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**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
BRECKNOCKSHIRE COMMITTEE
11th OCTOBER 2017**

REPORT AUTHOR: Derek Price, Senior Engineer (Structures)

SUBJECT: B4560/U0171 Junction at Heolddu, Llangorse – Visibility Improvement

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

The Local Member and Llangorse Community Council have expressed concerns regarding the lack of visibility at the above junction for vehicles turning right to go to Gilfach Farm Riding & Climbing Centre.



2. Proposal

2.1 It is proposed to translocate the hedge a distance of up to 6m back from the edge of the road (at the mid-point of the bend) to provide a minimum standard forward visibility, to allow a safe-turning manoeuvre.

2.2 The scheme, which is estimated to cost £10,700, has been assessed and ranked in accordance with the Council's approved guidelines, and warrants inclusion in the Capital Programme for Road Safety and Small Schemes.

3. One Powys Plan

The proposal will provide a considerably safer access to a busy tourist attraction, and is seen to be supporting and creating a stronger Community, demonstrating their increasing role in having an input into highway safety.

4. Options Considered/Available

4.1 An alternative, more economic option involving the removal of the hedge and providing a stock proof fence, has been considered, which would remove the need for land acquisition.

5. Preferred Choice and Reasons

5.1 Consultation with the Local Member and Llangors Community Council concluded that the translocation of the hedge was the preferred option by all parties, despite higher cost.

6. Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc

6.1 It was felt that the reduced cost was no compensation for the loss of such and environmentally valuable habitat.

6.2 The works would have a minimal impact on the environment as the work to translocate the hedge would need to be carried out in its dormant period (Jan –March preferably).

7. Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

There is no direct impact, but the scheme will provide a safer access to the Gilfach Farm facilities, which attracts several groups of younger people.

8. Local Member(s)

The Local Member has raised concerns over the problem, and is fully supportive of the proposals

9. Other Front Line Services

The proposal will involve a very minor increase in grass cutting, but HGSS are supportive of the proposal due to the considerable increase in safety benefits.

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)

There will be a cost incurred for the purchase and transfer of land ownership, but would assume there is nothing out of the ordinary, and this has been included in the cost of the scheme.

The Finance Business Partner notes the comment of the report and confirms there is no allocation in the 2017/18 programme for this scheme. If the committee support this application, it will need to be included in the capital bids for future years for consideration.

11. Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

N/A

12. Corporate Communications

No views have been expressed by the senior communications manager

13. Statutory Officers

The Strategic Director of Resource has indicated that the scheme would need to be funded from the future Capital Programme

14. Members' Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

15. Future Status of the Report (N/A)

(This section must be completed if the report is a confidential/exempt report)

Members are invited to consider the future status of this report and whether it can be made available to the press and public either immediately following the meeting or at some specified point in the future.

The view of the Monitoring Officer is that:

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
That the scheme be approved for inclusion in the Capital Programme for Road Safety & Small Schemes	Highway Safety

Relevant Policy (ies):	Promoting and supporting stronger Communities		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	Emily Durrant
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Brecknock Committee
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	11th October 2017

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