

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: Aberdulais

Proposed No Waiting at Anytime Order and No Loading at Anytime Order: The Pines, Cilfrew

Purpose of Report

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

Executive Summary

2. Three letters of objection were received with one letter containing a petition from 16 properties.
3. Two letters of objection are contained in Appendix C and the letter of objection containing the petition contained in Appendix D.
4. The report outlines the objections and the recommendations for the scheme.

Background

5. The Orders were advertised and three letters of objection were received including a petition from 16 properties. These are contained in Appendix C and D.
6. The objectors do not want parking restrictions directly outside their properties because the available off street parking on the driveways will not accommodate the number of family vehicles.
7. The Local Member has been consulted and the Member supports a revised scheme which is indicated in Appendix B.

Financial Impact

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

Equality Impact Assessment

9. 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

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

Legal Impacts

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

Risk Management

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

Consultation Outcome

13. A consultation exercise was carried out when the scheme was advertised.

14. Three letters of objection were received including one letter containing a petition from 16 properties.

15. The Local Member has been consulted and the Member support the revised scheme as indicated in Appendix B.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:-

16. The objections are upheld and a revised scheme advertised and if no objections are received the scheme shall be implemented.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

17. To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

19. Appendix A – Plan of the original scheme.
20. Appendix B – Plan of revised scheme.
21. Appendix C – Two letters of objection.
22. Appendix D – Letter of objection containing petition and the petition.

List of Background Papers

23. None

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Appendix C

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Brunel Way Neath SA11 2GG

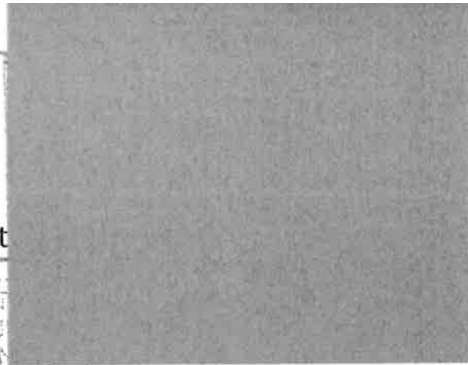
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24 AUG 2017

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14 AUG 2017

WALTON COLLEGE
COUNTY BOROUGH COU
DIRECTORATE OF ENVIRON



Dear Sir
Thank you for your letter of 7.08.2017 ref TR25/JJD/JW regarding the extension of parking restrictions along The Pines, Cilfrew Neath.

As a resident of an affected property, The Pines, I strongly object to the extension of the yellow lines. This measure will take away my quiet enjoyment of parking outside my own property, which I have enjoyed for 36 years.

As you are aware The Pines is situated on an incline and alternative street parking would involve a steep climb back to the property for visitors and also to myself aged 83.

Your Reason Statement is very brief and quotes indiscriminate parking and road safety. Can I request what evidence there is to support this statement. E.g. has a traffic survey been carried out.

The current street parking arrangements have been in place for a considerable number of years. Would you tell me which conditions have changed to now create a road safety hazard.

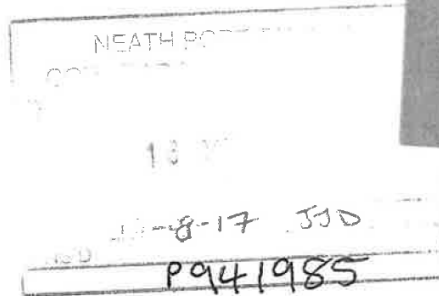
During the 36 years I have lived at The Pines I have not been aware of a history of accidents on this stretch of the road nor have I experienced problems with 'indiscriminate' parking. The Pines is a quiet cul-de-sac with a very low traffic flow.

The Highway Code requires that drivers do not park within 10 meters of a junction and this is more than adequately addressed by the existing yellow lines at the entrance to the Pines. I believe that this is more than sufficient to ensure road safety of drivers entering and leaving The Pines.

Once again can I repeat my strong objection to this proposed measure which I believe ~~it~~ is unnecessary for a quiet residential cul-de-sac and will affect the quiet enjoyment of the residents to park in front of their own property.

I look forward to your response.

Head of Engineering and Transport,
The Quays,
Brunel Way,
Baglan Energy Park,
Neath,
SA11 2GG



Dear Sir/Madam

Re: - Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading At Any Time Penscynor Road and The Pines, Cilfrew

We write to you in response to your letter dated the 7th August 2017 and strongly object to the proposed scheme.

We have signed the petition sent to you by R.P Bromage and S. Bromage of 16, The Pines and agree with all points raised by them, but we also wish to express our own concerns due to the significant impact this will have on us personally.

Firstly, the proposed scheme appears totally unnecessary as I fail to see how it is of any benefit to anyone, particularly residents of The Pines. The plan indicates that double yellow lines will be put on Penscynor Road, on the junction of The Pines and then into The Pines past numbers 12, 14 and 16.

However, as I am sure you are aware, there are already double yellow lines on Penscynor Road and on the junction of The Pines so I do not understand why these are included in the plan? Therefore in the proposed plans the only additional yellow lines will be directly outside properties 12, 14 and 16 and on the opposite side of the road.

Subsequently only residents of 12, 14 and 16 The Pines will be affected by these double yellow lines who all object in the strongest way possible to this proposal as we all park our vehicles on the road outside of our properties. We live in a four bedroom property and therefore naturally have more than one vehicle in our household. Although we have a driveway that allows us to park one of our vehicles, where do you propose we park our additional vehicle if not on the road directly outside our property? Which, may I add causes not even the slightest of obstruction. If this proposal were to go ahead it would result in us and our family parking our vehicles further down the street of The Pines which will therefore have an unnecessary, adverse effect on other residents.

I also wish to state that we pay a high band of council tax (Band F) yet this proposal will restrict us from parking outside our own house which we feel de-values our property for any future re-sale. We certainly would have been deterred from purchasing the property ourselves almost 12 months ago if these parking restrictions had already been in place.

The Pines is a small, quiet cul-de-sac and subsequently there is no through traffic. The majority of the time the only vehicles parked on the street belong to residents and cause no issues whatsoever. For a very short period of time during week days parents do park on The Pines to collect their

children from Cilfrew Primary School, as is to be expected when living in the close vicinity of a School. I am assuming this is the reason the scheme has been proposed. However, parking is always considerate and does not cause any obstruction to the highway, and as an employee of the emergency services I can confidently say that even when vehicles are parked on both sides of the road there is sufficient room for emergency service vehicles to fit through in case of an emergency.

Again, if this scheme is being proposed due to parking at school dropping off and picking up times then double yellow lines will just cause people to park further down the street where there are no parking restrictions.

Surely the purpose of double yellow lines is to restrict parking to allow traffic to run smoothly and/or to prevent obstructions on the road. Therefore they should be applied to an area on the road where these issues have been identified. However as previously stated, to my knowledge, there are no traffic flow issues or parking obstruction issues in The Pines for the reasons given previously. Every other resident I have spoken to in the street agree there are no current parking issues and no such issues are mentioned in your original letter. If you are aware of any issues then please enlighten me.

As stated previously The Pines is a small cul-de-sac and as such people drive down the street at low speeds. I would therefore be extremely shocked if any road traffic collisions occurred in the street, I am certainly not aware of any. In particular any caused by parked vehicles as I have never seen any persons park inconsiderately or dangerously on The Pines.

Finally, the cost incurred to Neath Port Talbot council for the provision of yellow lines appears totally unnecessary given the financial constraints that the local authority are experiencing at present.

I am sure you agree that I have raised several valid points and you can appreciate that the proposed scheme would have a significant negative impact on us as residents of The Pines. As stated previously the scheme does not appear to be advantageous to any local residents as there are no current parking issues, the scheme would in fact have the reverse effect by causing parking issues. I sincerely hope that common sense prevails.

I look forward to your response,

Appendix D

16 The Pines
Cilfrew
Neath
SA10 8AL
8 August 2017

Head of Engineering and Transport
The Quays
Brunel Way
Baglan Energy Park
NEATH SA11 2GG
Your ref: TR25/JJD/JW

Dear Sir,

Re: Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading at any time

Pencynor Road and The Pines, Cilfrew.

We refer to your letter of the 7th inst and wish to strongly object to the painting of double yellow lines outside our property.

We would like to point out that we have three cars in the family (one each ourselves and our son has also got a car) and with only space for one car on the drive, where do you propose we park the other two? Additionally, my parents, sister and friends visit us regularly – where are they to park? We are also having on-going building and landscape works done at the property and have builders, electricians, kitchen fitters and plumbers regularly at the property. Where are they to park?

Please will you let us know who has raised objections to parking as we ourselves nor our neighbours have ever raised any objections and it is our properties that will be affected by the yellow lines outside and will have to suffer the inconvenience and consequences now and in the future.

If, as we suspect, the situation has arisen as a result of parents picking up their children from Cilfrew Primary School between the hours of 3-4pm daily, may we suggest that instead of the yellow lines on our side of the road that “RESIDENTIAL PARKING ONLY” is painted on the road and this will solve the matter. Alternatively, a “PRIVATE ROAD” or “PRIVATE PARKING ONLY” sign be put up at the entrance of The Pines to deter public parking. Additionally, the Council could contact Cilfrew Primary to let all staff and parents know that no parking is permitted in The Pines.

It is a fact that Parc Pencynor has the same situation as The Pines at school picking up time and yet no proposal has been put forward there for yellow lines! Similarly at Catwg School, Cadoxton, there are no yellow lines at Stanley Place or Bryn Catwg!

May we again reiterate that our neighbours nor ourselves have ever raised objections to cars parking outside whilst parents pick their children up from school between 3-4pm and this is the only time when slight congestion occurs. Surely this one hour slot a day is not a problem for whoever is making the objection? Just one hour a day? It is not their property which will have the yellow lines outside nor the inconvenience this will cause long-term. Who has the right to say you cannot park outside your own property?

Furthermore, the painting of yellow lines will greatly affect the value of our property and will have an adverse effect on any future resale as purchasers will be put off by the restricted parking.

We would like to stress that this will be disruptive and inconvenient to us as a family and again object strongly to your proposals and can advise you that if this letter has no effect, then we will have no alternative but to seek legal advice.

PETITION

S. M. Bromage

N° 16

R. P. Bromage

D. M. [unclear]

N° 18

W. Jenkins
Mrs. [unclear]

N° 30
No 32

Brian Richards

No 38

Paul Edmunds
(Paul Eversley)

No 40

Ros Whitney

no 42

Kat Coley

N° 46

M. [unclear]

N° 17

Seo [unclear]

NO 17

G. Mumford

NO 15

G. MUMFORD

C. Perkins

NO 9

H. Walker

No 7

E. Biggs

no 3

K. Griffin

No 14

C. Richards

NO 20

Please find enclosed Petition signed by ourselves and our neighbours.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

R.P.BROMAGE and S. BROMAGE.

R.P. Bromage

S.M. Bromage
