



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board

22nd July 2022

**Joint Report of
Head of Engineering & Transport - D. W. Griffiths, Head of
Property & Regeneration – S. Brennan and Head of Streetcare
Services – M.Roberts.**

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Neath North

Incorporation Of Council Land Into The Highway

Purpose of the Report:

Members are requested to approve the dedication of a section of recently constructed/upgraded Council owned unadopted road and footway built as part of the access way for the Neath Leisure and Retail Development.

Executive Summary:

To formally dedicate as highway, a section of Council owned unadopted road and footway under Section 24(2) of the Highways Act 1980.

Background:

The Council owns an area of land that was recently constructed/upgraded for the access way for the Neath Leisure and Retail Development, shown hatched on Plan 1.

This access has been constructed to a standard suitable for “adoption”.

The proposal is to dedicate this area of land as highway maintainable at public expense, under Section 24(2) of the Highways Act 1980 – the power to construct new highways.

Financial Impacts:

Future maintenance costs will be the responsibility of the Highway Authority which would be offset by its inclusion in the annual maintenance grant submission to the Welsh Government. Any costs associated with traffic orders affecting the new adopted highway will be covered by the Neath Leisure and Retail Development 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 has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No Implications.

Workforce Impacts:

There are 'No Implications' associated with this report.

Legal Impacts:

As a result of the dedication, the road and footway will become highway maintainable at public expense.

Risk Management Impacts:

If not dedicated as highway maintainable at public expense ongoing maintenance liability would rest with Property and Regeneration.

Consultation:

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that the road and footway shown hatched on Plan 1 become highway maintainable at public expense.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To enable the road and footway to become highway maintainable at public expense.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices:

Appendix A – Plan
Appendix B - IIA

List of Background Papers:

None.

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