

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND STREETSCENE SERVICES CABINET BOARD

2nd June 2023

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Glynneath Central and East

B4242 PONTNEATHVAUGHAN ROAD AND HIGH STREET
(REVOCATION) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND
UNLOADING AT ANY TIME) AND (PROHIBITION OF WAITING ON
FOOTWAY AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2023

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the support and objection received following the advertisement of the B4242 Pontneathvaughan Road and High Street (Revocation) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time) and (Prohibition of Waiting on Footway At Any Time) Order 2023, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the proposed traffic regulation orders which were formally advertised resulting in an objection being received.

Background:

The scheme was prioritised by the local ward member following representations being received regarding localised inconsiderate parking practices by visitors to the Pontneddfechan Waterfalls.

The traffic regulation orders are required to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

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 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 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 proposal was advertised for a 21 day period in March / April 2023.

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 21 days in March / April 2023.

There were 8 letters and plans hand delivered to the adjacent properties detailing the proposals. Following a three-week consultation exercise, 1 statement of support and 1 objection were received.

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

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

a) The South Wales Police fully support this proposal.

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

- a) The resident has highlighted an area east of No. 63 Pontneathvaughan Road and is surprised that the council has not advertised any restrictions at this location.
 - It should be noted that there is already a 'Prohibition of Waiting on Footway At Any Time' traffic regulation order at this location and therefore no additional traffic regulation orders are required.
- b) The resident regularly experiences parking on the narrow footway between 59 and 60 Pontneathvaughan Road preventing footway users from using the footway and restricting visibility. The resident has also requested an extension to the existing 'h' bar marking at the above location.

The suggestions of additional traffic regulation orders and a 'h' bar road marking are in addition to what has been advertised as part of this proposal. The Council will continue to monitor the situation going forward and may consider additional mitigation measures if deemed appropriate.

The local member has been consulted on the feedback received and supports 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 objection is overruled to the B4242 Pontneathvaughan Road and High Street (Revocation) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time) and (Prohibition of Waiting on Footway At Any Time) Order 2023 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme is implemented as advertised and monitored going forward.

The objector will be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The Orders are necessary 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. Revised.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None

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