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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: Resolven & Tonna

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT B4434 TONNA UCHAF – MINI ROUNDAABOUT, HEOL CAREDIG JUNCTION AND PEN Y BRYN JUNCTION ORDER 2023

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the correspondence received following the advertisement of the Traffic Calming Measures at B4434 Tonna Uchaf – Mini Roundabout, Heol Caredig Junction and Pen Y Bryn Junction Order 2023, as indicated in Appendix A, B and C.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the proposed traffic regulation order which was formally advertised resulting in a support and objection being received.

Background:

The existing footway adjacent to the carriageway is not suitable for active travel provision as the footpath is too narrow and the current crossing points do not meet the required Active Travel Act Guidance (ATAG) standards as set out by the Welsh Government.

The previously approved active travel maps (INM) showed the route as an existing walking route; however, the route fails a walking active travel audit due to the width of the existing footway and inadequate crossing points.

The traffic regulation order is required to provide a safer environment for all highway users.

The proposed plateaux are indicated in Appendix A, B and C.

Financial Impacts:

The scheme is to be funded by the Welsh Government Active Travel Grant.

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 D, 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 21 day period between the 7th August 2023 – 28th August 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 August 2023.

There were 30 letters and plans hand delivered to the properties on Tonna Uchaf, Park Street, Dulais Fach Road, Pen-Y-Bryn and Heol Caredig detailing the proposals. Following a three-week consultation exercise, 1 statement of support and 1 statement of objection were received on the proposal.

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

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

- a. South Wales Police are in support of this proposal.

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

- a. A resident objects to the construction of the raised roundabout due to the risk of damaging vehicles when navigating them.

The proposal is to raise the roundabout which will then sit on a raised plateau by no more than 75mm which is a standard and well used traffic feature across the UK. The roundabout central island will be a painted circle. We do not foresee any issues with regard to a plateau of this height provided vehicles enter at a sensible speed.

The Local Members have been consulted on the feedback received and support that the objection is overruled with the original scheme being implemented as advertised in Appendix A, B and C.

It should be noted that there were no objections to the proposed speed plateau at Heol Caredig (Appendix C).

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objection is overruled to the Traffic Calming Measures at B4434 Tonna Uchaf – Mini Roundabout, Heol Caredig Junction and Pen Y Bryn Junction Order 2023 (as detailed in Appendix A, B and C to the circulated report) that the scheme is implemented as advertised.

The objector will be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The proposed plateaux are required in the interest of highway safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices:

Appendix A – Plan – Active Travel Route FR-TON-SU001 Proposed Raised Roundabout B4434 Roundabout.

Appendix B – Plan – Active Travel Route FR-TON-SU001 Proposed Raised Plateau Pen-Y-Bryn Junction.

Appendix C – Plan – Active Travel Route FR-TON-SU001 Proposed Raised Plateau Heol Caredig Junction.

Appendix D – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None

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