

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

OBJECTIONS AND APPEAL COMMITTEE

13TH MARCH 2008

PRESENT: Councillor D D Games (In the Chair)

Councillors A M Davies and G Price

Dave House (Group Leader - Principal Engineer) and Patrick Moore (Agency Traffic Engineer)

Cheryl Jones (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
803	Apologies	No apologies as all present.
804	Declaration of Interests	There were no declaration of interests made
805	Proposed Road Safety Scheme, Penryheol, Twynyrodyn, Merthyr Tydfil - Zebra Crossing in Penheolferthyr	<p>The traffic engineer led Objections and Appeals through the report.</p> <p>Points raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sighting of the zebra crossing• Potential safety issues <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That for the following reasons the objections received be noted but discounted:</p>

		<p>Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 does not contain a statutory right of objection to a proposed pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>The present scheme designed to address local concerns about road safety, relies on the inclusion of the pedestrian crossing if it is to be of benefit.</p> <p>The issue of the obstruction of both the highway and footways will in any event have to be addressed and this may well necessitate the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions in the near future.</p> <p>Any planning applications for new front vehicular entrances to properties in Aeron Terrace have serious road safety implications, as outlined in the correspondence with the objectors and appear insurmountable, even in the absence of the pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>There is no evidence to suggest that pedestrian crossings elsewhere in the County Borough cause groups of people to congregate. There is no evidence therefore to support Mr Atkins assertion that this would be the case at Aeron Terrace where it could disturb his mother.</p> <p>In the event that no pedestrian crossing is provided as designed in the present scheme, the “desire line” will still exist and the general public will continue to cross the main road at Aeron Terrace. Footfall and vehicular flows are expected to increase over time due to natural growth and the opening of new school facilities including the relocated Ysgol Santes Tudful.</p>
806	Any other business as deemed Urgent by the Chairman	No other business was discussed