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NOTICE OF INTENDED PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION

The Portfolio Holder has received the following report for a decision to be taken under delegated authority. The decision will be taken on **17 December 2021** (i.e. 3 clear days after the date of this note). The decision will be published on the Council's website but will not be implemented until 5 clear days after the date of publication of the decision) to comply with the call-in process set out in Rule 7.36 of the Constitution.

1.	ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ORDER ALONG HIGH STREET AND PART OF SHORT BRIDGE STREET, AND PROHIBITION OF DRIVING ORDER ALONG PART OF WESLEY STREET - NEWTOWN
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PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION
by
COUNTY COUNCILLOR HEULWEN HULME
PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT
December 2021

REPORT AUTHOR: Traffic Engineer North, Highways & Technical Services

REPORT TITLE: One-Way Traffic Order along High Street and part of Short Bridge Street, and Prohibition of Driving Order along part of Wesley Street - Newtown

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

1.1. This report seeks to secure portfolio holder authorisation for local highway authority traffic officers to commence the traffic regulation order consultation and making process to introduce a one-way traffic movement and prohibition of driving along certain highways in Newtown.

2. Background

2.1 In partnership with Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council, Powys County Council has secured grant funding from the Welsh Government for a Transforming Towns - Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity for Growing Newtown Project.

2.2 These works include modifications to the carriageway, on street parking and footways along High Street which will require High Street to be made a one-way street with vehicles only being permitted to travel in the direction from The Cross to Back Lane. In order to regulate and eliminate confusing and conflicting traffic movements at the Cross the existing one-way traffic prohibition order along Short Bridge Street between Parsons Lane and Market Street will also need to be extended to commence at the junction of Broad Street with Short Bridge Street instead of the junction of Parsons Lane with Short Bridge Street.

2.3 The county councillor for the Newtown East ward has also identified that the existing one-way and access only traffic prohibition Orders along part of Wesley Street are regularly breached by drivers to the detriment of pedestrian safety, and has requested that the length of Wesley Street that is currently the subject of these traffic Orders be permanently closed to vehicular traffic to improve pedestrian safety along that section of Wesley Street and at its junction with Broad

Street, and to enable that area to be repurposed to promote “café culture” uses within this area and improve the pedestrian experience within the town centre.

- 2.4 It is therefore proposed to introduce a single Traffic Regulation Order to regulate and prohibit vehicular traffic movements along the streets described above.
- 2.5 To avoid any confusion and for the purposes of clarity, the proposed prohibitions contained within the traffic order are identified on a plan rather than as written descriptions of individual traffic movement prohibitions along those roads. These plans are attached as Appendix A and are also available to view on site notices and on the Council’s website during the public consultation phase of the traffic order making process.
- 2.6 The Council’s statement of reasons and a plan showing the proposed traffic movement prohibitions are attached to this report at Appendix A

3. Advice

- 3.1 No other options are available for consideration at this stage of the Traffic Regulation Order proposal process.
- 3.2 The County Council has engaged with the Town Council and the county councillor who is supportive of the proposals.
- 3.3 The proposals support the CIP priority of improving our transport infrastructure by making it safer for people to use the highways at Newtown and to encourage active travel movements.

4. Resource Implications

- 4.1 All costs associated with the consultation process, the implementation of the Traffic Regular Order and the manufacture/erection of the associated signage and carriageway markings will be funded by the High Street redevelopment project.
- 4.2 The Head of Financial Services (Section 151 Officer) notes the above and can support the recommendation.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1. The Principal Legal Assistant (North) has reviewed the proposals and confirms it is within our powers.

5.2. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: “I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report”.

6. Data Protection

6.1 The proposal does not require the processing of personal data, therefore comments from the Data Protection Officer are not required.

7. Comment from local member(s)

7.1. The proposal will affect residents, businesses, and visitors to Newtown. Cllr Joy Jones has expressed support for the proposal, as has Dyfed-Powys Police. No objection to the proposal has been received from Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council.

8. Integrated Impact Assessment

8.1. An impact assessment is not required.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>To authorise the local highway authority to commence the legal public consultation procedure for the proposed traffic regulation order relating to traffic movement prohibitions along High Street and parts of Short Bridge Street and Wesley Street at Newtown identified on the plans at Appendix A to the report, and if no substantive objections are received implement the traffic movement prohibition Order in accordance with the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.</p>	<p>To introduce the traffic movement prohibition order required to facilitate the highway modification works along High Street and Wesley Street in Newtown.</p>

<p>Relevant Policy:</p>	<p>Corporate Improvement Plan 2021-25 : Improve our Infrastructure to Support Regeneration and Attract Investment - We will actively compete for any grant funding opportunities, and subject to such funding, deliver transport infrastructure projects, develop active travel, support suitable transport options and improve road safety.</p>		
<p>Within Policy:</p>	<p>Y /N</p>	<p>Within Budget:</p>	<p>Y /N</p>

<p>Relevant Local Member(s):</p>	<p>Cllr Joy Jones - member for Newtown East ward.</p>
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Chris Lloyd
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	As soon as possible

Is a review of the impact of the decision required?	Y/ N
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

- **Appendix A – Statement of reasons and proposed traffic movement prohibition plan.**

DELEGATED DECISION NEW REPORT TEMPLATE VERSION 2

**The County of Powys
(High Street, Short Bridge Street and Wesley Street, Newtown)
(One-Way Traffic and Prohibition of Driving) Order 2022**

Statement of Reasons

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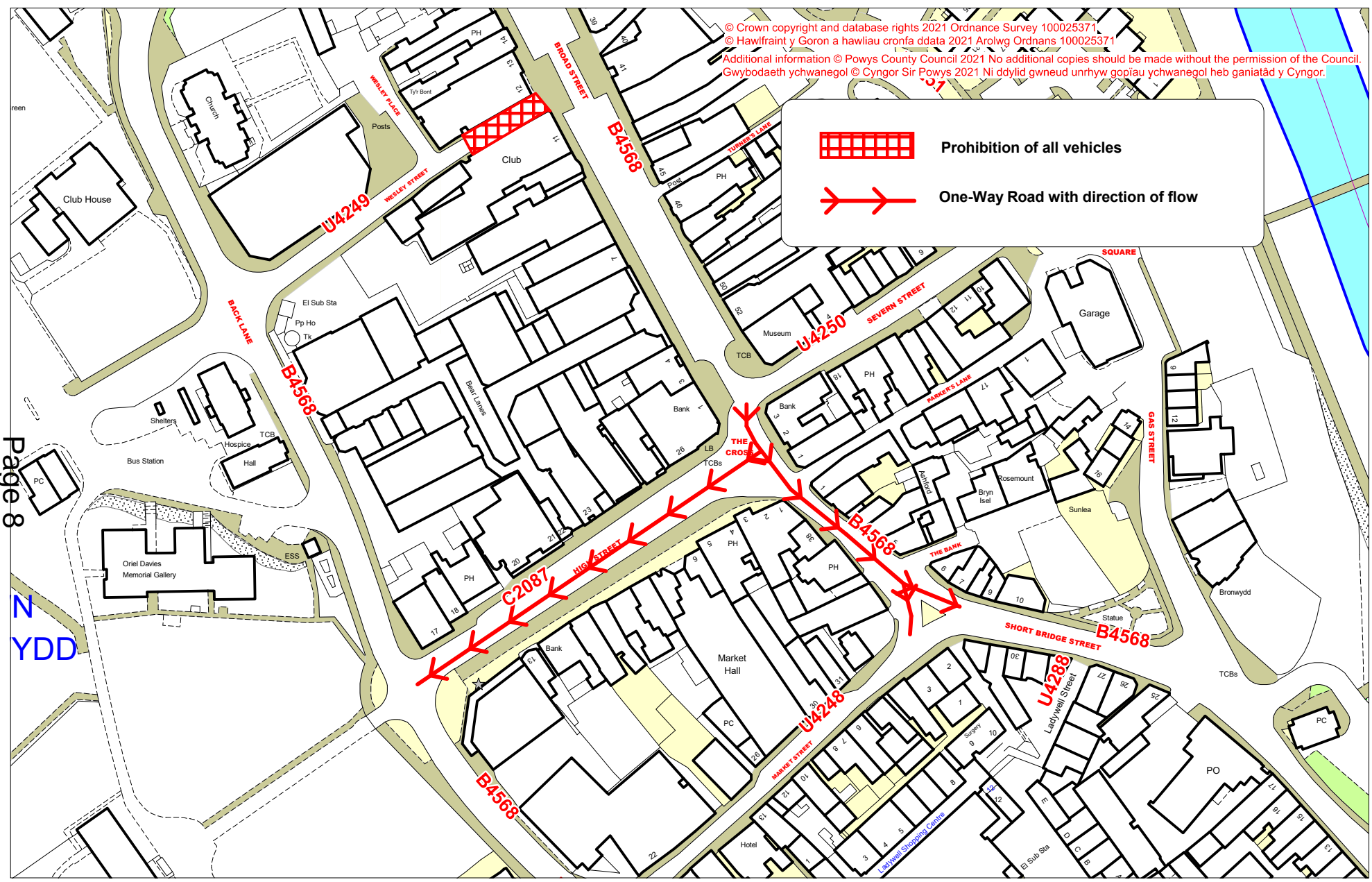
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The plans will be available to view on site and on the Council’s website.

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