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Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Port Talbot

Pen-Y-Cae and Gwar-Y-Caeau, Port Talbot – (Revocation) and (Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time) Traffic Regulation Order 2021.

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the comments and objections received following the advertisement of the Pen-Y-Cae and Gwar-Y-Caeau, Port Talbot – (Revocation) and (Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time) Traffic Regulation Order 2021, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the proposed Traffic Regulation Order which was formally advertised resulting in objections being received.

Background:

The local ward members have highlighted concerns raised by the residents that indiscriminate parking is taking place on Pen-Y-Cae Road and at its junction with Gwar-Y-Caeau causing road safety concerns.

The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

Financial Impacts:

The work will be funded by the Members Community Fund.

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 Communities Impacts:

There are 'No implications' associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts:

There are 'No Implications' associated with this report.

Legal Impacts:

The proposals were advertised for a 21-day period between 13th October 2021 and 3rd November 2021.

Risk Management Impacts:

There are no risk management impacts associated with this report.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

Following a three-week consultation exercise, 1 statement of support and 17 objections were received.

A summary of the support and objections received are given below:-

Support:-

- a) South Wales Police are in support of this proposal

Objections:-

- a) Residents/visitors will be forced to park on the non-pavement side of the road which will result in them having to cross a dangerous road. Younger residents have also express their concern regarding this issue.
- b) Residents/visitors will be forced to park on the non-pavement side of the road which will result in them having to get out of their cars into oncoming vehicles.

- c) The proposal will cause issues for residents with mobility difficulties as they will have to park further away from their homes.
- d) Residents feel the proposal if introduced will cause more parking problems.
- e) Residents feel that the proposal will push vehicles further along Pen-Y-Cae Road which will cause further parking difficulties on a road where parking availability is already an issue.
- f) The proposal will cause further visibility problems for residents who are wishing to exit their driveways on Pen-Y-Cae Road.
- g) Visitors will have even less available parking spaces.
- h) Resident's garages are constantly blocked by parking vehicles and further removing parking will only exacerbate this issue.
- i) Some residents have no access to a drive or garage and if the proposal is implemented would have to park even further away from their homes.

The local members have been consulted and they support withdrawing the scheme due to number of objections received. The local members have suggested that the parking restrictions be replaced with *H bar* road markings across the garage dropped crossings and that the situation be monitored going forward.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are up held to the Pen-Y-Cae and Gwar-Y-Caeau, Port Talbot –(Revocation) and (Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time) Traffic Regulation Order 2021 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and the scheme as advertised be withdrawn.

That *H bar* road markings are placed across the garage dropped crossings instead with the situation monitored going forward.

That the objectors are to be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The majority of residents that would have benefited from the implementation of the proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any time traffic regulation order have objected.

The *H bar* road markings will help to prevent indiscriminate parking across the garage entrances.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices:

Appendix A – Plan – Pen-Y-Cae Road and Gwar-Y-Caeau, Port Talbot – Extension of No Waiting at Any time Traffic Order

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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