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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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: Glynneath Central and East

B4242 Pontneathvaughan Road, Pontneddfechan, Glynneath – Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time and Proposed Prohibition of Waiting on Footway at Any Time traffic regulation orders 2022.

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the comments and objection received following the advertisement of the B4242 Pontneathvaughan Road, Pontneddfechan, Glynneath – Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time and Proposed Prohibition of Waiting on Footway at Any Time traffic regulation orders 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 traffic regulation orders are required to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety. The feedback received has been considered and a revised scheme put forward for additional consultation.

The original scheme is indicated in Appendix A, with the revised scheme indicated in Appendix B.

Financial Impacts:

The works are to be funded as part of the Councils £1.5Million Covid Recovery budget.

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 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 21 days in April / May 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 April/May 2022.

There were 8 letters and plans hand delivered to the adjacent properties detailing the proposals. Following a three-week consultation exercise, 3 statements of support and 3 objections were received.

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

Support:-

- a) The proposed orders are supported by South Wales Police.
- b) The order for No Pavement parking is welcomed as it affects those with disabilities and pushchairs from passing.
- c) Residents are happy that the Authority undertaking measures to address the parking issues that arise on Pontneathvaughan Road particularly during the holiday season.

- d) Residents driveways/accesses have been blocked by visiting vehicles and the proposals will address the issue.
- e) One resident has requested that the proposal be extended by 10m in the vicinity of their property.
- f) One resident has requested that the proposals cover the majority of Pontneathvaughan Road.
- g) One resident has requested that the proposals be extended to cover three additional areas of Pontneathvaughan Road including in the vicinity of Sgwyd Coffee Shop.

Objections:-

- a) The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' would transfer parking to the opposite side of the carriageway introducing an unnecessary and permanent safety risk by needing to cross the road.
- b) The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' seems excessive. Car parking issues are largely determined by time of week and weather conditions.
- c) The proposals will prevent residents parking outside their homes during the quieter periods of the day.
- d) The proposal will restrict access to resident's garages and driveways if vehicles are allowed to park opposite them.
- e) The proposed scheme should be restricted to weekends and daytimes.
- f) Residents would like to see existing 'H' bars remain and not be replaced with 'No Waiting at Any Time'.
- g) The current parking layby installed by the authority is inadequate for the volume of traffic that visits the area.
- h) The proposal will push vehicles into the Village where there is limited on-street parking facilities.
- i) The proposal are shifting the parking issues further into the villages rather than solving them.

- j) One resident has requested that the proposal be shortened in the vicinity of their property.

The Objections have been considered and a revised scheme proposed for additional consultation.

The local member supports the revised scheme being consulted upon.

The revised scheme is indicated in Appendix B.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are up held in part to the B4242 Pontneathvaughan Road, Pontneddfechan, Glynneath – Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time and Proposed Prohibition of Waiting on Footway at Any Time traffic regulation orders 2022 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that a revised scheme is additionally consulted upon (as detailed in Appendix B to the circulated report). If no objections are received that the proposals are to be implemented on site as advertised.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To 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 – Pontneathvaughan Road. Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.

Appendix B – Plan – Pontneathvaughan Road. Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders. Revised.

Appendix C – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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