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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION & STREETSCENE SERVICES
CABINET BOARD

6th October 2022

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Bryncoch North

**A474 Neath Road, Bryncoch (Revocation) and
40 mph Speed Limits -Traffic Regulation Order 2022.**

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the comments and objection received following the advertisement of the A474 Neath Road, Bryncoch - (Revocation) and (40 mph Speed Limits) 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 one objection being received.

Background:

The local ward member highlighted concerns raised by residents that vehicular speeds on the A474 Neath Road, Bryncoch were excessive. The reduction of the existing speed limit from National Speed Limit to 40 mph would significantly reduce speeds on the road in question and provide a safer environment for local residents, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in the area

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 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 182 letters and plans delivered to properties in the Bryncoch area detailing the proposals.

Following a three-week consultation exercise 11 letters/emails in support and 1 objection to the proposals were received.

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

Support:-

- a) Residents feel that the reduction to the existing speed limit to 40 mph would reduce accidents on the A474 Neath Road.
- b) The proposals would reduce vehicle noise to residential properties adjacent to the A474 Neath Road.
- c) The reduction in speed limit will encourage walking and cycling in the area.

Objection:-

- a) The objector believes that the scheme is unnecessary and if the speed limit is to be reduced it should be a 50 mph speed limit.

The local member has been consulted and fully supports the proposal as advertised.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objection is overruled to the A474 Neath Road, Bryncoch (Revocation) and (40 mph Speed Limits) Traffic Regulation Order 2022 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme be implemented on site as advertised.

The objector to be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To reduce vehicular speeds in the interest of highway safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices:

Appendix A – Original Plan – Proposed 40 mph Speed Limit – A474 Neath Road, Bryncoch, Neath

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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