

**NEATH PORT-TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**25th NOVEMBER 2020**

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

**Matter for Decision**

**Wards affected: Aberdulais / Cadoxton.**

**(PENSCYNOR. CILFREW) (REVOCATION) (20 MPH SPEED LIMITS)  
ORDER 2020 AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT PENSCYNOR,  
CILFREW**

**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 comments received and the recommendations for the scheme.

**Background**

Residents and the local Members have expressed concerns regarding the speed of traffic on Penscynor Road, Cilfrew between both Cilfrew Primary School and Llangatwg Community School. Traffic has been recorded as exceeding the legal speed limit.

The proposed 20 mph Zone and the proposed traffic calming measures will replace part of the 20 mph advisory zone with a self-enforcing 20 mph Zone which includes speed cushions on Penscynor Road.

The proposed measures will help reduce traffic speed in the interest of road safety.

### **Financial Impact**

The work will be 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 order will 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 September 2020 with approximately 30 properties receiving hand delivered letters with a plan.

There were 17 objections to the Traffic Calming measures proposed and 2 expressions of support received for the scheme.

The objections received included the perceived damage to vehicles, distress to livestock, perceived traffic pollution, perceived traffic noise, and a comment that there are seven ramps already with a proposal for a further six which have to be negotiated every time the residents enter or leave the village. It should be noted that of the 17 objections, five suggested that we need an alternative to speed humps with a further five requesting a speed camera.

Residents have since submitted a petition over a month outside of the consultation period '*objecting to the proposal of additional speed cushions in the village of Cilfrew*' going on to state that '*the petitioners therefore request that Neath Port Talbot Council explore alternative measures to their plans*'

The objections have been discussed with the local member who also raised concerns to the proposed traffic regulation orders as advertised.

In response to the Community and Local Member concerns officers have entered into dialogue with Welsh Government and our Go Safe partners to seek permanent, alternative speed reduction measures for the Village.

In the interim Go Safe have agreed to monitor the speeds through their Community Watch scheme.

## **Recommendations**

It is recommended:

That the objections are upheld with alternative permanent speed reduction measures be sought in conjunction with Welsh Government and Go Safe.

That Welsh Government be advised accordingly.

The objectors be informed of the decision.

## **Reason for Proposed Decision**

To permanently reduce traffic speed in the interest of road safety.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Plan - Proposed 20 mph Zone & Proposed Speed Cushions, Penscynor, Cilfrew.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

## **Background Papers**

None.

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