



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

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

3rd March 2023

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Coedffranc West and Various

Proposed 30 mph Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Orders on Ffordd Amazon and any additional 30 mph Speed Limit Exceptions required within the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council administrative area associated with Welsh Government 20 mph Default Speed Limit National Roll Out 2023.

Purpose of the Report:

To obtain Members approval to advertise the above traffic regulation orders as indicated in Appendix A and Appendix B.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the proposed traffic regulation orders and the reasons why the orders are required.

Background:

The Welsh Government are proposing to implement a national roll out of a revision to the current default speed limit of 30 mph.

The new default speed limit in lit areas across Wales will be 20 mph not 30 mph as currently. This is planned to happen in September 2023 when the new default limits become operational.

Local Authorities are able to convert back from the default of 20 mph speed limit to the current 30 mph speed limit on agreed strategic roads by creating a traffic regulation order.

It has been agreed with the Welsh Government and the local members that the following roads indicated in Appendix A and Appendix B will be converted back to a 30 mph speed limit.

Financial Impacts:

The scheme is to be funded by the Welsh Government.

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 scheme is to be advertised for a 21 day period as part of the statutory process.

Risk Management Impacts:

There are no risk management impacts associated with this report.

Consultation:

A consultation exercise will be undertaken when the scheme is advertised.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that approval is given to advertise the 30 mph Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Orders associated with Ffordd Amazon and any additional 30 mph Speed Limit Exceptions required within the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council administrative area associated with Welsh Government 20 mph Default Speed Limit National Roll Out 2023 (as detailed in Appendix A and Appendix B to the circulated report) in accordance with the statutory requirements. That the schemes be implemented in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements contained within the current Road Traffic Regulations, subject to there being no objections received. In the event of any objections being received in respect of any schemes, these will be reported back to the Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board for a decision.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The proposed traffic regulation orders will convert back the strategic routes to a 30 mph speed limit following the national roll out of the 20 mph default speed limit in order to maintain traffic flow on the principal road network.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices:

Appendix A – Plan – Ffordd Amazon Proposed 30 mph Speed Limit Extent

Appendix B – Any additional 30 mph Speed Limit Exceptions required within the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council administrative area associated with the Welsh Government 20 mph Default Speed Limit National Roll Out 2023.

Appendix C – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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