

## **Post Consultation Report**

### **Glan-yr-Afon Primary (Browning Close) – Bollards**

**Project No: CO16174**

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The purpose of the consultation was to obtain information from the local community in order to improve the scheme and if possible address any local concerns.

From the approximately 40 properties consulted and 6 site notices displayed on site, 3 responses were received, these have been summarised as follows:

- 1 Comments/suggestions on proposals
- 2 Disagree with proposal (some raised additional comments)

### **Recommendation**

In view of the below it is proposed to proceed with the proposal to introduce bollards along the north east side of Browning Close.

The concerns and comments are summarised as below, along with the Council's response. A sample of the incoming comments are shown under each subheading in italic

**The below are comments received during the consultation period:**

**“Please would you confirm when that door to door consultation was done as we have asked four of our neighbours if they knew about this and no-one was aware of it.”**

A ‘door to door consultation has not been carried out. It is standard Council practice that all properties within 100 metres of a proposed Transport Projects scheme are letter dropped in order to raise awareness of a proposed scheme. Site notices were also placed on site in the affected area which provided details of the proposal and also a link to the Council website where the public could view additional information about the scheme. This letter drop and public consultation period was undertaken on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 until 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**One resident referred to Lansdowne Primary School in Canton who currently have a “green cone scheme” in operation in which they control traffic at school picking up and dropping off times by using traffic cones to close the road. The resident suggested if this type of scheme could be introduced for Browning Close.**

Lansdowne Primary School currently operate an informal road closure using green cones to close the road and the school provide a member of staff to manage this closure. There is no official involvement from Cardiff Council regarding the closure of this road, however, Cardiff Council are currently reviewing various options to identify whether similar schemes could be introduced across the City.

**“Browning Close could also be considered for residents permit parking only”**

Resident parking facilities are intended to protect parking for residents where they do not have access to their own off-street parking. I can confirm that in Browning Close all the properties have off street parking places or communal parking areas available to them. In accordance with Council Policy, resident parking is not provided in areas where residents do have the facility to park within the curtilage of their own homes.

**One resident stated that this will merely force all the vehicles to park on the opposite side of the road which will then be heavily parked. Then if vehicles want to pass they will be unable to mount the kerb due to the bollards.**

**“Your proposal shows only bollards being put onto one side, this will not stop people from then parking on the other side of the road. Why are you not putting bollards on both sides of the road?”**

The rationale behind this scheme is to create a safe walking route for pedestrians who currently are being forced to walk into the road due to vehicles blocking the footway. Whilst the properties of Browning Close have off street parking available to them it is appreciated that residents may have more than one vehicle and there may also be a requirement for a second vehicle or visitors to park in the area. Therefore, this scheme creates a safe route along the one side of the road without completely removing any parking for residents or visitors along this route. However, following implementation of this scheme the scheme will be reviewed as part of the “monitoring process” to identify if there is a requirement for any additional parking restrictions / measures to be introduced.

**During the consultation period a number of residents raised the issue that introducing bollards along one side of road will prevent vehicles manoeuvring onto their driveway**

As part of the design stage of this scheme “vehicle track runs” were undertaken which confirmed vehicles could manoeuvre onto their driveways without driving over the footway. However, if vehicles were parked on the footway obstructing vehicles manoeuvring onto their driveway then “Parking on the Footway” and “Obstruction of the Highway” are offences contrary to national legislation and these may only be dealt with by the Police. This would be a police enforcement matter and therefore any concerns residents have should be addressed to them.

**“What distance from the curb will these be placed? What are the measurements, circumference etc have you allowed for the fact that if the bollards are wide in circumference double prams will not be able to use the path, therefore pushing prams onto the road as cars will more than likely be parked on the opposite side.”**

The bollards will be introduced 250mm from the kerb edge at this location; the bollards are approximately 220mm in diameter which will leave sufficient footway width for double prams to travel along this route.

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