

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board

16th September 2022

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Cimla and Pelenna

Greenwood Drive, Cimla, Neath Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time -Traffic Regulation Order 2022.

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the comments and objections received following the advertisement of the Greenwood Drive, Cimla, Neath - (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time) Traffic Regulation Order 2022, 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 highlighted concerns raised by residents that indiscriminate parking on Greenwood Drive was 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 C, 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 16th May 2022 and 6th June 2022.

Risk Management Impacts:

There are no risk management impacts associated with this report.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

A consultation exercise was undertaken in May/June 2022 with approximately 26 letters and plans delivered to the adjacent properties detailing the proposals.

Following a three-week consultation exercise 8 objections were received.

A summary of the objections received are given below:-

- a) Residents feel that the introduction of yellow lines will make an already existing parking situation worse.
- b) The proposed parking restrictions on Greenwood Drive would displace vehicles onto Cobham Drive.
- c) Residents believe that if implemented the proposals would restrict parking outside of their own properties.

The local members have been consulted and support that the objections are upheld in part with the scheme revised and implemented as indicated in Appendix B.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are upheld in part to the Greenwood Drive, Cimla, Neath (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time) Traffic Regulation Order 2022 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the revised scheme (as detailed in Appendix B to the circulated report) be implemented on site.

The objectors are to be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is an urgent one for immediate implementation, subject to the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair (and is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure.)

Appendices:

Appendix A – Original Plan – Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders - Greenwood Drive, Cimla, Neath

Appendix B – Revised Plan – Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders - Greenwood Drive, Cimla, Neath

Appendix C – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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