

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

19 October 2018

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Neath North

Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders at Water Street and St. David's Street, Neath

Purpose of Report

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

Executive Summary

2. One letter of objection was received which objected to the proposal because it would impact on parents dropping off pupils and also impact on the coaches/buses used for school trips would have nowhere to pick up and drop off.
3. The report outlines the objection and the recommendations for the scheme.

Background

4. The Orders are needed to assist with the proposed Neath Town Centre development. The proposal is to make Water Street two-way. The orders are required to prevent indiscriminate parking and prevent a right turn manoeuvre into St. David's Street in the interest of highway safety. The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A. The Stopping Up Order statutory process consultation will be undertaken by the Welsh Government. Water Street will not become operational as a two-way highway until the Welsh Government process is completed.

Financial Impact

5. The work will be funded by NPTCBC Regeneration.

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 scheme was advertised.
11. One letter of objection was received which objected to the proposals with regard to the following two points:-
 - *Parents dropping off in the morning in Water Street would cause congestion and a safety issue.* This has now been addressed by a concessionary parking scheme which has been approved by Board for parents to use the adjacent multi story car park.
 - *Coaches and buses used for school trips would have nowhere to pick up and drop off pupils in Water Street.* There is currently no facility for coaches/ buses to pick up and drop off pupils in Water Street. There is a limited waiting bay adjacent to the school, however there is no guarantee that a bus would have been able to use this bay. Unfortunately this bay has had to be removed under the proposed scheme, however an alternative bus drop off / pick up facility is currently being investigated by officers in St David's Street opposite the school main entrance.
12. The Local Members have been informed and they support the scheme as advertised.

Recommendations

12. It is recommended that:-

The objection is over ruled, that the scheme is implemented as previously advertised and that the objector is informed accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

13. To prevent indiscriminate parking and prevent a right turn into St David's Street in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

15. Appendix A – Plan of the scheme.

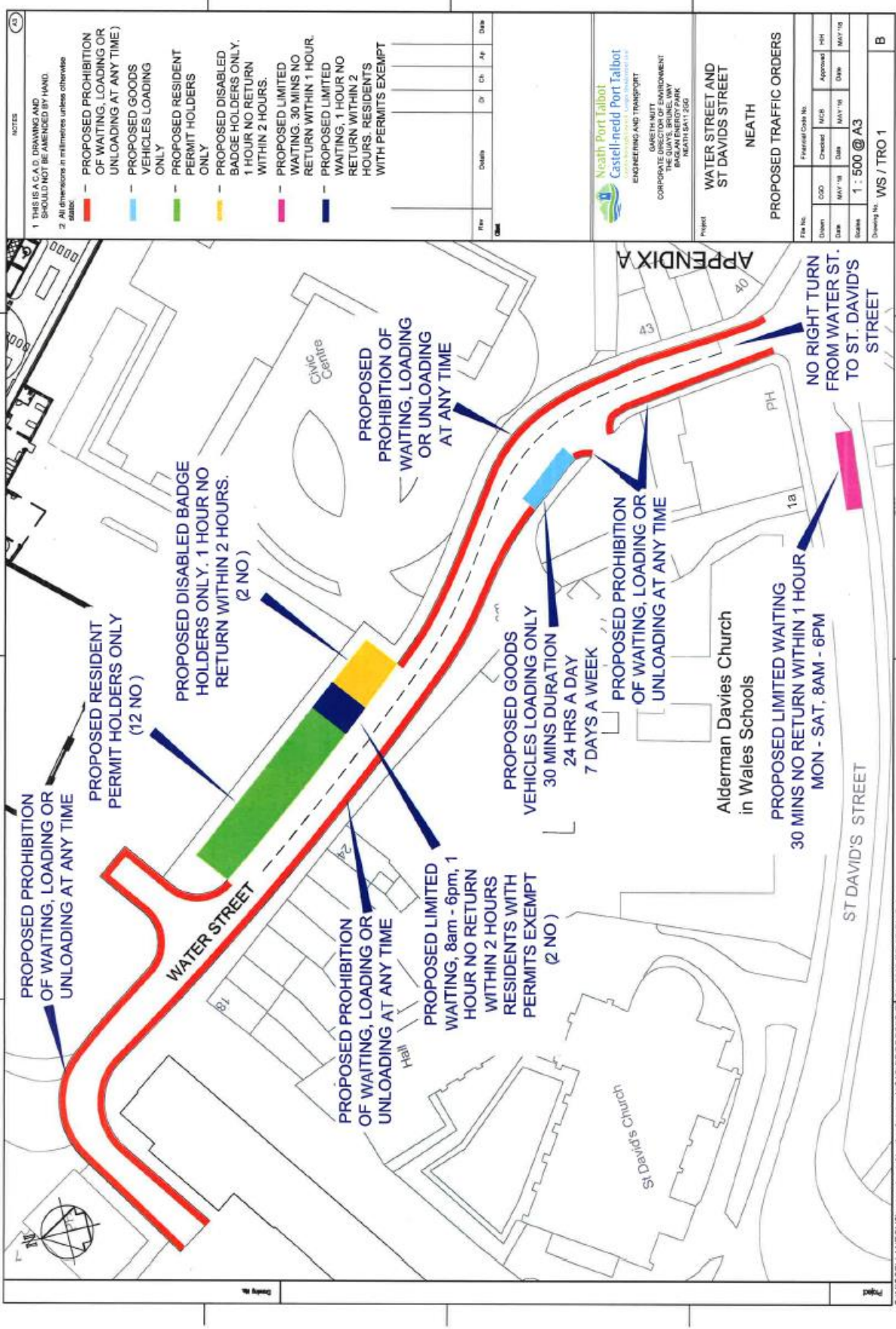
List of Background Papers

16. None

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Appendix A



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