

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Integrated Impact Assessment

(includes Equalities, Welsh Language, Sustainability and Biodiversity)



Before completing the Impact Assessment **PLEASE REFER TO THE CORRESPONDING GUIDANCE DOCUMENT** which provides essential background information.

An Integrated Impact Assessment **MUST** be completed for:

1. Any project (i.e. something that has a start and end date and is different from day to day business).
2. Where you are implementing significant change e.g. service provision.
3. For any Council / Cabinet report that is not part of an above mentioned project or significant change.

Title of Project / Report:	Swan Street area - Proposed changes to Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the new bus station
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Service:	Engineering and Traffic
Impact Assessment completion date:	19/10/2020

Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal:

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

For Councillors to authorise the intention to give Public Notice informing of the County Borough Council's intention to make a permanent Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for various roads near the Swan Street area associated with the new bus station and in the event of no objections, the Orders are made.

In the area surrounding the new bus station, a variety of parking restrictions currently exist to assist traffic movement along Swan Street, access to the town centre service yard adjacent to High Street Church and along to Masonic Street.

Buses will enter the bus station from a new access created on the A4054 Avenue De Clichy and return to the Avenue De Clichy via Swan Street.

In order for buses to exit the bus station without being delayed by on-street parking, further waiting and loading restrictions are required along Swan Street to its junction with the Avenue De Clichy.

Where traffic orders exist on roads which have been stopped up, these will require removal. Also where new highway is created due to realignment of roads new orders will be required.

A summary of the new Traffic Regulation Orders are as follows:-

- a) Access into the new bus station for buses only.
- b) To introduce waiting and loading restrictions on the new service yard entrance and exit adjacent to the A4054 Avenue De Clichy.
- c) To introduce additional waiting and loading restrictions in Swan Street to accommodate the turning of buses out of the bus station. This requires removal of on-street disabled parking opposite the former police station. Additional parking will be created by changing the goods vehicle only restrictions in the layby outside Picton House to limited waiting parking). The existing disabled parking bays opposite will remain.
- d) Removal of existing restrictions on the former access road to service yard c adjacent to the Avenue De Clichy, due to stopping up as part of the development.
- e) To introduce new waiting and loading restrictions along the road between Swan Street and High Street Church, due to realignment of the road.
- f) To introduce new restrictions in the service yard to the side of High Street Church.

Full details of these Traffic regulation Orders are shown on the attached drawing for information.

Legislation is available under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to make the new Traffic Regulation Orders.

RECOMMENDATIONS that

- a) Public Notice be given of the County Borough Council's intention to make a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is detailed in the schedule at Appendix A be approved.
- b) That in the event of no objections being received, the said permanent Order is made be approved.
- c) If objections are received a report is presented to the appropriate Committee for consideration as soon as practicable be approved.

1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives

Does your proposal help to deliver any of the Council's Well-being Objectives identified below?

Well-being Objectives	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on the Council's Well-being Objectives? Please place an X in the relevant box			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	N/A		
<u>Best Start to Life</u> Children and young people get the best start to life and are equipped with the skills they need to be successful learners and confident individuals.	X			Improvement to parking and traffic regulation will provide better health and well-being to children and young people.	Traffic and parking will be monitored.

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<u>Working Life</u> People feel supported to develop the skills required to meet the needs of businesses with a developing, safe infrastructure making Merthyr Tydfil an attractive destination.	X			Improvements to parking and traffic regulation around the bus station will assist in developing the environment and safer communities, supporting people.	The area will be monitored.
<u>Environmental Well-being</u> Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside.	X			Changes to parking regulations will help protect, enhance and promote the environment and general area around the bus station. The proposal will allow better management of parking and traffic flow enhancing the environment.	Monitor parking and traffic in the area.
<u>Living Well</u> People are empowered to live independently within their communities, where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.	X			Improvements to traffic regulation will help people enjoy good physical health, promote healthy behaviours and increased levels of physical activity. The improvements will support people living independently where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.	Monitor measures.
Sources of evidence to support the above: Engagement with the Economic Development department and Consultants Redstart on traffic regulations required.					

2. Sustainable Development Principles (The Five Ways of Working)

Does your proposal demonstrate you have met the sustainable development principles (five ways of working)?

Five Ways of Working	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met the five ways of working?	Are there any additional actions to be taken to better contribute to the five ways of working and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
Long Term – Thinking and planning for the long term.	The proposal will provide accessibility for buses leaving the bus station and also provide long term benefits and deliver the Council's Well-Being objectives.	Traffic and parking will be monitored.
Prevention - Preventing problems before they happen.	The parking restrictions are required for the operation of the bus station to allow buses to exit Swan Street safely.	Monitor parking and traffic.
Integration - Integrating with other strategies.	The Local Authority consulted with elected members and the public on the new bus station.	Monitor parking
Collaboration - Collaborating with others.	The Engineering Department has collaborated with various internal departments such as Highways, Economic Development, Legal and external consultants Redstart.	Collaboration will continue with those Departments and Organisations as necessary.
Involvement - Involving people and communities.	The Local Authority has consulted on the bus station	The Council will continue to involve and provide information to the community on the implementation of the bus station.
<p>Sources of evidence to support the above:</p> <p>Feedback from consultations on the new bus station.</p>		

3. Protected Characteristics (including Welsh Language)

Does your proposal directly impact on service users, employees and/or the wider community, including the nine protected characteristic groups and Welsh language as identified below?

Protected Characteristics	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on service users, employees and/or the wider community, including the nine protected characteristic groups and Welsh language? Please place an X in the relevant box			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Age	X			The proposals have been developed to assist the flow of buses leaving the bus station and provide a positive impact to traffic flow in the area. The improvement will provide better health and well-being to children, young people and older people.	Monitor traffic.
Disability	X			The proposal will provide a positive impact and improve traffic flow and parking. These improvements will help towards improved well-being.	Traffic and parking will be monitored.
Gender Reassignment			X		
Marriage and Civil Partnership			X		
Pregnancy and Maternity			X		
Race			X		
Religion or Belief			X		
Sex (Gender)			X		
Sexual Orientation			X		
Welsh Language	X			The proposals will incorporate the Welsh language in signage and Public Notices.	The Welsh language will continue to be promoted through the project.

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	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Sources of evidence to support the above:					
Consultation by Council Officers and Councillors. Site visits by Officers and information gathering on traffic and parking issues by Officers. Signage and Public Notices will be bilingual.					

4. Biodiversity

Does your proposal directly impact on Biodiversity?

Biodiversity	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on Biodiversity? Please place an X in the relevant box			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	N/A		
Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem resilience			X		
Sources of evidence to support the above:					

5. Summary

As a result of completing this Impact Assessment, how many positive and negative impacts does your proposal have? This section should then be included in the related Council/Cabinet report.

Please see the example provided in the **guidance document**.

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Not Applicable
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	4 of 4	0 of 4	0 of 4
2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Prevention • Integration • Collaboration • Involvement 	5 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics (<i>including Welsh Language</i>)	3 of 10	0 of 10	7 of 10
4. Biodiversity	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1

Summary:

The main positive impacts against:

- The **Well-being objectives** are that the proposals will make improvement to parking and traffic regulation to provide better health and well-being to children and young people.
- Improvements to parking and traffic regulation around the bus station will assist in developing the environment and safer communities, supporting people.
- The parking regulations will help protect, enhance and promote the environment and general area around the bus station. The proposal will allow better management of parking and traffic flow enhancing the environment.
- Also the improvements to traffic regulation will help people enjoy good physical health, promote healthy behaviours and increased levels of physical activity. The improvements will support people living independently where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health.
- The **Sustainable Development Principles** are that the proposals will provide accessibility for buses leaving the bus station and also provide long term benefits and deliver the Council's Well-Being objectives. The parking restrictions are required for the operation of the bus station to allow buses to exit Swan Street.
- The Local Authority consulted on the bus station.
- The Engineering Department has collaborated with Economic Development and Redstart.

- The **Protected Characteristics** and **Welsh Language** are that the proposals have been developed to assist the flow of buses leaving the bus station and provide a positive impact to traffic flow in the area. The improvement will provide better health and well-being to children, young people and older people.
- These improvements will help towards improved well-being
- The proposals will incorporate the Welsh language in signage and Public Notices.

No negative impacts have been identified against the Well-being Objectives, the Sustainable Development Principles, Protected Characteristics and Welsh Language and Biodiversity.

