

**NEATH PORT-TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**URGENCY ACTION**  
**STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING**  
**4 MAY 2020**

**Report of Head of Engineering & Transportation – D.W.Griffiths**

**Matter for Decision**

**Wards affected: Cimla**

**(REVOCAION) (20MPH SPEED LIMITS) (B4287 AFAN VALLEY ROAD, CIMLA, NEATH) and (CEFN SAESON SCHOOL LAY BY) Order 2020 and TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT B4287 AFAN VALLEY ROAD.**

**Purpose of Report**

To consider the objections received following the advertisement of the above scheme as indicated in Appendix A, Appendix B and Appendix C.

**Executive Summary**

The speed limit proposals and the speed hump proposals having been advertised in the South Wales Evening Post on 19 th February 2020 ( Appendix B ) under a notice entitled (Revocation) (20mph speed limits) (B4287 Afan Valley Road, Cimla, Neath) and (Cefn Saeson School Lay by) Order 2020 and Traffic Calming Measures at B4287 Afan Valley Road received six letters / e-mails objecting to the scheme.

The speed limit proposals are made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and require the Council, having considered any objections made, to make a Traffic Regulation Order in order to put them into effect. The speed hump proposals are however made under the Highways Act 1980 which

require the Council to advertise them, consider any objections and to make a decision on whether or not to implement the proposals; the Highways Act does not however require the Council to make a subsequent sealed order in order to erect the speed humps.

One e-mail supporting the scheme was received.

The report outlines the objections and the recommendations for the scheme.

## **Background**

The proposed traffic regulation orders are required as a planning condition to facilitate the redevelopment of Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School.

The 20 mph Zone and speed cushions will reduce vehicular speeds in the vicinity of the school as shown on the plan (Appendix A).

The legal notice advertised in the South Wales Evening Post is referenced Appendix B and the draft legal order is referenced Appendix C.

## **Financial Impact**

The work is to be funded by the Councils Capital Programme

## **Integrated Impact Assessment**

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment, attached at Appendix D, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below:-

A full impact assessment is not required as the proposed traffic regulation orders will provide a benefit for the local community and provide a safe environment for motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, school children and residents.

## **Valleys Community Impacts**

There are '**No implications**' associated with this report.

## **Workforce Impacts**

There are '**No Implications**' associated with this report.

## **Legal Impacts**

The scheme was advertised for a 21 day period as part of the statutory process.

## **Risk Management Impacts**

There are no risk management impacts associated with this report.

## **Consultation**

A consultation exercise was undertaken in February / March 2020.

Approximately 140 properties received letters during the consultation.

Six letters / e-mails objecting to the 20 mph Zone and speed cushions were received.

One e-mail supporting the scheme was received.

The objections are summarised as follows:-

1. There will be an increase in noise from vehicles.
2. Concerns of air pollution.
3. Speed cameras would prove more effective.
4. The proposed measures are excessive.
5. Vehicles could be damaged.

The local members have been consulted and support the scheme.

The Police fully support the proposals.

## **Recommendations**

It is recommended that in consultation with the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member that the objections to the (Revocation) (20mph speed limits) (B4287 Afan Valley Road, Cimla, Neath) and (Cefn Saeson School Lay by) Order 2020 and Traffic Calming Measures at B4287 Afan Valley Road are overruled and that the scheme is implemented as advertised.

That the objectors are informed accordingly.

## **Reason for Proposed Decision**

To reduce vehicular speeds in the interest of highway safety.

## **Implementation of Decision**

The decision will be immediately implemented.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A - Plan – Proposed 20 mph Zone and speed cushions, Afan Valley Road, Cimla, Neath.

Appendix B - Advert – (Revocation) (20mph speed limits) (B4287 Afan Valley Road, Cimla, Neath) and (Cefn Saeson School Lay by) Order 2020 and Traffic Calming Measures at B4287 Afan Valley Road.

Appendix C – Draft Legal Order - (Revocation) (20mph speed limits) (B4287 Afan Valley Road, Cimla, Neath) and (Cefn Saeson School Lay by) Order 2020.

Appendix D – Integrated Impact Assessment.

## **Background Papers**

None.

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