

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

REPORT AUTHOR: Traffic Engineer North, Highways & Technical Services

SUBJECT: Modification of Amenity Weight Limit Order relating to various county roads in Newtown as a consequence of the Newtown Bypass

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 modifications to the existing 7.5 tonne amenity weight limit Traffic Regulation Orders affecting Heol Treowen, Plantation Lane, Maesyrrhandir Estate Road, Lon Gerylli and Middle Dolfor Road within the town of Newtown, which are considered to be necessary as a result of the construction of Newtown Bypass.

2. Proposal

2.1 The proposed Order essentially seeks to remove the existing exemption for high sided vehicles with a height in excess of 13 feet and 3 inches along the main distributor roads Heol Treowen, Plantation Lane, Maesyrrhandir Estate Road and Lon Gerylli; and to modify the extent of the existing amenity weight limit along Middle Dolfor Road to reflect the new northern termination point of that road with the Lower Dolfor Road Roundabout.

2.2 High sided vehicles which are too tall to pass beneath the Dolfor Road and Nantoer railway bridges along the former trunk roads within Newtown are currently permitted to utilise the estate roads identified above to avoid these low bridges. With the opening of the Newtown Bypass, these high sided vehicles can utilise the bypass to avoid travelling beneath these bridges, so the exemption to the amenity weight limit along these estate roads can be removed.

2.3 The existing Traffic Regulation Orders are attached at Appendix B for reference.

2.4 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order and Plans are attached at Appendix C for reference.

2.5 Funding for the Traffic Regulation Order will be from the sum of money granted to Powys County Council from the Welsh Government specifically for the necessary de-trunking works associated with the construction of the Newtown Bypass.

3. Options Considered / Available

3.1 Having discussed the proposal with the representatives of the Welsh Government who are dealing with the Newtown Bypass project, Powys County Council as the local highway authority is of the opinion that no other options are appropriate in this instance.

4. Impact Assessment

4.1 Is an impact assessment required? No

5. Corporate Improvement Plan

5.1 Powys County Council has engaged with the town council and the police to publicise the proposal and invite comments/observations. The proposal will result in a decrease in the volume of high sided vehicles travelling past the residential properties, the schools and the recreational facilities located along the residential estate roads which are currently utilised/signed as the high sided vehicle bridge avoidance route. 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.

6. Local Members

6.1 All the local members for the affected communities of Newtown and Kerry have been consulted on the proposal, and none have expressed any comments other than support for the proposal. The proposal will not have a significant wider effect on local members in other wards.

6.2 The proposal is also supported by Dyfed-Powys Police.

7. Other Front Line Services

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

8. Communications

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes

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

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

- 9.1 Legal – Professional Lead notes the content of the report and supports the proposals.
- 9.2 Finance – The Finance Manager Place and Resources notes the contents of the report; the works will be funded by Welsh Government as noted in the report.

10. Scrutiny

Has this report been scrutinised? No

11. 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

12. Statutory Officers

- 12.1 The Section 151 Officer notes the comments made by Finance.
- 12.2 The Deputy Monitoring Officer notes the proposals and recommendations.

13. Members' Interests

The Deputy 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:
<p>To authorise the local highway authority to commence the legal public consultation procedure for the proposed traffic regulation order set out in Appendix C 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)</p>	<p>To introduce the necessary traffic prohibition orders which are required as a result of the construction of the Newtown Bypass.</p>

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

Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllr Mark Barnes (Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West) Cllr Joy Jones (Newtown East) Cllr Neil Morrison (Newtown South) Cllr Daniel Rowlands (Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North) Cllr David Selby (Newtown Central) Cllr Kath Roberts-Jones (Kerry)
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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 (Appendix A)**
- **Existing Traffic Regulation Orders (Appendix B)**
- **Draft Traffic Regulation Order and plans (Appendix C)**