

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION
by
COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHYL DAVIES
(PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HIGHWAYS, RECYCLING & ASSETS)
FEBRUARY 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: Traffic Engineer North, Highways & Technical Services

SUBJECT: Modification of 7.5 tonne Maximum Gross Weight Order for New Bridge Vyrnwy, Llanymynech to remove prohibition of right turn movements

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

1.1 The attached Statement of Reasons at Appendix A sets out the reasons for Powys County Council seeking to introduce the modified proposed prohibition of driving Traffic Regulation Order, which is to be funded as part of the ongoing bridge repair project.

2. Proposal

2.1 To introduce a traffic regulation Order which revokes the existing prohibition of right turn movements from the B4393 onto the B4398, whilst retaining the necessary 7.5 tonne structural weight limit until such time that the strengthening works to the flood arches are completed.

2.2 The draft replacement Traffic Regulation Order and accompanying plan are attached at Appendix B.

3. Options Considered / Available

3.1 The only other available option is to retain the existing Traffic Regulation Order that includes the structural weight limit and the prohibition of right turning movements from the B4393 onto the bridge along the B4398. Whilst this option would represent a minimal cost saving to the overall bridge repair scheme, it would retain a traffic prohibition which is no longer required and potentially bring the entire traffic regulation order into disrepute.

4. Preferred Choice and Reasons

4.1 The proposal is the only option to be considered, as it will ensure that the prohibitions relating to the bridge are relevant and legally enforceable.

5. Impact Assessment

5.1 Is an impact assessment required? No

6. Corporate Improvement Plan

6.1 Powys County Council has actively engaged with the community council to bring about the repairs to this bridge in a timely fashion, and to ensure that any traffic prohibitions associated with the project are continually reviewed and only introduced/retained as necessary at the various stages of the bridge repair project to address relevant highway safety concerns and to protect the structural integrity of the bridge as the project progresses. The proposals support the CIP priority of improving our transport infrastructure by making it safer for people to use the highways within Powys and for residents and visitors to access residential properties and local facilities.

7. Local Member

7.1 The local member for the affected communities of Carreghofa and Llandysilio has expressed support for the proposal. The proposal will not have a significant wider effect on local members in other wards.

8. Other Front Line Services

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? No

9. Communications

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes

Communications comment: The report is of public interest and requires use of a news release and appropriate social media to publicise the recommendation/decision.

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

10.1 Legal - In the circumstances, the amendment is appropriate.

10.2 Finance - The Finance Manager Place and Resources notes the contents of the report and that the costs will be funded from the budget available for the ongoing bridge works.

11. Scrutiny

Has this report been scrutinised? No

12. Data Protection

If the proposal involves the processing of personal data, then the Data Protection Officer must be consulted and their comments set out below. N/A

13. Statutory Officers

13.1 The S151 Officer notes the comments made by finance.

13.2 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) commented as follows :
 "I note the legal comments and have nothing to add to the report."

14. Members' Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If the Portfolio Holder has an interest, he/she should declare it, complete the relevant notification form and refer the matter to Cabinet for decision.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To authorise the local highway authority to commence the legal public consultation procedure for the proposed traffic regulation order set out in Appendix B to the report, and if no substantive objections are received implement the prohibition of driving Order in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.	To introduce necessary traffic prohibition orders which are commensurate with and appropriate to the current phase of the ongoing bridge repair project.

Relevant Policy:	N/A		
Within Policy:	Y / N	Within Budget:	Y / N

Relevant Local Member:	Cllr Arwel Jones
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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:

- **Statement of Reasons.**
- **Draft Traffic Regulation Order and accompanying plans.**

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