Post Consultation Report

Ysgol Melin Gruffydd – Experimental Traffic Order

Project No: CO19058

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 4th July 2019 – 28th 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, 8 individual responses were received, these have been summarised as follows:

- 7 - Support the proposal
- 1 - Object to the proposal
- 2 – 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 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 Glan Y Nant Terrace, Glan Y Nant Road and Davis's Terrace between 8:30am – 9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.45pm, **Monday to Friday**. This is to facilitate the safety of pupils, parents and carers outside Ysgol Melin Gruffydd & Whitchurch High School 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**

“I have read your proposal in principle yes it will stop parents cars causing issues in the zone streets and make it safer for kids in the zone streets.

But I ask the following questions : 

Question 1: where will the parents park instead to pick or drop off their kids? Sadly it will be the next streets up from this zone like Ty'n-Y-pwll Rd and The Pines.

Currently during the school peak hours parents also make this area dangerous by parking on double yellow lines on Ty'n-Y-pwll Rd (near main junction of Old Church Rd) and near entrance of The Pines - traffic wardens or Council Enforcement vans never seen.
Also parents double parking at The Pines making access in and out on times so difficult and dangerous

“The restrictions also do not consider: plumbers, electricians, small household repair workers etc who rely on finishing one job to immediately move to the next;

larger house maintenance work when specific timed appointments are never given, eg boiler services from national companies, building workers who often need to leave a site of work to pick up materials etc;"

This is an 18 month trial and during this time the possibilities of displacements will be closely monitored. We will work closely with the parking enforcement team to monitor illegal parking around these schools throughout the trial and educate/issue fines to offenders. This is also part of a joint effort with the schools to promote sustainable travel methods, in a concerted effort to reduce the overreliance on cars by school attendees in general.

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.

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

“I’m writing in relation to the Ysgol Melin Gruffydd TTRO. I think the scheme is a good idea to improve safety for the pupils at the school and reduce congestion in the road. My enquiry relates to the practical application of the new procedures for residents”

All School Street permits will be free of charge to eligible persons. However, visitor permits will not be issued and they must make alternative arrangements.

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“Whilst we welcome the news that the road will be made safer at school times through traffic restrictions “

“I live on Old Church Road in Whitchurch and have lane access to the rear of my property leading onto Glan Y Nant Road or Davis's Terrace. I often park in either of these streets. Under your new proposed school Street permit model, could I have a permit please as I access my property from these areas please? I support you pilot and think it is an excellent idea. “

“Whilst supporting the Experimental Traffic Order I would like to bring to your attention concerns raised to me by residents in Old Church Road.
These residents live in the row of cottages that also have rear property access from Glan Y Nant Rd and Davis Terrace.

They would like their houses to be included in the SZ permit area otherwise they will have their current access to their properties affected. I support their request.  

On the consultation documentation online these houses are those missed out by the triangular cut out of the red highlighted area, between Davis Terrace and the zebra crossing at the community centre."

Given the particular circumstances, properties 26 – 54 (even only) on Old Church Road will be added to the School Street permit scheme.

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?**

“Question 2 - how will you stop real visitors of the streets in that zone from getting fined?”

“Question 3? Are you going to ban deliveries in that zone during those hours?”

“Unless any monitoring cameras are equipped to read vehicle registration plates and are connected such that non authorised vehicles are identified, this system will be widely ignored as have the parking restrictions that have been in place in this area for quite a few years. Any roadside signs will, as usual, be ignored by most drivers. Delivery vehicles are another example

Authorised vehicles such as owned by residents could be issued with in window passes similar to our resident parking permits. Then residents could identify and report unauthorised entries.”

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**Comment – Who will be exempt?**
“care workers, doctors, community nurses, any other support needed by vulnerable residents, either already resident or arriving in the future. Services like this cannot be regimented by time controls;

• casual drop-in visitors who are a life-line to people of limited mobility. Expecting people to request their visitors only arrive or leave at certain times under the threat of an automatic fine is an infringement of liberties. This is on top of and different to the usual inconvenience from congestion all residents of Cardiff experience at peak traffic times;

• taxis and lifts, needed by people without cars or those undertaking journeys without their car. Ironic, as the plans are designed to cut private car use in these streets.

• The restrictions also do not consider:

• plumbers, electricians, small household repair workers etc who rely on finishing one job to immediately move to the next;

• larger house maintenance work when specific timed appointments are never given, eg boiler services from national companies, building workers who often need to leave a site of work to pick up materials etc;

• delivery companies of all types. Many of these are national companies working to tightly controlled pre-planned timetables. Finding they are unable to gain access will impact on service provision;

• school term times are not usually known by people without school-age children. People from outside the area often have different term times. Will proposed signage be electronically able to display when the roads are open? Under this scheme genuine mistakes will be very expensive.”

Doctors and community nurses and careers will fall under the general exemption given for medical necessities.

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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.