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ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND STREETSCENE
SERVICES CABINET BOARD

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Sandfields East

(MARINERS QUAY, THE PRINCESS MARGARET WAY AND VICTORIA ROAD, PORT TALBOT) (REVOCAION) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING AT ANY TIME) AND (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME) - ORDER 2022

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the comments and objections received following for the advertisement of the Mariners Quay, The Princess Margaret Way and Victoria Road, Port Talbot (Revocation) Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time) and (Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time) Order 2022, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

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

Background:

The scheme was prioritised by local members following representations from residents regarding localised inconsiderate parking practices and visibility constraints caused by the parking of visitors to Aberavon beach.

The proposed traffic regulation orders were advertised to facilitate the safe passage of traffic, allow improved visibility and thus improve road safety by alleviating the situation.

The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

Financial Impacts:

The scheme is to 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 orders will provide a safe environment for all highway users.

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 5th August 2022 and 26th August 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 for a period of 21 days between 5th August 2022 and 26th August 2022.

There were 110 letters and plans hand delivered to the properties on Mariners Quay, Princess Margaret Way and Victoria Road detailing the proposals. Following a three-week consultation exercise, 8 statements of support and 9 objections were received.

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

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

- a) The Police are in support of this proposal.
- b) A resident agrees with the proposed 'h' bars

- c) A resident agrees with the proposal of double yellow lines to one side of 'Bar Gallois'.
- d) Several residents agree with the proposal on the main access road into Mariners Quay (Mariners Quay 1).

The introduction of double yellow lines will address the issue of inconsiderate parking practices whilst providing unrestricted parking on Mariners Quay.

- e) Residents support the proposal as it will help reduce the effects on pollution/health, litter, emergency vehicles and general nuisance.
- f) Residents support the proposal as visitors to the beach often park and block their driveways resulting in them being unable to get out.

The introduction of double yellow lines will address the issue of inconsiderate parking practices whilst providing unrestricted parking on Mariners Quay.

- g) Residents support this proposal as visitors often park both sides of Mariners Quay resulting in the road being blocked restricting access to emergency services as well as residents.
- h) A resident supports this proposal, however, would like the Council's residents parking policy to be reviewed and reconsidered.

Residents parking is designed to assist residents who do not have off-street parking facilities and live on residential streets where parking can be problematic. Residents parking does not guarantee a resident a space, however, it does give them priority over the non-resident.

- i) A resident supports this proposal as all dropped pavements should be protected due to lack of consideration for the disabled, blind and deaf community by motorists.
- j) A resident supports this proposal, however, would like the impact assessment reviewed as feels it must've have been completed when the council sold the land prior to the Mariners Quay development being constructed.

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

- a) Residents object to the proposals as they will be unable to park outside their home and feel that it is the minority who are complaining about parking issues in the area. Residents have never witnessed any emergency vehicles been obstructed in any way.
- b) Residents object as the proposal will not allow them to have visitors.
- c) Residents have requested 'residents only' signs and additional yellow lines outside their property to deter people parking in front of their properties going to the beach with dogs and for a walk.

The Authority acknowledges the request for 'residents parking' within Mariners Quay. However, due to most homes having off-street parking facilities, Mariners Quay would not qualify for a scheme of residents parking under the Council's current residents parking policy.

- d) Residents have objected as they do not want yellow lines outside their homes, parking is only a problem for a short period during the summer.

The Council will continue to monitor the situation going forward and may consider additional mitigation measures if required.

- e) Residents object to the proposed double yellow lines at the rear of houses 14 to 40 and the adjacent access road as it will impact parking for visitors to those houses and for those providing essential services such as medical professionals and carers. A better alternative would be a prohibition of waiting loading and unloading at any time order to one side of this road adjacent to houses 80 to 77. If disabled badge holders were to park for up to three hours on both sides of these roads, it would prevent all vehicle access to the rear of properties 14 to 46 including access for delivery and emergency vehicles and prevent residents accessing their off-street parking.
- f) Residents feel the Council should consider a No Waiting 8am to 6pm on the opposite of the main Mariners Quay access road (Mariners Quay 1).

The Council will continue to monitor the situation going forward and may consider additional mitigation measures if required.

- g) Residents feel that 'No Waiting Loading and Unloading At Any Time' is only necessary on one side all corners, all the turning areas are covered by 'No Waiting At Any Time'. Parking should be allowed from Caswell/Langland House to the garage of 32 Mariners Quay. 'H' bars should be used to cover driveway accesses (Mariners Quay 3).

The use of 'H' bars is not considered appropriate in some locations as the driveways will be covered with the proposed double yellow lines which is a far more stringent restriction than a 'H' bar.

- h) A resident feels a 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction from the end of 32 Marines Quay garage to the front of houses 33 and

34 should be introduced to protect the turning area based on day to day experience living in the area.

A revised scheme is indicated in Appendix B.

- i) A resident feels there should be no restrictions outside No. 38 – 40 Mariners Quay but suggests parking restrictions outside 46 – 47 based on day to day experience living in the area.

A revised scheme is indicated in Appendix B.

- j) A resident feels that the proposals will have an adverse effect on the residents that live there and the services they will receive such as private care, deliveries etc.

A revised scheme is indicated in Appendix B.

- k) Residents feel the proposals will cause more problems than they solve.
- l) A resident feels that if the proposal is implemented as advertised then this will migrate the parking elsewhere.

The local members have been consulted on the feedback received and support that the objections be 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 Mariners Quay, The Princess Margaret Way and Victoria Road, Port Talbot (Revocation) Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time) and (Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time) 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:

The proposed traffic regulation orders will facilitate the safe passage of traffic and 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 – Mariners Quay, Port Talbot – Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders

Appendix B – Revised Plan – Mariners Quay, Port Talbot – Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders

Appendix C – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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