposed Taxi Rank – Old Market Street, Neath

Purpose of Report

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

Executive Summary

2. One letter was received in respect of the proposal. The report outlines the objection and the recommendations for the scheme.

Background

3. In November/December 2016 the proposals were advertised and at the same time a consultation exercise was undertaken to all properties directly affected by the scheme; see Appendix B.

Financial Implications

4. The work will be funded by the Regeneration Capital Programme.

Equality Impact Assessment

5. No requirement for an Equality Impact Assessment.

Workforce Impact

6. Not applicable

Legal Impact

7. The scheme has been advertised for a 21 day period.

Risk Management

8. There are no service risk management issues associated with this scheme. However, the demolition of the former multi-storey car park in Neath, Wilkinsons Store and Tesco Extra is dependent on the relocation of the taxis to facilitate the next phase of the development.

Consultation Outcome

9. This item has been subject to external consultation.

List of consultees:-

Councillor A Lockyer

Councillor M Protheroe

Residents/Businesses' affected by the scheme

10. 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 one letter (Appendix C) was received in respect of the proposals.

11. Letter 1- Appendix C

Due to the lack of space to relocate the taxi rank it is not feasible to reduce the length of the proposed taxi rank. The existing taxi rank can currently hold up to 15 vehicles whereby the proposed rank will only hold up to 6.

The Loading Only bay opposite the High Street junction that is referred to in the letter is an existing bay that cannot be removed as it serves the lower end of Old Market Street.

Recommendation(s)

12. It is recommended that:

The objection is overruled and the objector informed accordingly, and the scheme be implemented as previously advertised.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

13. The scheme is necessary to provide an alternative taxi rank at the appropriate location due to the demolition works planned which will affect the existing rank on Wind Street, Neath.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

15. Appendix A – Consultation Plan
Appendix B – Consultation Letter
Appendix C – Objection Letter from a Resident

List of Background Papers

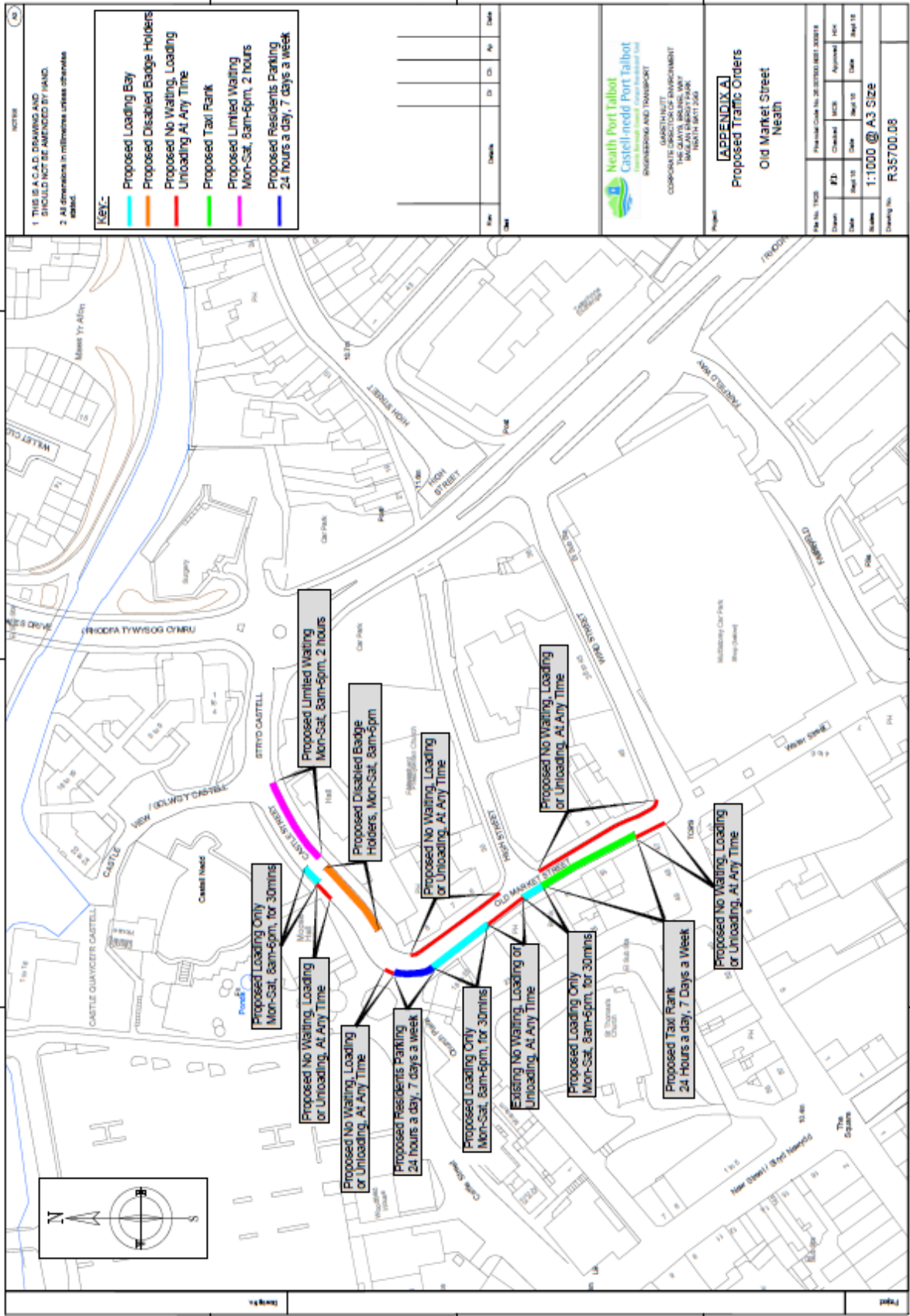
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Appendix A



Appendix B



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Mr J C Davies
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APPENDIX B

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The Occupier

Dear Sir/Madam

Re:- Proposed Traffic Orders, Old Market Street, Neath

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council intend to advertise the above scheme; a copy of the plan is attached.

A copy of the proposed Order, Statement of Reasons and an appropriate plan may be inspected during normal working hours at the main reception desks in the Civic Centres at Neath, Port Talbot and The Quays, Baglan.

Any objections/support or comments should be forwarded as soon as possible in writing to the address below and must be received no later than 19th December 2016.

If you require this information in larger print, or in an alternative format, please contact the above named officer.

Yours faithfully


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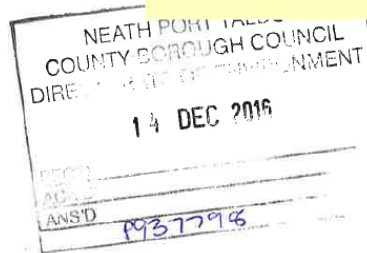


Appendix C

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Mr D.W. Griffiths,
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Dear Mr Griffiths,

Re:- Proposed Traffic Orders, Old Market Street, Neath

I am writing in response to your letter received on the 28th November 2016 regarding the above scheme.

My property is opposite the proposed Taxi Rank and I am very concerned about the effect of noise and disturbance that will be caused to me especially as the Taxi Rank is allowed to trade 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. My bedroom is in the front of my premises and I will be subjected to increased noise and disturbance during the late evening and early hours of the morning, particularly Friday and Saturday nights. There will be slamming of doors, the arrival and departure from the Taxi Rank and all of this with no limitation on time i.e. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Would it be possible to extend the Proposed No Waiting, Loading or Unloading, At Any Time section so that it clears the front of my property, I accept there will still be noise etc: but at least it will be some distance away. I note there is a Proposed Loading Only section opposite the junction with High Street, so could the Taxi Rank be extended into this, as there is already a longer Proposed Loading Only section further down the street.

I would be grateful if my concerns and suggestions could be considered, or indeed any alternative you regard possible, to lessen the obvious impact on me.

Yours sincerely,

