



OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

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To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

VARIOUS ROADS, MERTHYR TYDFIL PROPOSED PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

1.1 To consider objections received to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order relating to proposed introduction of Traffic Regulations at Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that

2.1 The objections received to the advertised Order be noted but discounted on traffic management and road safety grounds so as to allow the making of the Order as intended.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3.1 A report was presented to Cabinet on 14th December 2016 for Councillors to authorise the intention for Public Notice to be given of the County Borough Council's intention to make a permanent Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and in the event of no objections, the Order be made. The Order will cover the following areas:-

- a) Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard;
- b) Primrose Hill, Twynrodyn;
- c) Tramroadside North (section at Cobden Place);
- d) Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn;
- e) Penheolferthyr/Bryony Close (vicinity of Twynrodyn Community School);
- f) Entrance to Shirley Drive and Woodland Way, Heolgerrig.

- 3.2 It was resolved to accept the recommendations within the report (Item No. 652 refers).
- 3.3 This report considers objections received to the recently advertised Traffic regulation Order relating to proposed introduction of Traffic regulations at Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard – item (a) above.
- 3.4 The proposals at Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard involve a combination of limited waiting parking provision and no waiting at any time prohibition.
- 3.5 The area is mainly residential with a number of local businesses including public houses attracting customers to the area. The proposals will assist businesses and customers during the day. A drawing showing proposals is available via the Background Paper link for information purposes.
- 3.6 Proposals include limited waiting parking areas designed to provide a turnover of parking and prohibition of waiting at any time restrictions at specific locations considered necessary to improve accessibility and supplement the limited waiting provision for Traffic Management and Road Safety reasons. Proposals include the following:-
- a) Limited waiting parking Monday to Saturday 9am – 5pm 3 hours no return within 1 hour;
 - b) Limited waiting parking Monday to Saturday 9am – 5pm 30 minutes no return within 1 hour;
 - c) Prohibition of waiting at any time.
- 3.7 In accordance with Statutory Traffic Order procedures, public notice was given of the County Borough Council's intention to make the Order and included a Notice advertised in the Merthyr Tydfil Contact Newspaper Edition 1st February 2017 stating that objections to the Order should be returned by 23rd February 2017. Public Notices were also displayed on site.

4.0 OBJECTIONS

- 4.1 The Council has received the attached petition and two individual letters, objecting to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order. The objections are available via the Background Paper link for information purposes.
- 4.2 Officers have carefully considered the objections and make the following observations.
- 4.3 The existing lay by is currently designated as a bus stop only and under the proposals is to be changed to allow a designated parking place for limited waiting Monday to Saturday 9am – 5pm 30 minutes no return within 1 hour. This parking provision will increase capacity in the area for businesses, their clients and provide a better opportunity to park by providing short term turnover of parking.

- 4.4 Businesses and clients that wish to park for longer than 30 minutes will have the opportunity to use the proposed designated parking place for limited waiting Monday to Saturday 9am – 5pm 3 hours no return within 1 hour. Sections of highway in the area will remain unrestricted and available for business and client parking wishing to park for longer than 3 hours.
- 4.5 The proposals also include prohibition of waiting at any time restrictions at specific locations considered necessary to improve accessibility and supplement the limited waiting provision for Traffic Management and Road Safety reasons. These parking restrictions will displace some vehicles to nearby areas in the Village however observations made during parking investigations indicated capacity will be available in the area to accommodate this. The 'Blue Badge Scheme' lists parking concessions on yellow lines subject to conditions stated under the Scheme.
- 4.6 Officers consider that the proposed designated parking places and section of unrestricted parking will provide better opportunities for short and long term parking in the Village area. The proposed prohibition of waiting at any time restrictions will improve accessibility and supplement the limited waiting provision for Traffic Management and Road Safety reasons.
- 4.7 In making a decision the Appeals Committee is required to consider the objections in determining the outcome of the proposal to introduce these Traffic regulations.
- 4.8 Officers have carefully considered the objections and consider the objections should be noted but discounted on traffic management and road safety grounds so as to allow the making of the Order as intended.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 5.1 There are administrative costs relating to the publishing of notices and costs associated with installation of traffic signs and roadmarkings which is to be met from the Traffic Management budget.

6.0 SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMARY

- 6.1 This was carried out as part of report to Cabinet on 14th December 2016.

7.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This was carried out as part of report to Cabinet on 14th December 2016.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
File ref: H10.0	Ongoing	Traffic Management Section, Engineering Department, Unit 20 Pentrebach
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.