Post Consultation Report

Llandaff Church in Wales School – Experimental Traffic Order

Project No: CO19059

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 4th July 2019 – 27th July 2019, although any correspondence that was received shortly after the deadline was still included as part of this report. 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 75 properties consulted and 6 site notices displayed on site, 30 individual responses were received, these have been summarised as follows:

- 5 - Support the proposal
- 2 - Object to the proposal

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

**Recommendation**

In view of the below it is proposed to **proceed** with the proposal subject to available funding. The TTRO would be in operation for a maximum of 18 months and would only operate during term time as part of a trial. The TTRO will prohibit vehicles from entering or driving in Hendre Close **8:30am – 9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.45pm, Monday to Friday.** This is to facilitate the safety of pupils, parents and carers outside Llandaff Church in Wales at the start and end of the school day.

The below are comments received during the consultation period that are **against** the proposal:

**Issue – Parking Problem will be displaced to adjacent streets**

“*The proposal is likely to result in a significant increase of traffic in the roads around Hendre Close, namely, Insole Gardens, Hendre Gardens and Vaughan Avenue. We are concerned that the current problems of reckless parking and dangerous driving will simply be moved to the roads around Hendre Close. Has consideration been given to other measures that could also be put in place in order to mitigate the impact of the proposed TRO.*”

“I do not believe that preventing parents of school children from having vehicular access to Hendre Close will facilitate the safety of pupils, parents and carers but will simply move the problem on to other nearby streets, where congestion is already a significant issue at drop off and pick up times”

Following implementation of the scheme The Local Authority will assess and monitor the scheme, this will be undertaken in communication with the School and site visits will be undertaken during the prohibited times to assess the impact of the scheme. If additional
road safety issues are identified during the monitoring of this scheme, these matters will be referred to the Traffic Regulation Order team to investigate to decide whether additional or amended restrictions are required.

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

“As a parent with two children in the school, I am writing to express my wholehearted support for this proposal. We cycle with our children to school and it is so dangerous on Hendre Close – especially when the children are cycling ahead. Coming up Hendre Close it is our right of way, as it is uphill and cars tend to be parked on the opposite side, and yet cars barrel down the hill without any regard for my children on their bikes. Closing Hendre Close to almost all traffic is a really great idea and I am fully supportive.”

“My family has lived at this address since the house was built, predating the arrival of the school, and we fully support any proposals to introduce resident only parking and more aggressive enforcement of the traffic regulations.”

Comment - How will the new scheme be enforced?

“In terms of enforcement, is there any proposed way of monitoring compliance for such schemes? (Are the cameras fixed or subject to mobile visits? If fixed, where will the kit be installed?)

“My final point or question is how will you manage visitors to residents in the street? For example my mother will arrive at my house at around 3.15pm having picked my children up from a different school”

Visitor permits and tradesmen/delivery drivers will not be issued with permits and they must make alternative arrangements.

Any legitimate visitors already within the zone when restricted times begin will be permitted to remained parked within the zone while necessary, or leave the zone, but they will not be permitted to enter the zone while the restrictions apply.

If a vehicle does not comply with this Prohibition of Driving they could be subject to a Penalty Charge Notice where a Civil Enforcement Officer / The Authority will issue this charge upon the owner with the use of the Civil Enforcement Team’s Camera Car.

If there was a persistent problem at a location the Council would consider the introduction of a fixed enforcement camera to enforce the Traffic Order.

Comment – Request for additional Traffic Regulation Orders

“The only caveat I would add is that the situation is likely to become tricky for vulnerable road users (like us on our bikes) around Vaughan Avenue/Hendre Gardens, especially around that tight bend at the bottom of Hendre Close. I can envisage difficulties with cars trying to pass us dangerously and perhaps pulling out/turning in the road. Are there steps in place to monitor this situation to avoid the Hendre Close problem just transferring further down the road”

The School Street initiative is one that is becoming more common across the country, but we need to make sure they work for Cardiff. In view of this we are carrying out an 18 month trial
so we can carefully monitor situation and at the conclusion of the trial consideration will be
given to the effects that have been noticed. We will then consider if the scheme has worked,
if we could learn any lessons and adjust the scheme accordingly or if it needs removing
completely.

Comment – Who will be exempt?

“Owing to the implementation by the school authorities of further early morning usage of their
facilities vehicles should be prevented from entering Hendre Close from 7.30 A.M. and
casual school visitors, e.g. dinner personnel, should be banned throughout the day. No
parking by School staff should be allowed at any time - the school has considerable land
available to provide such facility and accessibility should be via Cardiff Road avoiding
Hendre Close altogether. The same should apply to all deliveries/maintenance to the school
as the frequent influx of heavy vehicles presents a constant hazard. As the school day
appears to extend beyond 5.P.M. so the restrictions should be applied to cover that time.”

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make alternative arrangements.

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to remained parked within the zone while necessary, or leave the zone, but they will not be
permitted to enter the zone while the restrictions apply.

The vehicles that will be exempt will be Residents, Care/Health Visitors or essential visitors
to residents. (these are registration numbers that will be provided by Residents) A list of
these vehicles will be kept and monitored by the authority.

Comment – Enforcement of existing restrictions and issues with obstruction of
driveways

“Further to previous correspondence and in support of my comments re. Ingress of traffic,
my drive was blocked for 45 minutes yesterday from around 8.20 A.M. by a large, unmarked
white van.

In relation to vehicles in breach of the existing Traffic Regulation Orders and if vehicles park
across a dropped crossing Civil Enforcement Officers are able to deal with such offences by
way of a Penalty Charge Notice. The Council practise is that enforcement would only take
place at residential access where a specific complaint is received from the occupier in
relation to a specific vehicle. Where incidents are identified these may be reported to the
Civil Parking Enforcement Officers who are available on Cardiff 20872087.
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.