

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**BRECONSHIRE COMMITTEE
24th JANUARY 2018**

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SUBJECT: Safe Routes to Trunk Road Schools – Side Road Orders
Builth Wells

REPORT FOR: **Decision / Discussion / Information**

Summary

Welsh Government have undertaken a package of works to provide variable speed limits on the Trunk Roads, around schools where 20mph speed limits are not currently in place. In this fifth round of proposals within the NMWTRA area and 10 schools within Powys are being considered 6 in Montgomeryshire and 2 in Breconshire and 2 in Radnorshire

Proposal

It is proposed to provide a part time 20mph speed limit that will be in operation during the school opening and closing times. The schools in Breconshire are Builth Wells High School and Irfon Valley CP School.

There are no side road Orders required for Irfon Valley CP School, but it is proposed to introduce a 20mph zone along North Road in Builth Wells. There is existing traffic calming along North Road and this would ensure that the 20mph zone would be self enforcing.

One Powys Plan

Stronger, Safer & Economically Viable Communities – The proposal will reduce traffic speeds and make the environment outside the schools safer for the community and particularly vulnerable road users during school times.

Options Considered/Available

Option 1 Do Nothing – There will still be a mandatory part time 20mph speed limit implemented on the Trunk Roads but no additional work carried out on County Roads.

Option 2 Implement the proposal – This will reduce speeds along walking routes to and from the school, improving road safety for vulnerable road users.

Preferred Choice and Reasons

The preferred choice would be Option 2. These will improve the safety of the route to and from the school, particularly at school times. The costs for the

Traffic Regulation Order and the signing scheme will be borne by Welsh Government.

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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

Local Member(s)

Cllr Jeremy Pugh

Other Front Line Services

Not Applicable

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

The Highways and Enforcement Solicitor has reviewed the report and has no comment to make.

Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

Not Applicable

Corporate Communications

The report is of public interest and requires use of news release and social media to publicise the decision.

Statutory Officers

No response received

Members' Interests

I am in support of the proposal to limit speeds, however, I live near the high school and I am not sure if this should be declared

Future Status of the Report

Not Applicable

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To initiate the Traffic Regulation Order consultation procedure in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. 2. Committee is asked to resolve that consultation procedures be initiated and if no substantive objections are received the proposal be implemented. 	To enhance walking routes to and from Builth High schools by reducing speeds and improving road safety for all road users

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Y / N	Within Budget:	Y / N

Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllr Jeremy Pugh
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	

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Background Papers used to prepare Report: