NEATH PORT-TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING CABINET BOARD 24th September 2021

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

Matter for Decision

Wards affected: Tonna

(HENFAES ROAD AND PARK STREET, TONNA) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2021

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

The traffic regulation order is required to assist with traffic flow as off site mitigation works associated with the planning application No P2015-0011 Land at Neath Road, Tonna.

The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

The proposed scheme will prevent indiscriminate parking and assist with traffic flow in the interest of road safety.

Financial Impact

The work will be funded by the S106 contribution from the Developer.

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 benefit to the Community.

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 June 2021 with approximately 66 properties receiving hand delivered letters with a plan.

The number of hand delivered letters with a plan = 66, the number of correspondence received by the closure date = 29 (44%), the number supporting the scheme = 0, the number objecting to the scheme = 28 (42%), and the number unsure about the scheme = 1 (2%).

Some of the comments received are as follows:-

Concerns were raised about where residents would park if the restrictions were implemented.

There were concerns from residents in Whittington Street & New Street that displaced parking as a result of the scheme would add extra pressure to parking on the side streets that are already at capacity.

Why should residents of Park Street and Henfaes Road receive parking restrictions as a consequence of a housing development nowhere near the restrictions.

Concerns were raised about the local businesses that would be affected as a result of the proposed parking restrictions.

The lane to the rear of Park Street is in not in a fit state so cannot be used by residents for off-street parking

Some properties on Park Street have 3 to 4 vehicles per property, where would they park as a consequence of the parking restrictions.

A request that parking restrictions are extended on School Road so that people don't park and block driveways.

Some residents of Park Street think that there is no issue with traffic flow and that there is only an issue with refuse collection lorries blocking the road etc. The roads are less congested in the daytime than they are in the evening as a lot of people use their vehicles to commute.

The objections have been discussed with the local Councillor who supports withdrawing the scheme as advertised.

Recommendations

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are up held to the proposed (Henfaes Road and Park Street, Tonna) (Prohibition of Waiting at Any time) Order 2021 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and the scheme be withdrawn. The objectors to be informed of the decision accordingly

Reason for Proposed Decision

There were no expressions of support received for the scheme with the majority of those responding objecting to the proposals.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices

Appendix A – Plan – Tonna S106 Works, Tonna, Neath - Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any time order.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

Background Papers

None.

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