A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 5/07/2019 and 27/07/2019.

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 25 properties consulted and 6 site notices displayed on site, 9 individual responses were received with regard to this.

- 6 - Supports scheme, some provided additional comments/suggestions
- 3 - Disagree with proposals

The concerns and comments are summarised in *italics* below, along with the Council’s response.

**Description of Scheme Proposal**

Transport Projects group are proposing to implement the above road closure as part of the future Traffic Management Programme.

Golf Club Lane is used by walkers and equestrians for leisure purposes and is potentially a good cycling route. Private cars using the lane create a real or perceived danger to pedestrians and there are very few opportunities for vehicles to pass each other. If closed, the lane would become a safe pleasant leisure facility and could form a good off road cycling facility as part of the cycle network.

Private vehicles have a convenient alternative route to Radyr via Heol Isaf.

The Road will be closed using lockable bollards, and will have a TRO for “Prohibition of Driving”.

The reason for lockable bollards will be for maintenance issues only.

**Recommendation**

In view of the below it is proposed to proceed with the implementation of the scheme as outlined in the consultation plan.

The below are comments received during the consultation period that are *against* the proposal:
“Proposal on Golf Club Lane - Radyr. As a former resident, and frequent visitor to family I wish to object to plans to close this important link to upper Radyr. I’ve never seen more than a handful of walkers using this so would question the assertion it’s widely used for this purpose. Also Heol Isaf isn’t a "convenient alternative" due to congestion. Forcing more vehicles on this route will just make this worse, especially at School access times. I appreciate with all the new housing at Plasdwr usage could potentially increase, however, it’s relatively flat route provided a life saver during icy and winter conditions when the hills up from Heol Isaf are too steep for many vehicles. Thank you”

“Radyr Golf Lane Closure consultation. I object to the lane being closed to vehicles. As a local resident I make safe use of the lane to exit and enter the housing estate on a daily basis, mainly to avoid the traffic chaos on Heol Isaf in order to access Llantrisant Road away heading away from Cardiff. I fully support reducing the speed limit to 20 which is the sensible speed to travel down the lane. There have been occasions with road closures due to burst water mains and flooding on Heol Isaf over the years that this route has been the only access from and to the estate. As a regular, safe user of this road, please don’t close this lane to cars.”

Golf Club Lane is used by walkers and equestrians for leisure purposes and there is potential to create a good cycling route. Private cars using the lane create a real or perceived danger to pedestrians and there are very few opportunities for vehicles to pass each other. If this lane were closed, the lane would become a safe pleasant leisure facility and could form a good off road cycling facility as part of the cycle network.

The below are comments received during the consultation period that are in favour of the proposal:

“I fully support the proposed closure and proposed use of lockable bollards.

Please ensure spacing between bollards is adequate for use by a variety of cycle types, e.g. trikes, trailers therefore it is suggested a gap of 1.5m is provided which will still obstruct motor vehicles.

As well as the standard highways signage, please provide adequate signage that makes clear that motorbikes are not permitted (if that is indeed the case) e.g. no motorbikes symbol on the bollards. Also please provide cycle network signage (blue) at the start of the lane which makes clear that the route can be cycled and perhaps the distance / time and destination.”

“I would like to write to confirm my support for the proposal. We have recently seen a large increase in traffic with additional cars using the lane as a rat-run, a number of these vehicles speed down Ffordd Las and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious incident. We have had a family pet run over and killed by a speeding car, and our neighbours have also had the same thing happen to them.

The amount of houses being built on Llantrisant road will only lead to further increases in traffic. There is no need to have this road open, and it is only being used as a short-cut by speeding motorists.”
“Radyr Golf Club has recently received a letter regarding the proposed closure of the golf club lane.

The club would like to make the council aware that this lane is used by our greenkeeping staff to access machinery sheds which are critical to the operation of the golf club. The lane is also used by emergency services to access the course when required.

The proposal outlines the potential of using bollards which we would be supportive of as long as access could be provided for our staff?”

Our Parks department will retain the keys for maintenance if required, because this will be a “Prohibition of Driving” we could not authorise the golf club to keep the keys.

Emergency services are on board with this proposal and would have to use Heol Isaf for access.

“I would like to endorse the proposed road safety project - the closure of the Lane with lockable bollards. I live in Ffordd Las and am very concerned at the increasing number of cars being driven at speed past the houses on this narrow residential road, then along (or from) the Golf Club Lane - I can hear and see them do this from my upstairs window. Sometimes litter is chucked out of car windows into Ffordd Las which is a sure indicator of drivers using the Golf Club Lane as a cut-through, being disrespectful of the houses that border it.

There is now a National Speed Limit sign as you enter the Lane from the Ffordd Las residential end which means, when walking or cycling along the Lane (as I did til recently), one cannot legitimately encourage drivers to slow down to below 60 mph. The previous 30 mph limit was already too high considering the narrowness of the Lane, the blind turns and the number of walkers and horse-riders enjoying one of the oldest hedgerow lanes of historic Radyr. Please save it for walkers, horse-riders, and careful cyclists who alert the others of their presence. It is very dangerous at present and needs proper traffic management.”

“Regarding closure of “Golf Club Lane” at Radyr. I was really pleased to discover you are consulting on closing the “Golf Club Lane”, this is very much needed. This lane runs past our house and we would never drive up to the Golf Club Lane because it is far to dangerous. It has got the extent that it’s not safe to walk along the lane. Numerous horse riders have near misses with cars and cars try to speed past the horse riders and expect them to pass a car in the lane, it’s just not wide enough. Cars speed up this lane making it unsafe. In the nights it’s used like a racing track, we usually hear engines revving and tyres squealing. In the daytime it’s not better it used like a “rat run”, i.e. used as a shortcut. This lane isn’t capable of being used as a shortcut as it’s narrow with not many passing places. As a result cars speed to get to the next passing place. There have been numerous accidents on this lane, especially on the Junction with Llantrisant Road. These are all due to the volume of speed of traffic on this lane. It would massively improve the leisure purposes (i.e. more accessible to walkers, cyclists and horse riders) if this lane was closed to vehicular traffic. I am in full agreement with your proposal to close the “Golf Course Lane” and hope this done.”

“I fully support your proposal for the “Golf Club Lane Closure” at Radyr, Cardiff. It's no longer possible to use this lane for pleasure for example, walking, cycling, etc because it's used like a race track. Car drivers are using this lane as a short cut, which isn't the purpose of a lane. Some car drivers that use the lane speed excessively to the next passing space in case they meet another car and have to reverse. In addition I'm sure during the evenings it used as a race track. I've seen numerous accidents where the Golf Club lane meets the Llantrisant Road. Cars speed down the Golf Course Lane and don't spot and look properly pulling out in
front of cars travelling on the main road. It makes perfect sense to close the lane and I fully support your approach.”

The below are additional comments that were received during the consultation period regarding other matters arising from the consultation:

“Here are the results of our online survey with regard to Golf Club Lane

Just 53 responses. 32 for closure (60%).

20 against (37%).

1 did not express a preference.

All who thought the lane should be closed (some of whom drive along the lane, from time to time) believe it is unsafe for walkers. Those who disagree believe that walkers are safe, or should take care.

Following the recent consultation on a traffic management proposal, the Council is preparing to implement the scheme based on the plan shown. Further details about this consultation are available at cardiff.gov.uk/TransportProjects using the 'view consultations' link.