

**1. Details of the initiative**

**Initiative description and summary: A474 Pontardawe Road, Rhydyfro, Pontardawe, A474 Heol Y Gors, Cwmgors, A474 Heol Cae Gurwen, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, A474 Graig Road, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, A4069 Brynamman Road, Gwaun Cae Gurwen and Lower Brynamman, A4069 Cannon Street, Lower Brynamman, A4069 Park Street, Lower Brynamman, A4069 Amman Road, Lower Brynamman, A4069 Station Road, Lower Brynamman (Revocation) and (30mph Speed Limit) - Order 2023.**

**Service Area:** Engineering and Transport

**Directorate:** Environment and Regeneration

**2. Does the initiative affect:**

	Yes	No
Service users	Y	
Staff	Y	
Wider community	Y	
Internal administrative process only	Y	

**3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:**

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age		N			L	There is no negative impact as the proposed 30 mph speed limit is to be reduced in length along the route following the feedback received, thereby making the location a suitable route for all users of the locality.
Disability		N			L	
Gender Reassignment		N			L	
Marriage/Civil Partnership		N			L	
Pregnancy/Maternity		N			L	
Race		N			L	
Religion/Belief		N			L	

Sex		N			L	
Sexual orientation		N			L	

**4. Does the initiative impact on:**

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language	Y				L	There will be a positive impact as we welcome all correspondence in Welsh and English when dealing with the wider community.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English	Y				L	There will be a positive impact because all permanent highway approved signage and road markings used in the traffic regulation order are Bilingual ( Welsh / English ) with Welsh placed above English.

**5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:**

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity		N			L	There is no negative impact as the road markings are located on the carriageway, therefore the scheme does not impact the existing Flora, Fauna or Biodiversity.
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment,		N			L	There is no negative impact as the road markings are located away from the kerb allowing the carriageway and footway drainage to function as at present. The scheme is located within the existing road surface and as such there is no opportunity to provide additional drainage systems such as swales, soakaways etc.

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**6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):**

	Yes	No	Details
<b>Long term</b> - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	Y		<p>Within the Neath Port Talbot presently 59.6% of adults are obese or overweight (with 23.6% being obese) it is predicted that by 2025 the number will have risen to 66.5%. A quarter of children in Wales are overweight or obese (including 12.4% that are obese) Wales has a higher percentage of adolescents self-reporting to be overweight or obese compared to England, Scotland and Republic of Ireland, with rates being generally higher in boys than girls.</p> <p>Only 48.4% of adults in Neath Port Talbot are meeting the physical activity guidelines compared to 53.1% in Wales. For most people, the easiest form of physical activity are those that can be built into everyday life such as walking and commuting by active travel. By enabling active travel, the proposal will contribute to improved health benefits for users whilst reducing carbon emissions from vehicles.</p> <p>The Welsh Governments Llwybr Nweydd Wales transport strategy sets out the 20 year ambition and focuses on delivering an accessible, sustainable transport system that is good for people, communities, the environment the economy and Welsh language and culture.</p> <p>The 5 year priorities call for a transport system and infrastructure that plays its part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions whilst increasing active travel and public transport use by providing safe, accessible, sustainable transport systems that people will want to use.</p> <p>The sustainable transport hierarchy places active travel at the forefront of transport and sets out how the strategy will encourage people to change their travel behaviour to use low-carbon sustainable transport, cycling and walking as the preferred transport modes.</p>

			The scheme will help to encourage and maintain Active Travel through maintaining the existing street scene environment, thereby benefiting the community. Furthermore, in September 2023 the Welsh Government National 20 mph speed limit default strategy may be implemented lowering the speed limit over a greater urban area of secondary estate roads within the locality reducing overall emissions and the promotion of Active Travel, walking and cycling.
<b>Integration</b> - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	Y		The scheme through maintaining the existing speed limit will maintain the existing street scene improving the community health through reduced air pollution and people walking to the local facilities, thereby contributing to other organisations goals on improving health for the population of Wales.
<b>Involvement</b> - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	Y		A statutory consultation exercise for the traffic regulation order was undertaken with letters and plans delivered to the adjacent properties detailing the proposals. The traffic regulation order was advertised in the South Wales Evening Post, on the Council's web site and Notices posted on site. The proposal is to advertise a reduced extent of 30 mph following the feedback received and discussions with the local members.
<b>Collaboration</b> - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions	Y		The various sections within the Council such as Highway Engineering and the Legal section have worked together on this initiative.
<b>Prevention</b> - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse	Y		In NPT 25.5% of homes do not have access to a car. Where car ownership levels are low, residents are more likely to be reliant on public transport and active travel for their day to day needs and to access key services and employment. Poor facilities can lead to difficulty in using active travel which can cause to social exclusion and isolation, which subsequently can lead to a range of health and social problems.  Facilitating more journeys by Active Travel will reduce our consumption of natural resources and act to tackle the causes and consequences of congestion, climate change, traffic pollution and noise.

			Encouraging people to be more active by providing Active Travel routes will help people to be healthy, to achieve their potential.
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**7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):**

A full impact assessment (second stage) <b>is not</b> required	✓
Reasons for this conclusion	
<p>After completing the assessment, it has been determined that this proposal does not require a full Impact Assessment (second stage). The proposal is to reduce in length a section of the 30mph speed limit traffic regulation order previously advertised, thereby allowing a section to default to a speed limit of 20 mph in September 2023. This will have a positive impact on service users, have no adverse impact on people who share protected characteristics or on people's ability to use the Welsh language.</p> <p>The proposed 30mph speed limit traffic regulation order contributes to delivering the Council's Corporate Improvement Plan by improving the wellbeing of people within the community by providing safe passage for all highway users.</p>	

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Reasons for this conclusion	

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