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Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board

20th January 2023

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Resolven and Tonna

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT B4434 NEW ROAD, CLYNE - NOTICE 2022

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the objection received following the advertisement of the Traffic Calming Measures at B4434 New Road, Clyne - Notice 2022, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the proposed Traffic Calming Measures which were formally advertised resulting in an objection being received.

Background:

The scheme was prioritised by local members following representations from residents regarding excessive vehicle speeds

along the route. These practices were highlighted by residents as a road safety concern.

The proposed speed cushions are required in the interest of highway safety.

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 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 calming measures 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 21st October 2022 and 11th November 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 21-day period between 21st October 2022 and 11th November 2022.

There were 25 letters and plans hand delivered to the properties on the B4434 New Road, Clyne detailing the proposals. Following a three-week consultation exercise, 1 statement of objection was received.

A summary of the objection received is given below:-

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

- a) The proposal falls well short of what the residents of Cyd Terrace have requested.
- b) The resident feels that the distance between the two proposed speed cushions is too great and leaves the 16 houses in the terrace at danger of speeding between these two speed cushions. The resident also feels that the original plan that residents were shown included 4 sets of speed cushions and would be better. Or even an additional set half way between

Number 1 Cyd Terrace and Number 16 Cyd Terrace.

Highways officers have investigated both the possibility of placing speed cushions and speed ramps (plateaus) fronting numbers 1 to 17 New Road. As a result of this, the existing carriageway width is too narrow with the inclusion of the parked cars to implement the cushions to the appropriate highway standard dimensions. Subsequently, due to existing levels on site the implementation of a plateau could not be achieved as it would have an adverse effect on the highway drainage along the route.

- c) Four sets of speed cushions at a similar distance have recently been put in in a nearby area.
- d) The road past Cyd Terrace is like a death trap for the elderly, children and pets, as cars and motorbikes once they see the road is clear just speed passed in a reckless fashion.

The council reviews each site individually and will consider the highway configuration, collision data, vehicle speeds, road widths, levels and drainage constraints when determining whether speed amelioration or mitigation measures should be implemented at a location.

The local members have been consulted on the feedback received and support that the objection is overruled with the scheme being implemented as advertised in Appendix A.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are overruled to the Traffic Calming Measures at B4434 New Road, Clyne - Notice 2022 (as detailed in

Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme is implemented as advertised.

The objectors are to be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The proposed speed cushions are required 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 – Plan – B4434 New Road, Clyne – Proposed Traffic Calming.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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