

NEATH PORT-TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

URGENCY ACTION

18th NOVEMBER 2020

Report of Head of Engineering & Transport – D.W.Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards affected: SANDFIELDS WEST.

**(SEAWAY PARADE AND AFANDALE, PORT TALBOT)(REVOCATION)
(20 MPH SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2020 AND TRAFFIC CALMING
MEASURES AT SEAWAY PARADE traffic regulation orders.**

Purpose of Report

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

Executive Summary

The report outlines the requests, comments and the recommendations for the scheme.

Background

Approximately 20 years ago the Council as Local Highway Authority in association with the Welsh Government implemented advisory 20 mph speed Zones adjacent to schools throughout the borough.

Further to this work the Council now intends to make a self enforcing 20 mph Zone including speed cushions at Seaway Parade that was not implemented when both Ysgol Bae Baglan and Ysgol Bro Dur were constructed.

The proposed traffic regulation orders will help to reduce traffic speed adjacent to the schools in the interest of highway safety.

Financial Impact

The work is funded by the Welsh Government.

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 B, 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, school children, cyclists 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 September 2020 with approximately 63 properties receiving hand delivered letters with a plan.

4 objections and 3 expressions of support were received.

The objections and comments have been discussed with the local Councillors who support the proposed traffic regulation orders as advertised.

Recommendations

It is recommended that in consultation with the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member that the objections are overruled and the (Seaway Parade and Afandale, Port Talbot)(Revocation)(20 mph Speed Limits) Order 2020 and Traffic Calming Measures at Seaway Parade traffic regulation orders (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) be implemented on site as advertised. The objectors to be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reason for Proposed Decision

To help reduce traffic speed adjacent to the schools in the interest of highway safety.

Reason for Urgency

The time frame for the scheme is critical and the urgency action is necessary in order to meet the strict Welsh Government funding criteria whereby the scheme must be completed by the end of March 2021.

The delay in the authorisation of Road Safety Grant Schemes this year which was embargoed until late July 2020 due to the pandemic coupled with a delay on new Welsh Government guidance requirements on the advertisement of legal traffic orders due to Covid 19 restrictions means that time is extremely limited this year. Given the extent of the work involved that unless the process is started immediately the scheme will be undeliverable and therefore the Council's ability to draw down the grant by the 31st of March 2021.

Appendices

Appendix A – Plan – Proposed Speed Cushions and 20 mph Zone, Seaway Parade & Afandale, Sandfields.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

Background Papers

None.

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