

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

20 October 2017

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Resolven

Proposed One Way Order and No Entry Order: Company Street and Cory Street, Resolven

Purpose of Report

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

Executive Summary

2. 11 objections were received to the scheme including three petitions with a total of 70 names.
3. The Police had stated that they would not enforce the Orders unless there was unanimous public support.
4. The report outlines the objections and the recommendations for the scheme.
5. The objection letter from South Wales Police is contained in Appendix B.
6. The objection letters containing petitions and the petitions are contained in Appendix C.

Background

7. The Local Member had presented the idea of making Company Street and Cory Street one way following representations from the community.
8. However, following the consultation period there were significant objections to the proposal and therefore the Police would not support the scheme. The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

Financial Impact

9. The work will be funded by the Capital Works Programme.

Equality Impact Assessment

10. 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 Impacts

11. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

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

Risk Management

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

Consultation

14. A consultation exercise was carried out when the scheme was advertised.
15. 11 letters of objection were received including three petitions with a total of 70 names.
16. A letter of objection was received from the Police.
17. The objection letters are contained in Appendix B.
18. The objection letters containing petition and the petitions are contained in Appendix C.
19. The objections have been discussed with the Local Member whom supports the withdrawal of the scheme.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:-

20. The proposed scheme is cancelled and removed from the Capital Works Programme.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

21. The Police would not approve of the proposed order unless there was significant public support which unfortunately there was not.

22. Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

23. Appendix A – Plan of the proposed scheme
24. Appendix B - Letters of objection from South Wales Police
25. Appendix C – Letters of objection containing petitions and those petitions

List of Background Papers

26. None

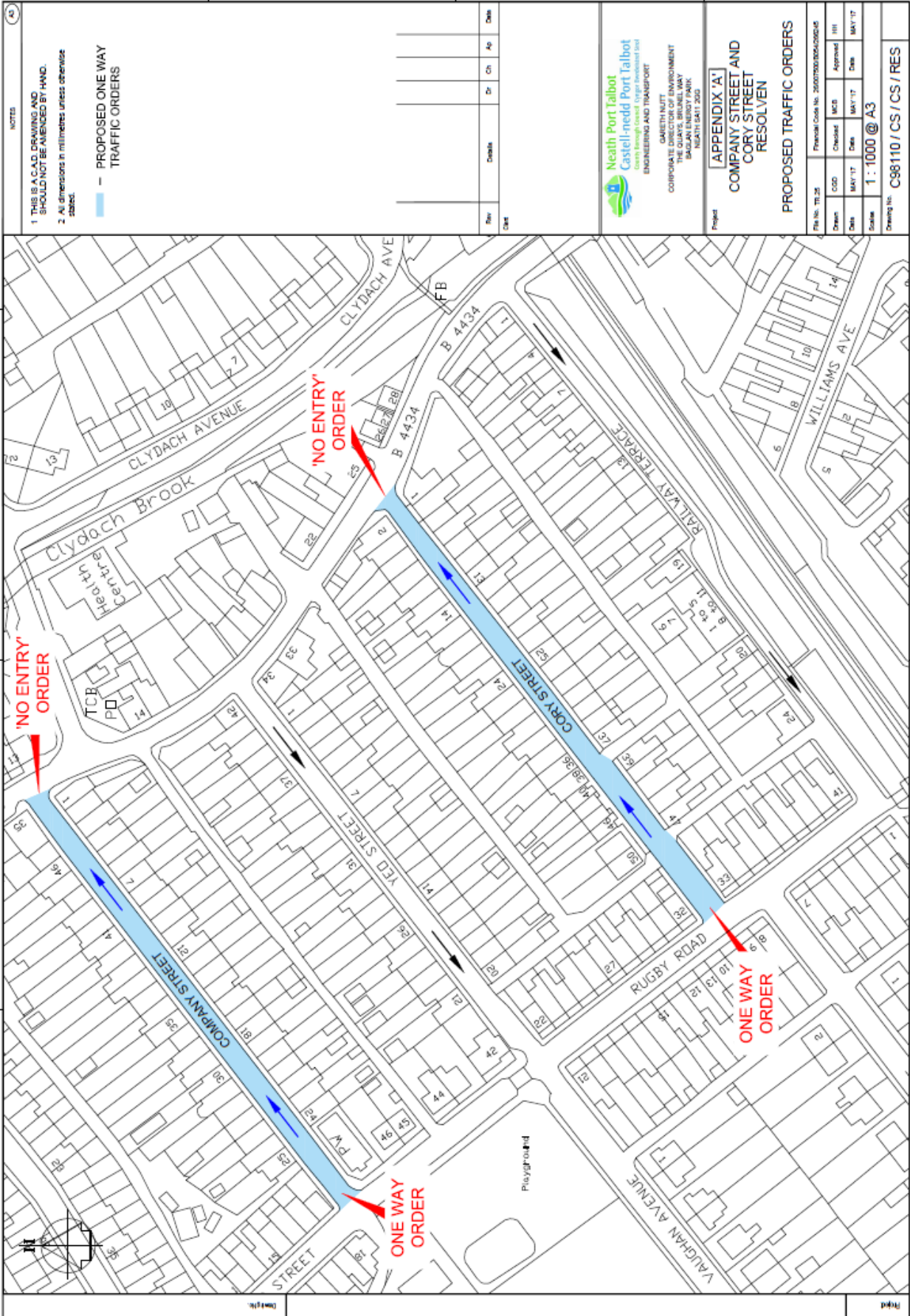
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Appendix A



NOTES

1 THIS IS A CAD DRAWING AND SHOULD NOT BE AMENDED BY HAND.
2 ALL dimensions in millimetres unless otherwise stated.

--- PROPOSED ONE WAY TRAFFIC ORDERS

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 South Energy Council (Energy Development Unit)
 ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT

GARETH HUNT
 CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT
 THE QUAYS, BRUNEL WAY
 BRISTOL ROAD, NEATH
 NEATH, SA11 2DD

APPENDIX 'A'
 COMPANY STREET AND
 CORY STREET
 RESOLVEN

PROPOSED TRAFFIC ORDERS

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Appendix B

KEEPING SOUTH WALES SAFE • CADW DE CYMRU'N DDIOGEL



Your ref: D58/2333/AME

Date: 18TH July 2017

A.M. Evans,
Finance & Corporate Services,
Legal Services,
Civic Centre,
Port Talbot.
SA13 1PJ

Dear Mrs Evans,

RE: PROPOSED TRAFFIC ORDER – ONE WAY TRAFFIC AND NO ENTRY ORDERS FOR COMPANY STREET AND CORY STREET, RESOLVEN.

I refer to your correspondence dated 12th July 2017, relating to the above matter.

I am writing to inform you that the Police are concerned that local residents which may be effected by this proposal have been fully consulted and support the proposal.

Previous experience has found that during consultation it becomes apparent that residents who are adversely effected by a proposed one-way system are not supportive of its implementation.

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Chief Constable **Peter Vaughan** Prif Gwnstabl

It is submitted that once a one way system is in place without the support of some residents, inevitably non compliance occurs. In order to meet the aspirations of those residents in favour of the proposal, this becomes an enforcement issue.

To minimise the need for enforcement, and to ensure the traffic regulation order does not fall into disrepute, could the council confirm that the proposal is fully supported by the local community before the Police lend their support to this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

M. Lewis
Chief Inspector
(Operations)



Appendix C

23, Railway Terrace,
Resolven
Neath
SA11 4HG

8th August 2017



Dear Mr Griffiths

Re: Proposed new order under sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (Resolven).

With reference to the above proposed order I would like to express my concern/objection to the introduction of the order.

My objections are based on the following observations:

1. Over the last few months I have been in consultation with the road safety team regarding what I deem to be "an accident waiting to happen" in lower Railway Terrace, Resolven. In fairness to the team they have carried out extensive speed checks over the last few months and my understanding is that some road traffic calming measures are due to be introduced at the location very shortly. (Cllr Des Davies has been involved in this process). There is a "concealed entrance" at the bottom end of Railway Terrace where children exit the rear lane and join the main thoroughway on Railway Terrace. My concerns are that children leaving the lane, whether it be on foot or on bicycles cannot see the traffic coming down the street and would have absolutely no chance should they join the road at the time that a vehicle would be coming down the street. The volume of traffic currently using the street is such that the chances of an accident happening is reduced, however should this proposed change associated with this order take place, the volume of traffic would be greatly increased and as a consequence the chance of serious accident/injury would also be greatly increased.
2. The layout of the road in Railway Terrace is unique in Resolven in that there is a Chicane half way down the street which encourages "would be boy racers" to accelerate through it and as a consequence the vehicles concerned are travelling at their fastest when passing this concealed entrance. The increased volume of traffic that this proposal would undoubtedly generate would dramatically increase the risk of an accident/incident in the area.
3. I would also like confirmation that the introduction of the road traffic calming measures that we are lead to believe are "imminent" will take place and I would appreciate your comments in respect of what effect these measures will have, based on the increased level of traffic that this scheme would generate.
4. Prior to this decision having been taken, I would assume that a study (traffic assessment figures) would have been undertaken to ascertain the volume of traffic that currently enters Cory Street. This study is crucial as it would give a good indication of the increased volume of traffic likely to enter Railway Terrace. I should be very much obliged if you could provide me with a copy of this study at the earliest opportunity.
5. At the lower end of Railway Terrace the parking facilities are on the opposite side of the road to the houses and as a consequence my grandchildren would have to negotiate the additional traffic that this scheme would generate to get into their property from a parked vehicle.

My understanding is that this new proposal has been driven by one individual (who did so whilst he was a member of the local community Councillor) whose only motivation is that on occasions he is being inconvenienced when driving up Cory Street.

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Mr David Griffiths

Head of Engineering and Transport

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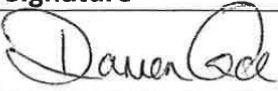


Attached please find a "petition" signed by all residents of Railway Terrace who have grave concerns about the proposed new order under sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (Resolven) that would in our opinion compromise safety in the street.

We would urge you to consider our concerns at the earliest opportunity.

We the undersigned would like express our objection to the proposed new order under 1 and 2 of the Road traffic Regulation Act 1984 (Resolven).

Our objections are based on the fact that we feel that due consideration has not been given to the increased volume of traffic that this scheme would undoubtedly generate and how these risks would be mitigated.

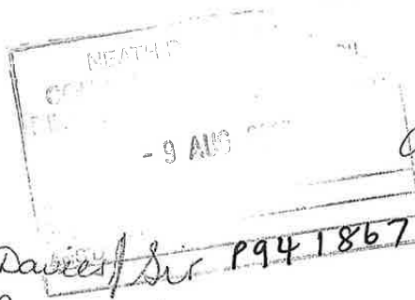
We are also concerned that a substantial risk/traffic management assessment has not taken place.

Name	Address	Signature
DARREN CASE	22 Railway Terrace	
K. Hancock	24, Railway Terrace	
LEE OSBORNE	21, RAILWAY TCE, RESOLVEN	L. Osborne
STUART MULL	19 Railway Tce.	
J Taylor	16 Railway Terrace, Resolven	J C Taylor
J. Jones	13 Railway Tce	J. M. Jones
J. Dunn Julie Dunn	10 Railway Tce Resolven	J A Dunn
ANDREW DUNN	10, RAILWAY TCE RESOLVEN	Andrew Dunn
GILL SAUNDERS	9 RAILWAY TCE RESOLVEN	G. Saunders
EDRYD EVANS	7 RAILWAY TERRACE	S Thomas

Margaret Harris	5, Railway Tce Railway Tce Resolven.	M. Harris
Daniel Reid	4 Railway Tl	D R
Leighton Case	23 Railway Tce Resolven	L
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M. Ansd	2 Railway Tce Resolven	M. Ansd
Donna Kendall	12 Railway Terrace	Dkendall
Lynda Osborne	11 Railway Terrace.	hosborne
Judith Pretorian	15 Railway Terrace	Jpretorian
Emma Regan	3 Railway Terrace	Elegan
Gary Hemlock	24, Railway Terrace	G Hemlock
Kasha Hemlock	24 Railway Terrace	Kasha Hemlock
Clare Case	22 Railway Tce	Coase
Glennys Morris	20 Railway Tce	G Morris.

33 John Street
Resolven
Neath
SA11 4LA

August 7th, 2017.



Dear Councillor Davies / Sir

Re: Proposed 1 way system at Company / Long Street

Could you please specify what safety conditions this proposal aims to improve as I have concerns over the proposal that could prove detrimental to the street I live on.



1. If 4 out of the 5 terraces are made 1 way I envisage more traffic using John Street for access including delivery lorries and vans. I believe this will worsen road safety in an already busy street.
2. The proposed 1 way system would increase traffic passing the children's playground which already suffers from poor visibility due to an increase of parked cars and vans along the playground perimeter.
3. The junction out of Company street onto Commercial Road already has a safety issue due to bad visibility due to a layby on the left, a blind spot on the right and the addition of a bus stop directly opposite. This is why you will find most residents of the street drive down it towards Cross Street and then drive up John Street to access Commercial Road and the A465. The new proposals will force traffic to use the less safe junction and therefore would not improve road safety.

yours faithfully
Deane Sims

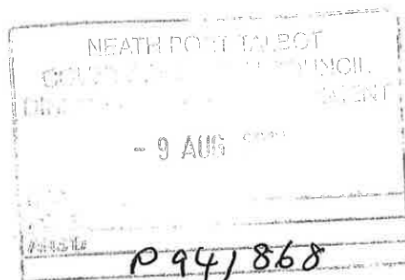
Enc: Petition.

Petition Against the Proposed One-Way Traffic Order

We, the undersigned, do NOT believe that making Company Street and Cory Street one-way streets will improve the traffic flow in the adjacent streets or that this change is necessary in the interest of road safety. We would like the traffic flow of the streets to remain two-directional.

Name (print)	Address (including post code)	Signature
EMMA RICHARDS	20 COMMERCIAL ROAD, RESOLVEN, NEATH, SA11 4HF	E.E. Richards
JONATHAN RICHARDS	20 COMMERCIAL ROAD RESOLVEN, NEATH, SA11 4HF	
MARY EVANS	42 JOHN ST RESOLVEN SA11 4LB	M.E. Evans
DIANE SIMS	33 JOHN ST RESOLVEN SA11 4LA	D. Sims
M.M.E. HARRIS	32 JOHN ST SA11 4LD	M.M.E. Harris
J.M. Cambridge	32 JOHN STREET, SA11 4LB	J.M. Cambridge
A. Evans	30 John St, SA11 4LB	A. Evans
M. Evans	30 John St SA11 4LB	M. Evans
B. Evans	1 PEN-YR-ALHT SA11 4LB	B. Evans
ROBERT SIMS	9 COMMERCIAL ROAD SA11 4HY	R. Sims
CHRIS EVANS	30 JOHN ST RESOLVEN SA11 4LB	
Justin Evans	56 JOHN ST RESOLVEN SA11 4LB	J. Evans
JAMES EVANS	27 JOHN ST RESOLVEN	J. Evans
KEN EVANS	27 JOHN ST RESOLVEN	K.E. Evans
Katie Smith	3 COMPANY ST RESOLVEN	Katie Smith

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45 Cory Street
Resolven
Neath
SA11 4HR

Head of Engineering & Transport
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
The Quays
Brunel Way
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Neath
SA11 2GG

7 August 2017

Dear Sir

Re: Proposed One-way system for Cory Street and Company Street

With reference to your recent letter and the Statement of Reason available from the Civic Centre, I am writing to oppose the introduction of one-way systems to Cory Street and Company Street. As the Statement of Reason is relatively vague and provides no supportive evidence for the decision, it is difficult to present any counter arguments, however I would like to highlight and present the following as my opposition to the proposed scheme:

- I have been a resident of Cory Street for thirty years and have never experienced any difficulties with the flow of traffic in the area. I also fail to see how, should the proposed changes take place, that increasing the flow of traffic in Railway Terrace, Yeo Street, Rugby Road and Cross Street will improve the flow of traffic or improve road safety. Also, concerningly, an increase in the flow of traffic in Rugby Road and Cross Street should not be encouraged as these streets provide direct access to the children's park.
- With reference to the 'safety' issue, I firmly believe that the introduction of yellow 'no parking' lines has solved safety issues on the junctions of Cory Street and Rugby Road, as cars no longer park close to the junction now allowing safe, visible access.
- The junction at the top of Cory Street (where Cory Street meets Commerical Road) can prove a difficult and sometimes dangerous junction to exit. There is a small curve in the road which does not give anyone exiting the street a clear view of traffic approaching from the right. This can result in residents trying to view approaching cars in the reflection of a nearby hairdressing establishment.

- There are also similar difficulties when leaving Company Street to Commerical Road, where a lay-by provided for residents of Commerical Street to park hinders visibility. There is a bus-stop opposite the junction which also causes problems.
- As, I am sure, the members are aware, parking in any area is a premium. Having lost approximately 12-15 parking spaces with the introduction of the yellow 'no parking' lines, if cars can only travel one way up Cory Street (to Commerical Road), trying to find a parking space, this could result in people having to travel in a cyclical direction, not only wasting petrol and increasing traffic flow but also having a detrimental effect on the environment.
- While I firmly believe that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council has followed all the necessary policies, procedures and legal requirements, from the point of view of accountability and transparency, I think that residents of all the streets affected by the proposals, i.e. John Street, Yeo Street, Railway Terrace, Rugby Road and Cross Street (and not only Cory Street and Company Street) should have received letters from the Council, explaining the imminent changes.

Having spoken to residents of Cory Street, a large number are against the proposal. However, some believe, especially after reading the letter, '... the intention of Neath Port Talbot ...', that the decision is already "set in stone" and the Council cannot be challenged on any decisions.

I am enclosing the original copy of a petition signed by residents of Cory Street who feel the proposal should not go ahead. Some of these residents have stated that they will also be writing, or as is considered writing today, will be e-mailing the Council with their comments.

I appreciate that residents of Resolven must have requested the proposed but feel I must ask you to consider the implications of the changes on residents of the streets, a large number having spoken against the idea.

Yours faithfully



Gaynor Norton

The Proposed One-Way Traffic Order

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- b. Is necessary in the interest of road safety.**

We, therefore, wish the traffic flow of the street to remain two-directional.

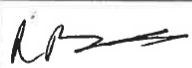



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K JOHN	38 CORY ST RESOLVEN SA11 4HR	K John
A JOHN	38 CORY ST RESOLVEN SA11 4HR	A John
K.L. JOHN	38 Cory St, Resolven, SA11 4HR	K.L. John
C GUYHUS	36. Cory St Resolven	C Guyhus
R CRUFFITH	33 Cory St Resolven	R Cruffith
R. AMOS	32 Cory Street Resolven	R. Amos
C PATTISON	26 Cory Street Resolven	C Pattison
W. PROBERT	25, Cory Street Resolven	W. Probert
K DAVIS	23 CORY STREET RESOLVEN	K Davis
EJ DAVIS	401. Cory Street Resolven	EJ Davis
HUN DAVIES	47 CORY STREET, RESOLVEN	H. Davis
RIA MORGAN	48 CORY ST. RESOLVEN.	R. Morgan

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MOLLY BENNET	41 CORY ST. RESOLVEN	M. Bennett
Colin Bennett	41 CORY ST RESOLVEN	c Bennett
Lianne Evans	27 Cory st Resolven	L. Evans
STEVEN EVANS	27 CORY ST, RESOLVEN	S Evans
DAVE TAYLOR	14, CORY ST RES	D Taylor
RYAN BAXTER	31 CORY ST RESOLVEN	
Nerys Lloyd-Baxter	31 Cory st Resolven.	
MARC COLLARD	34 Cory Street, Resolven, SA11 4HR	
Angela Sims	21. Cory st. Resolven SA11 4HR	A Sims
RJ SIMS	21 CORY ST RESOLVEN SA11 4HR	RJ Sims
R SIMS	21 CORY ST. Resolven SA11 4HR	R SIMS
A. LLEWELLYN	4, CORY ST RESOLVEN SA11 4HR	A Llewellyn

