



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot  
Neath Port Talbot Council

## **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board**

**18 March 2022**

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected: Pontardawe**

**(Thomas Street and Clos Yr Hen Ysgol, Pontardawe)  
(Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading at Any Time)  
order 2021.**

#### **Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the comments and objections received following the advertisement of the (Thomas Street and Clos yr Hen Ysgol, Pontardawe) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading 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 Thomas Street at its junction with Clos Yr Hen Ysgol causing road safety concerns. The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

**Financial Impacts:**

The work will be funded by the Capital 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 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 formally advertised for a 21-day period in October/ 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 in October /November 2021, three statements of support and one objection were received.

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

Support:- *Any officer observations/ comments are illustrated in italics in response to the points raised.*

- a) South Wales Police are in support of this proposal.
- b) The proposals will improve traffic flow and access to Clos Yr Hen Ysgol.
- c) Indiscriminate parking is causing visibility issues, access issue for refuse wagons and large deliveries.
- d) Some residents on Thomas Street have access to off street parking.

Objections: - *Any officer observations/ comments are illustrated in italics in response to the points raised.*

- a) Clos Yr Hen Ysgol is blocked by residents parking opposite the junction not on the junction.

*The proposed parking restrictions although not opposite the junction will assist vehicles with entry and egress.*

- b) The proposals will make it difficult to load and unload adjacent to the properties.

*The extent of the proposed parking restrictions are limited in order to reduce the difficulty in loading to adjacent properties.*

The local members have been consulted and they support over ruling the objection and implementing the scheme as advertised.

### **Recommendations:**

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are over ruled to the (Thomas Street and Clos yr Hen Ysgol, Pontardawe) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading at Any Time) order 2021 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme is implemented as advertised.

The objector is to be informed of the decision accordingly.

### **Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

### **Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Plan – Proposed No Waiting, No Loading or Unloading at Anytime order, Thomas Street/ Clos yr Hen Ysgol, Pontardawe.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

**List of Background Papers:**

None.

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