



CABINET REPORT

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To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

Ebenezer Close, Trelewis - Proposed Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time Traffic Regulation Order

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 For Councillors to authorise the intention to publish a Public Notice informing 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 is made.
- 1.2 Ebenezer Close is the access road to Trelewis Primary School from High Street Trelewis.
- 1.3 A request has been received from the headteacher of Trelewis Primary School to improve access into and along Ebenezer Close from High Street Trelewis, following an incident at the school when South Wales Fire & Rescue were deployed to the school site. The fire service were unable to drive towards the school building due to cars blocking the access road from the main High Street. The headteacher referred to the possibility of yellow lines being installed to prevent cars from blocking the route to the school and highlighted this is a regular problem with both delivery drivers and staff regularly having to navigate through very narrow openings to get to the school building.
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restrictions due to parked cars affecting access into the street and overhanging the junction.

- 1.5 In addition to parking restrictions, bollards are recommended along the pavement in Ebenezer Close to prevent vehicles parking on the pavement and narrowing the road.
- 1.6 The Council has engaged with local residents involving a letter sent outlining the proposals and safety concerns. A number of responses were received opposing these proposals due to concerns with a reduction in parking.
- 1.7 Parking restrictions are proposed outside the properties and at the junction with High Street leaving the opposite side of the road unrestricted. High Street is also unrestricted in the vicinity of the junction.
- 1.8 A drawing showing proposals is attached at Appendix A for information.
- 1.9 A schedule for the proposed restrictions is detailed in Appendix B.
- 1.10 As part of the statutory Traffic Regulation Order procedure, consultation was carried out with emergency services and other representative users groups. No objections were received. The next stage of the Traffic Order process would be to give Public Notice of the Council's intention to make the permanent Order including an objection period giving the opportunity for objections to be received from the general public. If no objections are received, the Order can be made. If objections are received a report would be presented to the appropriate Committee for consideration as soon as practicable.

2.0 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 B be approved;
- b) That in the event of no objections being received, the said permanent Order be made is approved;
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5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

5.1 There are administrative costs relating to the publishing of Traffic Regulation Order notices and placing of roadmarkings. There is also a cost associated with installing bollards. £4,500 is to be met from the Traffic Management budget.

6.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Neutral/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 (including Welsh Language)	3 of 10	0 of 10	7 of 10	
4. Socio-economic Disadvantage	Not applicable 0 of 6	Not applicable 0 of 6	Not applicable 6 of 6	
5. Consultation and Engagement	Undertaken	Due to be Undertaken	Not Required	
	1 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1	
6. Data and Evidence to inform the proposal	Yes		No	
	1 of 1		0 of 1	
7. Biodiversity and the resilience of Ecosystems	Maintained	Enhanced	Reduced	Neutral/Not Applicable
	0 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1
Summary				
The main positive impacts are:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Well-being objectives - the proposal will make access improvement along Ebenezer Close to traffic flow and provide better health and well-being to children and young people. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to access and traffic flow will assist in developing the environment and safer communities, supporting people and Trelewis Primary School. • The proposal will help protect, enhance and promote the environment and general area. The proposal will allow better traffic flow enhancing the environment. • Also the improvement to access and traffic flow will help people enjoy good physical health, promote healthy behaviours and increased levels of physical activity. The improvement will support people living independently where they feel safe and enjoy good physical and mental health. • The Sustainable Development Principles - the proposal will provide better access and traffic flow and also provide long term benefits and deliver the Council's Well-Being objectives. The proposal will assist traffic conditions. • The Local Authority engaged on the proposals. • The Protected Characteristics and Welsh Language - the proposal has been developed to assist access to the school and provide a positive impact to traffic flow. The improvement will provide better health and well-being to children, young people and older people. The proposal will incorporate the Welsh language in signage and Public Notices. • Consultation and Engagement - engagement was carried out with residents of Ebenezer Close in March 2021. • Data And Evidence - representation was received from the school headteacher highlighting access issues in Ebenezer Close and responses received from residents. <p>The Socio-economic Disadvantage (Strategic Decisions) is not applicable.</p> <p>Biodiversity and resilience of Ecosystems – neutral impact.</p>
<p>The main negative impacts are:</p>	<p>No negative impacts have been identified against the Well-being Objectives, the Sustainable Development Principles, Protected Characteristics and Welsh Language.</p>

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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 5 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.

Appendix B

SCHEDULE 1

PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME

- (i) The eastern side of High Street Trelewis from its junction with the northern side of Ebenezer Close for a distance of 15 metres in a northerly direction.
- (ii) The eastern side of High Street Trelewis from its junction with the southern side of Ebenezer Close southwards to the common boundary of no.s 81/82.
- (iii) The northern side of Ebenezer Close from its junction with High Street Trelewis eastwards to the railway bridge.
- (iv) The southern side of Ebenezer Close from its junction with High Street Trelewis eastwards for a distance of 5 metres.