

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

30 November 2018

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Neath South

Proposed One Way Order and No Entry Order: Kingdon Owen Road, 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. Two letters of objection were received stating they had concerns that in winter months (snow and ice) vehicles were unable to access the road via the left hand side due to the steep gradient. The approach from the right hand side is at less of a gradient allowing easier access and egress during the icy conditions. The proposed one way order requires vehicles to access the road via the left hand side.
3. The report outlines the objections and the recommendations for the scheme.
4. The objection letters are indicated in Appendix B.

Background

5. The scheme was prioritised by the Local Members following representation from the residents to introduce a one way system.

Financial Impact

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

Equality Impact Assessment

7. 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

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

Legal Impacts

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

Risk Management

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

Consultation

11. A consultation exercise was carried out when the scheme was advertised.
12. Two letters of objection were received from residents of the effected road.
13. The objection letters are contained in Appendix B.
14. The objections have been discussed with the local members whom fully support the scheme as advertised.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:-

15. The objections are over ruled, that the scheme is implemented as previously advertised and that the objectors are informed accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

16. To improve traffic flow in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

18. Appendix A – Plan of the proposed scheme.
19. Appendix B - Letters of objection.

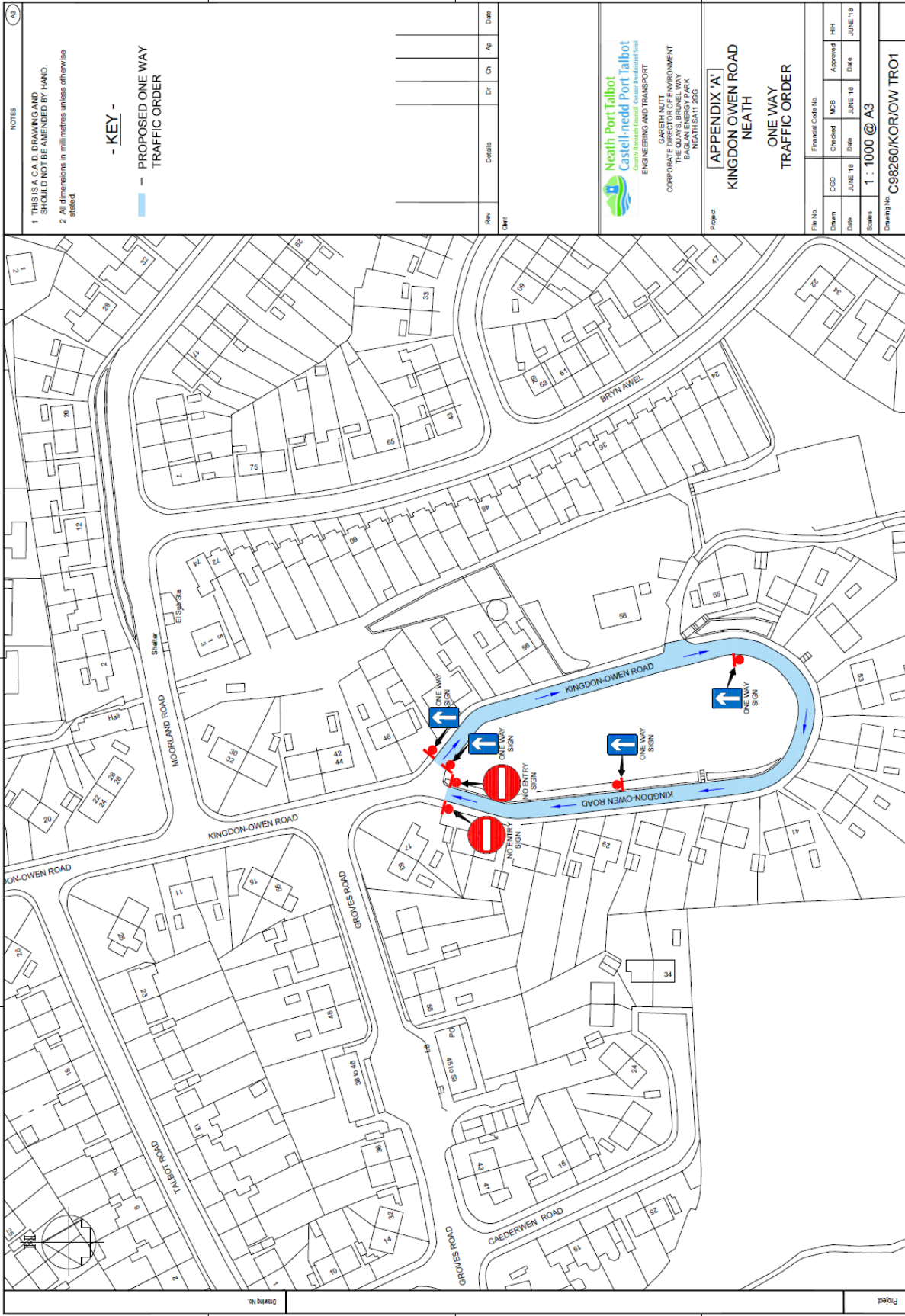
List of Background Papers

20. None

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Appendix A



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Appendix B

The Quays
Brunel Way
Baglan Energy Park Neath
SA11 2GG

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in relation to the one-way system being proposed for Kingdon Owen Road. Not sure, this has been thought through with regards to the winter months as when we have snow and/or ice the best route up is via right side of the island as you come up the fork. We find this the best option, as the gradient is not as intense as the left side is.

In the winter the gritting lorry does not come up which I find very strange as they seem to do the rest of the area and actually come up Kingdon Owen Road and turn right onto Groves Road, so why they just can't slip around the island is beyond me. I do not accept that because it's a big vehicle as the refuse collection lorry comes up there every 2 weeks with no issues.

Obviously, it is illegal to drive the wrong way on a one-way system, so it will make life very difficult when it comes to the winter months. I would like to know the reasons for the proposed move is this a council proposal or has one of the residents asked for this to be done?

Another thing I would like to point out is as you come up to the island and make a left, which is going around the proposed one-way system. The sharp left and then right (marked in Yellow on the photo attached) when there are cars and/or vans parked on in that area it can be very difficult to get passed them, you will see if you have visited the area tyre marks on the grass where vehicles have been just to make it passable. I know residents will often take go up the other side just to avoid these issues.

I would suggest if this system is put in place, then there needs to be some work done on that area of the road to make it wider for access.

My conclusion is I reject the proposed one-way system on Kingdon Owen Road.

Sincerely yours,



Dear Sir,

2/10/2018

With regards to your letter re-placing a
No Entry sign in Kingdon Owen Rd. Roundabout down
hill. I have lived in this street nearly 60 years
and in the winter with the ice and snow. Not any
form of transport can get up the hill. People have
to use the other side. I usually have to ring
Mr Peter Rees to send the gridders up here. One
year it was so bad up here. My son had to
ask the men in the street to help him to clear
the lower side of the road to get their cars
out of the street.

Thanking You.

REPLY REQUIRED BY

16 OCT 2018