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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: Bryn and Cwmavon

**ROAD FROM GOYTRE TO BRYN (REVOCATION) AND (30MPH
SPEED LIMIT)**

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the support and objection received following the advertisement of the Road from Goytre to Bryn (Revocation) and (30mph Speed Limit) – Order 2022, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the proposed 30mph Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Order which was formally advertised resulting in an objection being received.

Background:

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

The new default speed limit in lit areas across Wales will be 20mph not 30mph 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 20mph speed limit to the current 30mph speed limit on agreed strategic roads by creating a traffic regulation order.

The traffic regulation order was advertised to maintain the existing speed limit of 30mph on the Road from Goytre to Bryn within the borough, after the Welsh Government has passed legislation to implement a 20mph default speed limit in urban areas nationally throughout Wales in the interest of road safety.

The feedback received has been considered by the local members and a revised scheme put forward for additional consultation.

The revised scheme will be to consider a proposed 20mph speed limit traffic regulation order. The original scheme is indicated in Appendix A, with the revised scheme indicated in Appendix B.

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 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 proposal was advertised for a 28-day period between Friday 9th December 2022 and Friday 6th January 2023. The proposal was advertised for a further 7 days to allow for any support/objections to be received over the Christmas period.

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 28 days between Friday 9th December 2022 and Friday 6th January 2023. The proposal was advertised for a further 7 days to allow for any support/objections to be received over the Christmas period.

There were 20 letters and plans hand delivered to the properties on Owen Jones Way, the Road from Goytre to Bryn and Nantyboda detailing the proposals. Following a four-week consultation exercise, 1 statement of support and 1 statement of objection have been received on the proposal.

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

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

- a) A resident supports the speed limit reduction, after previously complaining regarding speeding vehicles along the road.

The original proposal was to maintain the existing 30mph speed limit and not lower the speed limit along this route. However, as a result of the objection received, a 20mph speed limit will now be advertised going forward.

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

- a) A resident supports the 20mph speed limit reduction along Owen Jones Way, however the resident would like to extend the speed limit reduction onto the 'Road from Goytre to Bryn' due to speeding along that road.

The objection has been considered and officers of the highways team along with the elected members have agreed that a section of 'the Road from Goytre to Bryn' will now be have a proposed 20mph speed limit going forward.

The Objection has been considered and a revised scheme proposed for additional consultation.

The local members 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 objection is up held in part to the Road from Goytre to Bryn (Revocation) and (30mph Speed Limit) – Order 2022 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that a revised scheme is 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:

The Order is necessary to allow the conversion of the existing speed limit on the Road from Goytre to Bryn to 20mph in order to complement the Welsh Government's legislation to implement a 20mph default speed limit in urban /rural areas nationally throughout Wales in the interest of road safety.

The Council as Local Highway Authority considers that the road does not have street lighting at the regulation spacing and as such it needs to implement a 20mph speed limit.

The Council considers that the proposed 20mph speed limit is an appropriate speed limit for this type of road and that the proposed speed limit aligns with the Welsh Government's strategy.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices:

Appendix A – Plan – Owen Jones Way, Bryn – Amendment to Speed Limit - OS Information Map

Appendix B – Plan – Owen Jones Way, Bryn – Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Extent

Appendix C – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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