

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

2 March 2018

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Briton Ferry West

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time Traffic Regulation Order at Shelone Road, Elmwood Road and at the access lane adjacent to No.'s 72 to 74 Shelone Road, Briton Ferry

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the objections received following the advertisement of the above schemes as indicated in Appendix A1 and A2.

Executive Summary

2. Three letters were received; with one letter objecting to the proposals at the access lane adjacent to No.'s 72 to 74 Shelone Road and two letters requesting extensions to the proposed traffic regulation orders at Shelone Road/Elmwood Road.
3. The report outlines the objections and the recommendations for the scheme.

Background

4. Traffic Regulation Orders were proposed at the above junctions to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Financial Impact

5. The work will be funded by the Welsh Government Capital Road Safety Grant.

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 Impacts

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

Legal Impacts

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

Risk Management

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

Consultation

10. A consultation exercise was carried out when the schemes were advertised.
11. Three letters were received with one letter objecting to the proposals at the access lane adjacent to No.'s 72 to 74 Shelone Road and two letters requesting extensions to the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders at Shelone Road/Elmwood Road.

Shelone Road / Elmwood Road – Appendix A1

12. Two letters received requested extensions to the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders as advertised. The letters are as indicated in Appendix B1 and B2.
13. One letter requested an extension to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order on Shelone Road and the other letter requested an extension to the proposed TRO on both sides of the road at the bend in Elmwood Road which is a small cul-de-sac.
14. The Local Member has been informed and he supports the scheme as advertised. The proposed orders attempt to balance the community

need for on street parking and junction protection in the interest of highway safety.

Access Lane adjacent to Nos 72 to 74 Shelone Road – Appendix A2

15. The objector is concerned at the proposed removal of two much needed parking spaces. The objector states that there are two further access points servicing the rear of the properties on Shelone Road. The letter is as indicated in Appendix B3.
16. The Local Member has been informed and he supports the withdrawal of the proposed traffic regulation order at this location. The situation will be monitored going forward.

Recommendations

17. It is recommended that:-
 - At Shelone Road/Elmwood Road (Appendix A1):-
The objection be over ruled and that the scheme is implemented as advertised and that the objector is informed accordingly.
 - At the access Lane adjacent to No.'s 72 to 74 Shelone Road (Appendix A2):-
The proposed TRO is withdrawn and that the objector is informed accordingly. The situation is monitored going forward.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

15. To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

17. Appendix A1 – Plan of the scheme as advertised at Shelone Road/ Elmwood Road.
18. Appendix B1 and B2 - Letters of objection.
19. Appendix A2 – Plan of the scheme as advertised at the access lane adjacent to No.'s 72 to 74 Shelone Road.

20. Appendix B3 – Letter of objection.

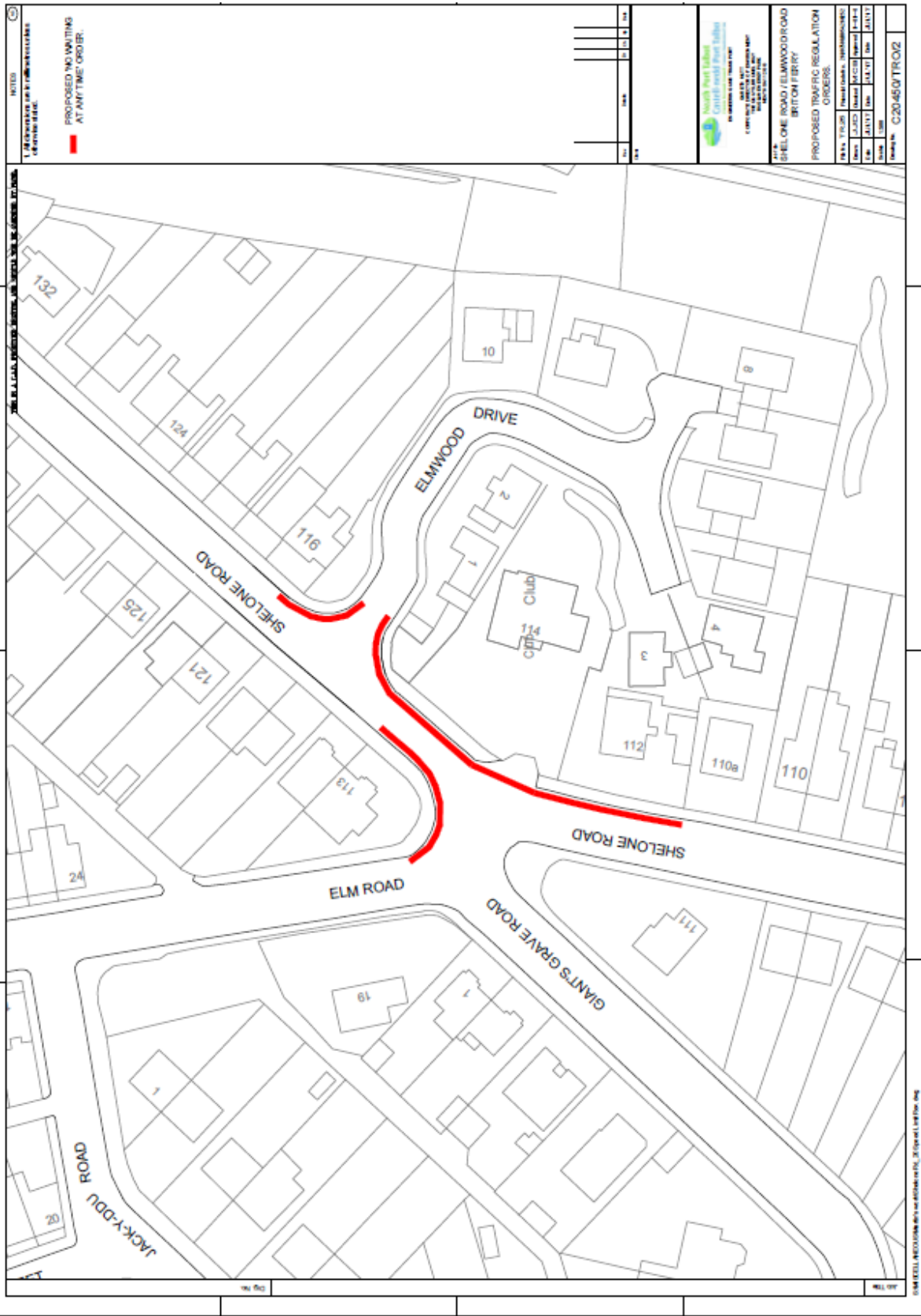
List of Background Papers

21. None

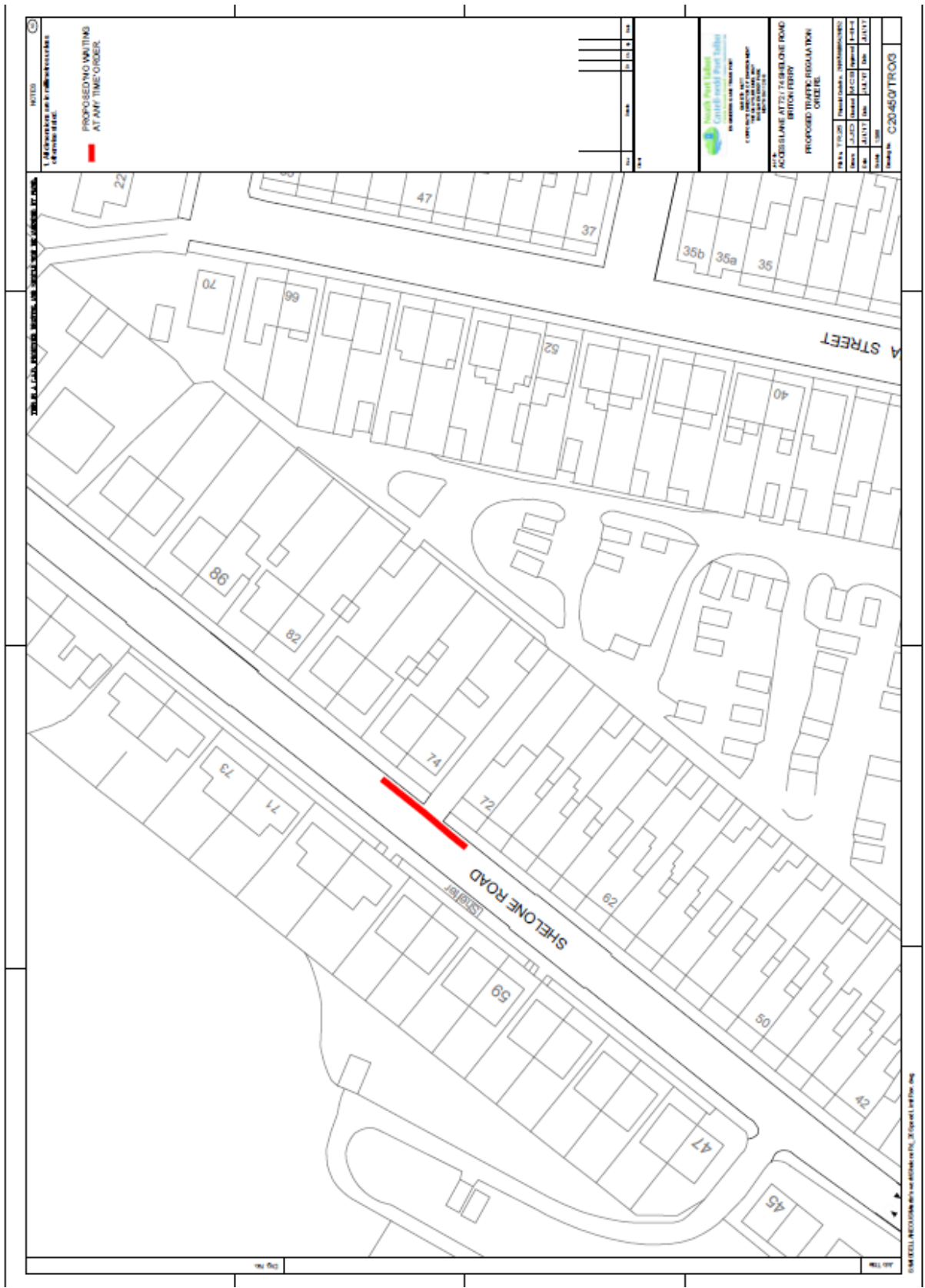
Officer Contact

22. Mr Martin Brumby, Engineering & Transport
Tel. No. 01639 686013
Email environment@npt.gov.uk

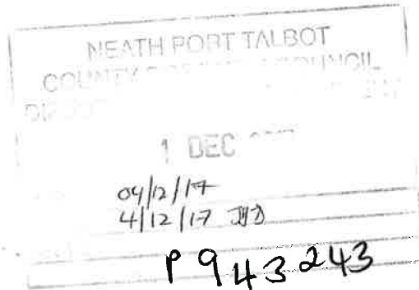
Appendix A1



Appendix A2



Appendix B1



Briton Ferry

Neath

West Glamorgan

SA11 2NF

29 November 2017

Dear Sir

F.A.O – Mr J Davies (Your Ref: - TR25/JD/JW)

Re: Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time – Shelone Road and Elmwood Drive, Briton Ferry

In response to your correspondence dated the 13 November 2017, with regard to the provision of any objections/support or comments concerning the above proposed scheme, I respectfully bring the following observations to your attention.

With regard to any observations that I make, I will make reference to the attached plan and provide photographic evidence where possible.

With regard to the proposed restrictions, **I fully support those restrictions as currently proposed.**

However, I would respectfully suggest, if possible, that additional consideration be given to **extending the current proposals** to alleviate the current restricted vehicular access problems being experienced by, specifically, No's [redacted] Elmwood Drive.

The current (Prohibition of Waiting at any Time) proposals whilst being welcomed will only succeed in moving and increasing the existing issues further into Elmwood Drive i.e.

- (a) Further increase the indiscriminate parking that currently exists in Elmwood Drive and which would be exacerbated by the provision of "Double Yellow Lines" as currently proposed.
- (b) Further increase the parking problem which exists within Elmwood Drive which it seems is used as "Overflow" car parking for the residents of *Shelone Road and others*.

The width of the roadway in Elmwood Drive is approx. 5.5 metres.

I fully appreciate that in this day and age households have more than one vehicle. **It is not my intention to look to restrict parking for anyone.** However, I believe that the width and curvature of Elmwood Drive does not lend itself to unrestricted parking on either the roadway or pavement as is sometimes the case. Incidentally, over the years, this unrestricted/double parking issue has resulted in damage to my vehicles both, it has to be said, by "Accidental and Criminal" damage. Facts that can be supported by South Wales Police statistical data.

The current position is that Shelone Road currently benefits from parking on both sides of the roadway. Some of the residents choose not to utilise this available parking and choose to use Elmwood Drive. Residents of Shelone Road and their visitors (in addition to others) will park in the

areas currently proposed for restriction and to those areas directly opposite No.'s [REDACTED]. Due to the width and curvature of the roadway, those vehicles are **parking on the pavements and in some cases on the grass verge** making parking difficult for more than one vehicle outside of No.'s [REDACTED] and therefore to enter and exit driveway(s) and restricts safe access and egress for both motorists and pedestrians.

I therefore respectfully offer some suggestions which could look to potentially overcome these issues:

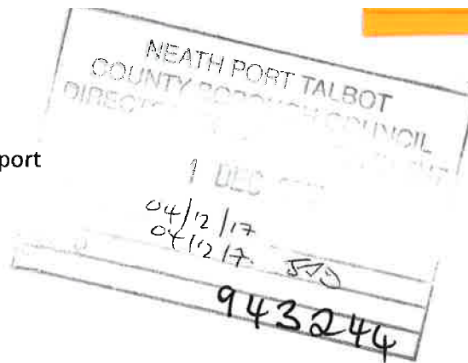
- Extend the proposed restricted area on both sides of Elmwood Drive as identified on the attached plan. This would assist in removing indiscriminate parking. Also, the curvature issues associated with road parking (residential side) currently being experienced when vehicles park either in front of or behind more than one vehicle. To leave the parking space directly outside of [REDACTED] (with a vehicle parked in front of and behind) currently requires the vehicle to mount the pavement. **(see "Green" on attached plan)**
- Consideration, if possible, being given to a *resident scheme* or some form of *permit parking* outside [REDACTED]

N.B It would be remiss of me not to bring to your attention that there is a garage facility associated with number [REDACTED]. This garage has been there in excess of 25 years and was built by previous occupiers of the property. Due to the location, the difficult access and egress to the garage it is considered that it can only safely be used if vehicles are taken off the road for extended periods and not for daily use. The additional off road parking space associated with [REDACTED] is currently utilised by a second vehicle at the property. This is utilised when and wherever possible dependant on the indiscriminate parking particularly on the bend next to entrance to the off road parking area.

Yours faithfully

Appendix B2

David W Griffiths
Head of Engineering & Transport
The Quays
Brunel Way
Baglan Energy Park
NEATH
SA11 2GG



Your Contact : Mr J Davies
Your Ref : TR25/JD/JW

Dear Mr Griffiths

RE: PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME – SHELONE ROAD, BRITON FERRY

I am writing with reference to your letter dated 13th November 2017 in relation to the above. I have been away on annual leave hence the delay in responding.

I am the owner of property [redacted] Shelone Road, Briton Ferry which will be effected by the proposed Order above. The property is unoccupied however it is my intention to move there upon my retirement and after completion of redecoration, refurbishment etc. This was my family home and I have slowly been undertaking redecoration and updating for a few years, whilst paying the appropriate Community Tax, Water Rates etc.

I am unable to get to the Council offices to view the proposed Order, Statement of Reasons and appropriate plan due to work commitments, so I should be grateful for some clarification, please.

- Why is this being proposed and what will be the benefit and to whom and why ?
- The parking on Shelone Road currently is abysmal so to remove 2 further parking opportunities will make it worse plus it is no longer a bus route
- I feel I will be disadvantaged with no waiting order outside my property – whilst other properties in the street will have the luxury of the opportunity of doing so and also should I need to receive deliveries
- If it is for access to the land behind the property - I also need to ensure my property is protected – my outside wall is directly on the narrow access lane, so I would hope that heavy traffic is not anticipated to use this for any reason as eventually this would have a detrimental effect. There are 2 other access points to this land .

I trust you will understand my concerns/observations as it is my responsibility to ensure my property is protected and not disadvantaged in any way.

Thank you in anticipation of your response.

Yours sincerely

Appendix B3

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November
To: Environment
Subject: Prohibition of Waiting at any time Shelone road,
[REDACTED]

Briton Ferry,
Neath Port Talbot,
SA11 2NG.
22/11/2017

Att Mr J Davies.
TR25/JD/JW.

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY DISTRICT
22/11/17
2316/14
SSB JD
P943131

Dear Mr Davies,

First of all may I say I am glad to see the proposal and have no objection as so ever.

I am a disabled person and would like to bring to your attention that when I leave my driveway it will be safer for me with the proposed lines but for the Left hand side, there is always an obstruction there and forces me out to the middle of the road where there has been near misses the on more than on occasion. I would like to ask you can you continue the lines past my driveway to the the edge of the driveway just 2 yards further down at number [REDACTED] this will most certainly avoid a serious accident waiting to happen and on the health and safety grounds and could this be considered.

If you require any further information please write to me at the e-mail or feel free to contact me on [REDACTED]
Thank you for your assistance in this matter and hope to hear in regards or your views.

Thanking you
