

#### NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

# ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND STREETSCENE SERVICES CABINET BOARD

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

**Matter for Decision** 

**Wards Affected: Port Talbot** 

<u>Eagle Street and Broad Street, Port Talbot (Revocation) (Limited Waiting) and (Resident Permit Holders) Order 2023</u>

## **Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the correspondence received following the advertisement of the Eagle Street and Broad Street, Port Talbot (Revocation) (Limited Waiting) and (Resident Permit Holders) Order 2023, as indicated in Appendix A.

# **Executive Summary:**

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

## Background:

The scheme was prioritised by the local members following representations from local residents regarding parking issues along

Eagle Street and Broad Street. The nearby town centre has an impact on adjacent residential streets reducing the available parking for residents. The existing orders at the site include resident permit holder parking and consideration has been given to increase the extent of the permit holder parking.

The proposed traffic regulation orders are necessary to balance the parking issues between the general public and residents and to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

#### **Financial Impacts:**

The scheme is to be funded by the Capital Works Programme.

## **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 28-day period in October / November 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 between Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

There were 44 letters and plans delivered to the properties on Eagle Street and Broad Street detailing the proposals. Following a fourweek consultation exercise, 5 statements of objection and 1 general comment were received.

A summary of the comment/objections received are given below: -

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

 A resident wanted clarification on whether the proposed resident parking was in addition to the existing resident parking or if it was replacing the existing resident parking.

An officer from the Council's Engineering and Transport Section advised the resident that the proposal is to increase the amount of residents parking available on both Eagle Street and Broad Street.

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

- a) One resident rejects the proposal due to the parking in the area being bad for residents claiming that the train station and the plaza customers park in the street meaning residents have to park around the corner.
- b) A resident objects due to double yellow lines taking up most of Eagle Street already, meaning residents have to park in Tanygroes Street or Beverly Street.
- c) A resident wants to object as they believe a household is only able to access one resident parking permit, and suggests that there should be 2 permits per household.
- d) One resident objects stating that they already park on a different street and suggests that instead of just covering a "chunk of the properties" that the resident permit should cover the entire street.
- e) A resident objects to the proposal for Broad Street as they claim that the resident only parking will have little or no effect on the twice daily school traffic.

Residents are entitled to a maximum of two permits per household under the Council's current residents parking policy if they do not have off street parking.

Resident only parking may only be placed in up to 50% of the available on-street space under the Council's current residents parking policy.

The introduction of additional resident parking spaces will increase the available parking provision for residents on Eagle Street and Broad Street.

The Local Members have been consulted on the feedback received and support that the objections are 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 objections are overruled to the Eagle Street and Broad Street, Port Talbot (Revocation) (Limited Waiting) and (Resident Permit Holders) Order 2023 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme is implemented as advertised.

The objectors will be informed of the decision accordingly.

#### **Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

The proposed traffic regulation orders are necessary to balance the parking issues between the general public and residents and 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 – Broad Street & Eagle Street – Residents Parking and Limited Waiting Scheme – Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

## **List of Background Papers:**

#### None.

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