

Item No.

REPORT TO THE HEAD OF HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

JULY 2018

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – HEATHERSLADE CLOSE AND THREE CLIFFS DRIVE, SOUTHGATE, PENNARD, SWANSEA

Summary

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| Purpose: | This report refers to a letter of objection received from South Wales Police in relation to proposals to introduce a “prohibition of driving of motor vehicles except for access” Order covering Heatherslade Close, and an objection from residents of Three Cliffs Drive regarding proposed double yellow lines. |
| Policy Framework: | There are no legal implications in relation to this Report provided that the objection procedure complies with the requirements of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. |
| Reason for Decision: | To consider the objections and to determine how to proceed. |
| Consultation: | Local Ward Members, Legal & Democratic Services. |
| Recommendation(s): | It is recommended that <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The comments received are noted and2. The traffic regulation order is implemented as advertised but with the amendment to Three Cliffs Drive as set out in this report and3. The objectors are informed of the decision. |

1.0 Background:

- 1.1 The scheme is being promoted in response to representations received from the local Ward Member. The Member reported that local residential streets were being heavily utilised by visitors to the local beauty spots and the beach, parking indiscriminately on the estate roads causing obstruction and frustration for residents. In the case of Three Cliffs Drive obstruction to the bus service which runs along there was a cause for concern.
- 1.2 In response to this Council officers prepared a proposal to introduce a “prohibition of driving of motor vehicles except for access” traffic regulation Order on Heatherslade Close and adjoining streets to limit access to those

roads and also a range of yellow line restrictions elsewhere in the area. This proposal was advertised in the local press and on site. In response to this a letter of objection was received from the Police in respect of the prohibition of driving Order and another from residents in respect of yellow lines in Three Cliffs Drive.

2.0 Details of the objection

2.1 South Wales Police indicated that they could not support the prohibition of driving Order stating that these types of order were resource intensive for the Police Service and difficult to enforce. This is a particular problem on sites such as this where the full length of the road or roads cannot be observed from one end to the other from a single viewpoint. The Police also commented that the resource required to enforce this order was disproportionate to the seriousness of the offence.

2.2 With regard to Three Cliffs Drive the original proposal included double yellow lines along the south western corner from the Linkside Drive junction and northwards to the boundary of number 20. Inadvertently, the yellow lines were laid in error along the full eastern side of the road but were removed the following day. No doubt this gave rise to the objection, which refers to the loss of half the parking space in the road. However, it also mentions that the local bus had not experienced significant access difficulties over many recent years, thus the lines were “disproportionate”.

3.0 Comments on the objection:

3.1 The City & County of Swansea recognise and accept the objections and comments made by the police; however the local Councillor has expressed her wishes that the scheme should proceed. The Councillor has been made aware of the limitations in relation to the enforcement of the order but considers that the deterrent effect will be sufficiently beneficial.

3.2 Subsequent to installation and removal of the erroneous lines and following liaison with the local member and residents, the lines originally proposed around the curve at the southern end to assist the buses to negotiate the corner have been reduced in scale. The original and revised proposals can be seen in the plans below.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

5.0 Legal Implication:

5.1 The Traffic Regulation Order has been proposed in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England

and Wales) Regulations 1996 which require that Notice of the proposals is advertised in a newspaper circulating in the area. Before a Traffic Regulation Order can be made it is necessary to consider all objections. Where objections have been made the Council must be satisfied that it is appropriate to make the order, having considered the objections.

6.0 Recommendation:

6.1 It is recommended that;

1. The comments received are noted and
2. The traffic regulation order is implemented as advertised but with the amendment to Three Cliffs Drive as set out in this report and
3. The objectors are informed of the decision.

7.0 Background Papers:

- 7.1 Two items of correspondence have been considered in the preparation of this report.
- 7.2 Report to Head of Service Highways and Transportation – Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders – TRO Report-Southgate

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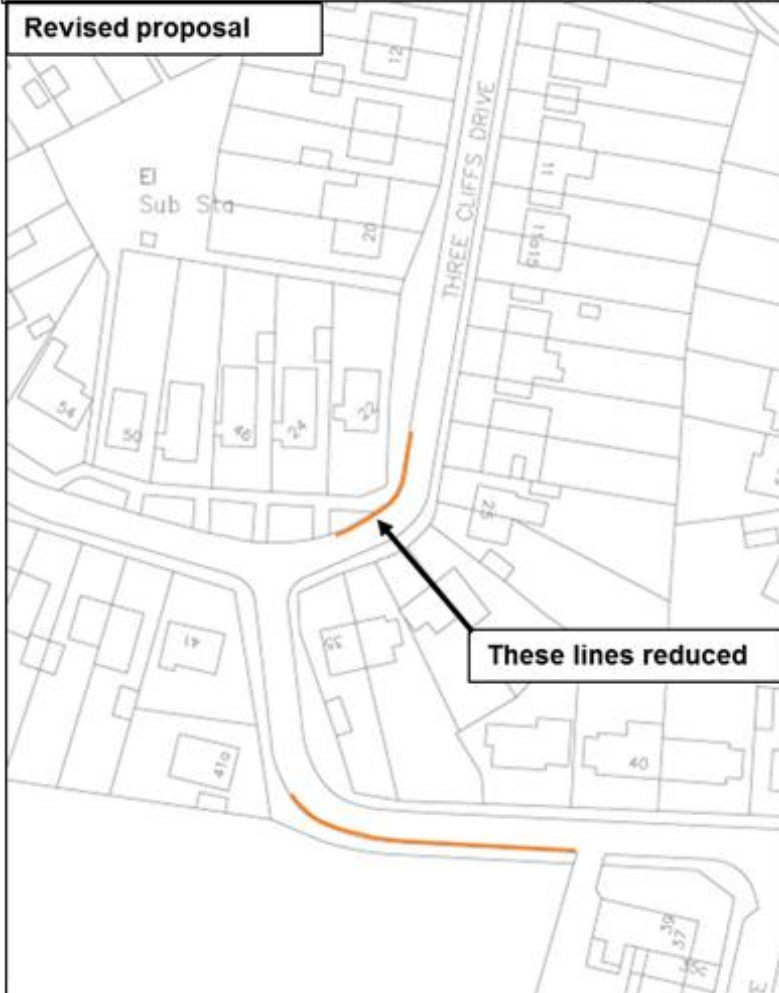
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Original proposal



Revised proposal



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