

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS AND LOCAL SERVICES

Montgomeryshire

5th July 2017

REPORT BY: Road Safety and Traffic Systems Manager

SUBJECT: Y Fan, Modification of 30mph speed limit area

REPORT FOR: Decision

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that the proposal to modify the extents of the existing 30 mph speed limit at Y Fan was discussed by the Montgomeryshire committee on 9th November 2016. A copy of that committee report is attached for reference.
- 1.2 Members resolved that the Traffic Regulation Order consultation procedure be initiated in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996; and if no substantive objections are received the proposal be implemented. It was agreed that the length of the proposed 30 mph restriction along the C2182 should be extended for the consultation from the visible village boundary to the far side of a car park which is used by visitors to the Van Lead Mine. The exact location to be agreed on site with the local member.
- 1.3 The first notices, marking the start of the public consultation process, were erected on site and advertised in the County Times on 10th March 2017. A copy of the first notice and plan are attached for reference.
- 1.4 During the public consultation period, representations were received from Mr & Mrs Roberts of Brynlludw, Y Fan. A copy of the objection and preceding correspondence is attached for reference.
- 1.5 It is the policy of Powys County Council to impose 20 mph speed limits only on those lengths of highway past schools which incorporate appropriate traffic calming measures, and where appropriate on residential estate roads where appropriate traffic calming measures are provided. The relevant Welsh Government guidance for setting speed limits supports the county council's policy; states that speed limits should not be used to attempt to solve the problem of isolated hazards, such as a single road junction or reduced forward visibility at a bend; and states that the speed limit in rural towns and villages should generally be 30mph.

- 1.6 It should be noted that the U2744 is currently the subject of the national speed limit. Members can resolve to instruct the traffic engineer to remove the proposed 30 mph speed from the U2744 and make the rest of the Order as originally proposed, overrule the objections, or abandon the proposed 30 mph speed limit extent modification completely.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 In view of the above, having considered the objections and having regard to the County Council's policies and relevant Welsh Government guidance, the officer recommendation is that the objections be overruled, and the order be made as proposed in the first notice at the earliest opportunity.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
Committee is asked to resolve that the objections received with respect to the Traffic Regulation Order consultation procedure be overruled, and instruct the traffic engineer to implement the order in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.	To modify the extent of the existing 30 mph speed limit within the village, thereby acting to mitigate speed concerns within the village and secure the planning gain element of the housing development adjacent to Troed Y Garth, in the interests of highway safety.

Relevant Policy (ies):	Local Transport Plan		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

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