

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS AND LOCAL SERVICES

Montgomeryshire

13th April 2016

REPORT BY: Road Safety and Traffic Systems Manager

**SUBJECT: Traffic Management – C2050 Prohibition of driving
except for access, Garthmyl Retail Garden Nursery**

REPORT FOR: Decision

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Planning application P/2015/0999 has been submitted by Mr Marcus King for the change of use of agricultural land into garden centre for retail sales (A1 Use Class) to include the construction of a retail nursery glasshouse, formation of access and associated works at plot enclosure 5053 Montgomery, Powys, SY15 6SE.
- 1.2 The local highway authority maintain concerns that the development proposal to expand the business at this location would generate an unacceptable increase in vehicular traffic movements along the narrow twisty section of the C2055 county road between the proposed access and the A483 trunk road staggered crossroads junction (i.e. that length of the C2055 to the west of the proposed site access.
- 1.3 In order to overcome the concerns of the local highway authority, the applicant has agreed to meet the costs of providing a permanent prohibition of driving traffic regulation order, and all associated signage as part of his development proposal.
- 1.4 The effect of the traffic regulation order would be to prohibit all vehicles from driving along that section of the county highway between the A483 trunk road junction and the proposed site access (a distance of approximately 830 metres). Nothing in the Order shall apply so as to prevent any person from causing any vehicle to proceed along the affected section of county road if the vehicle is being used:
- a) for the purpose of gaining access to or egress from premises situated on or adjacent to that length of road;
 - b) for the fire brigade, police or ambulance purposes or
 - c) in connection with the carrying out on premises situated on or adjacent to that length of road on any of the following operations namely:
 - i) the removal of obstructions to traffic

- ii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of that length of road and
- iii) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or in land adjacent to that length of road of any sewer or any main pipe or apparatus for the supply of water, gas or electricity or any electronic communications apparatus as defined in the Communications Act 2003

1.5 Berriew Community Council, the local County Councillor and the occupier/owner of Trwst-Llewelyn (the property and land owner along the affected length of the C2050) have all indicated that they have no objection to the proposed traffic regulation order.

1.6 The applicant has already paid Powys County Council the appropriate fee to commence the legal process to consider and advertise the proposed traffic regulation order. The fee covers the cost of the highway officers' time and the costs to advertise and make the legal traffic order.

1.7 The provision of the necessary regulatory signing will also be funded by the applicant at no cost to the highway authority, and the erection of this signing is likely to be required prior to the grant of planning consent.

2.0 Proposal

2.1 To impose a traffic regulation order to permanently prohibit the movement of all vehicular traffic along the length of the C2050 shown on the attached plans, except for access to any and all property located along that length of the county road being subject to the Order, by any vehicle, at any time.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
Committee is asked to authorise the local highway authority to commence the legal public consultation procedures for the proposed traffic regulation order, and if no substantive objections are received implement the prohibition of driving Order.	To facilitate the development proposal to expand the existing garden nursery business situated along the C2050 county road, and prevent the undesirable increased vehicular use of that part of the C2050 to the west of the development site in the interests of highway safety.

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

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