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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: Pontardawe

**(B4603 YNYSMEUDWY ROAD AND CLOS NANT DDU,
PONTARDAWE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING OR
UNLOADING AT ANY TIME) AND (SPEED CUSHIONS) ORDER 2024**

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the correspondence received following the advertisement of the B4603 Ynysmeudwy Road and Clos Nant Ddu, Pontardawe (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading At Any Time) and (Speed Cushions) Order 2024, 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 excessive vehicle speeds along B4603 Ynysmeudwy Road, Pontardawe.

The proposed traffic regulation order and traffic calming measures are necessary to address the excessive vehicle speeds 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 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 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 December 2023 / January 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 Monday 18th December 2023 and Wednesday 17th January 2024.

There were 57 letters and plans delivered to the properties on Ynysmeudwy Road and Clos Nant Ddu detailing the proposals. Following a four-week and two-day consultation exercise, 8 statements of support and 10 statements of objection were received.

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

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

- a) A resident is in support of the speed cushions as it will make the road safer.
- b) The majority of residents seem to agree with the proposed traffic calming measures.

- c) A resident is in support of the proposed traffic calming measures as it will reduce high speed vehicle colliding with parked cars.

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

- a) A resident disagrees with the proposed prohibition of waiting, loading and unloading due to being unable to transport equipment to the graveyard and church to maintain it due to a parking issue.
- b) Residents strongly disagree with the proposal of prohibition of waiting, loading and unloading due to there being a parking issue if the plans were to go ahead.
- c) A resident strongly disagrees with the proposal of prohibition of waiting, loading and unloading as they cannot carry water to the church as there is no water supply due to the parking issue.
- d) A resident has proposed the installation of improved parking facilities instead of double yellow lines or the use of parking permits for residents that live in the affected area.
- e) Residents disagree to the double yellow lines due to parking issues for use of the church for families and members.
- f) A resident has proposed that the yellow lines begin past the bus stop on the south side by the bungalows to allow some parking nearby for the church.
- g) A resident strongly disagrees with the proposed prohibition of waiting, loading and unloading as delivery vehicles will not be able to park and deliver goods as well as doctors not being able to visit homes.

- h) Residents have asked that the council consider the height of the speed cushions as they can be too high for some low riding vehicles.
- i) A number of residents have asked that we propose additional parking in the area for residents due to use to access their homes and also for access to the church if the double yellow lines were to go ahead as planned.

The Council acknowledges that there is a requirement to balance the parking practices of residents and visitors with the proposed traffic calming measures and will amend the scheme accordingly. A revised scheme is indicated in Appendix B.

The Local Members have been consulted on the feedback received and support that the objections be upheld, in part, with the scheme being revised and re-advertised as indicated in Appendix B.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are upheld in part to the B4603 Ynysmeudwy Road and Clos Nant Ddu, Pontardawe (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading At Any Time) and (Speed Cushions) Order 2024 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the revised scheme (as detailed in Appendix B to the circulated report) be consulted upon.

The objectors will be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The proposed traffic regulation orders / traffic calming measures will facilitate the passage of traffic and help reduce traffic speed 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 – Ynysmeudwy Road, Traffic Calming Measures, Traffic Regulation Orders

Appendix B – Plan – Ynysmeudwy Road, Traffic Calming Measures, Traffic Regulation Orders – Revised Scheme

Appendix C – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None

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