

NEATH PORT-TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

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

Matter for Decision

Wards affected: Coedffranc North

(PARK DRIVE AND PARK CRESCENT, SKEWEN, NEATH)
(PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR ACCESS)
ORDER 2020

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 Member have expressed concerns regarding indiscriminate parking on Park Drive especially on the bend reducing forward visibility for traffic. It has been highlighted that non-residents of the street may be parking their vehicles to go to work thereby raising safety concerns.

The proposed traffic regulation order is required to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Financial Impact

The work will be funded by the Environmental Works 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 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 106 properties receiving hand delivered letters with a plan in both Park Drive and Park Crescent.

Six objections and two expressions of support for the scheme were received.

A summary of the comments received are as follows:-

- There is inconsiderate parking by non-residents and commuters especially staff of the care home on the main road in the street.
- Cars are left in the street for 8 to 9 hours at a time.
- Some residents have never observed any difficulties in the street.
- The care home staff have no-where else to park as the carpark is small and frequently used by visitors and workmen etc. Therefore the care home staff will be displaced into another area in the locality in order to park.
- The Police do not support the proposal and have previously made this known to all Local Authorities in the South Wales area.

The objections have been discussed with the local Councillor who supports the proposed traffic regulation order as advertised.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the objections are overruled to the (Park Drive and Park Crescent, Skewen, Neath)(Prohibition of Motor Vehicles except for Access) Order 2020 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and the scheme be implemented on site as advertised. The objectors to be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reason for Proposed Decision

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices

Appendix A – Plan – Proposed Access Only Order, Park Drive, Skewen.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

Background Papers

None.

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