

Post Consultation Report

Ysgol Melin Gruffydd – Experimental Traffic Order

Project No: CO18121

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 20th September 2018 – 11th October 2018 , 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, 8 individual responses were received, these have been summarised as follows:

- 4 - Support the proposal
- 1 - Object to the proposal
- 3 – Neither Object or Support

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 scheme will introduce an experimental ban of right and left turns into Glan Y Nant Road between the times of 07:30am – 09:30am and 14:30pm – 17:00pm the main pick up and drop off times for Ysgol Melin Gruffydd & Whitchurch High School

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

Issue – Parking Problem will be displaced to adjacent streets

“Will parents be advised on alternative safe parking arrangements? (eg using the public car park next to the Earl Haig and walking through Davis's Tce) Moving the traffic from Glan Y Nant Rd will potentially have a ripple effect on nearby streets - particularly Ty'n Y Pwll Road which is already severely congested. I know there have also been issues with people parking in the community centre car park. Will you also be monitoring the impact on the surrounding area? Moving the problem elsewhere is not a sustainable solution., and will create additional complaints”

“The Council should consider these areas as part of their proposals and to ensure that the risks/dangers aren't just transferred to another area.”

“Rear access to Glan Y Nant Road via Davis Terrace. This is frequently used as a cut-through by residents and non-residents. On several occasions school parents have parked their car in the Glan Y Nant Rd end of the lane access to take their children to school, blocking off the access altogether. Many parents park here around the garages and to rear of gardens when dropping off / collecting their children. We are concerned that when the enforcement zone is in place, this area will become even busier with parents attempting to park as close as possible to the school, or to use it to drive to the school avoiding the enforcement zone.”

“If the proposals are implemented I think that there is a real risk that Davies Terrace, Victoria road and Tyn y Pwll road will become danger areas. The Council should consider these areas as part of their proposals and to ensure that the risks/dangers aren't just transferred to another area”

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:

“We welcome the proposed temporary TRO in this area as the volume of school-related traffic along Glan Y Nant Terrace and Road is exceptionally high and the volume of both parked and stationary traffic in the area at school times makes it quite unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists (of which there are a lot of to this school).”

“I see this as a positive step”

“As a resident I think it is a brilliant idea. Some parents use this road like a race track driving at least 25 miles an hour up and down in large 4x4 cars and if a small child ran into the road they would not stand a chance.”

“I think this is an excellent suggestion in principle”

“A congestion hot spot is the junction of Glan Y Nant Terrace and Road - particularly as cars / taxis dropping off and collecting from the High School continually park on the double yellow lines which at times makes it impossible for traffic to go anywhere. Alleviating this would be a big help.”

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

Comment - How will the new scheme be enforced?

“How will it be monitored and enforced?”

“What about vehicles which are accessing the road to visit residents?”

“What is stop drivers ignoring the sign (the local wardens have said they need to split their time over several sites)?”

“On only 2 occasions have I known a traffic warden to visit the street. One of them was the day the restrictions were first put in place and the other was a national holiday when there was virtually no traffic as the school was closed. I have contacted the council on numerous occasions to report wholesale flouting of these parking restrictions.”

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 Teams 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

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“If the proposals are implemented I think that there is a real risk that Davies Terrace, Victoria road and Tyn y Pwll road will become danger areas.. This decision should be reconsidered if these proposals are implemented.”

“There is no consideration of the way the back service lane off Davis's Terrace is used by school parents as a short cut. This needs to be addressed along with access to Glan-y-Nant terrace, or the proposed scheme could result in even more congestion as parents attempt to circumvent the TRO by using the service lane instead. “

“Hence, unless there are some major changes to your proposal and the policing of any restrictions I have little confidence that there will be an improvement for pedestrians and others that use these streets”

There are no proposals to introduce additional Traffic Regulation Orders as part of this scheme. Any requests for Traffic Regulation Orders should be directed to the Traffic Regulation Order Team to investigate, the team who be contacted on the below details:

TRO Team, Cardiff Council, Room 301, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4UW
NeighbourhoodServices-BusinessSupport@cardiff.gov.uk

Comment – Who will be exempt?

“Can non-residents apply to be an authorised vehicle? For example, grandparents provide regular childcare to our children. They drive to us to collect the children from our home at 8.30am for school and then collect them at the end of the school day and bring them to back to our home (in the car). It would be necessary for them to have access to Glan Y Nant Road at the times the enforcement would apply - we would expect that they are able to continue to do so.”

“Will unauthorised cars be affected if entering the road outside the exclusion times but still parked in the road during the exclusion times?”

Will residents be able to organise authorisation for visitors, builders etc in these exclusion times?

“Under this proposal we won't be able to park our cars near her house during the restricted times, either for pick-ups or dropping off”

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) staff and deliveries will be exempt from the Prohibition of Driving and will have access during these times. A list of these vehicles will be kept and monitored by the authority. Subject to the outcome of this consultation an additional letter drop will be undertaken which will provide residents with information on how to be included on the list of authorised vehicles.

Comment – Why are the times 07:30am-09:30am & 14:30pm-17:00pm

“We think that the 7.30 start time is too early and will cause unnecessary difficulty and stress for those working parents who have to drop off their children that early. Having done this ourselves, it's hard enough to send the children into school for such an early start, and to extend this early morning routine to involve a park and walk is a bit unreasonable when time is of the essence”

“I do not think that the restrictions need to be in place quite as long as is proposed. The most dangerous times and when there are clear road safety issues are between 8:30 and 9:15am and 3pm until 4.00 pm . Often parents / grandparents/carers arrive early to get a space on Glan y Nant Road in order to collect at 3:25 /3:30pm, but it's the leaving at 3:30-3:45 that causes a problem. Similarly, when late in the morning they drive down the road when a significant number of children and parents are walking to school. It is that usage which causes the danger. Outside of these times parents arrive periodically and there is no mass arrival/departure”

The TRO times of 07:30am-09:30am & 14:30pm-17:00pm have been set by discussions with the school , the reason for the early start and late finish is to accommodate breakfast clubs and also after school clubs.