

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION**  
**by**  
**COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHYL DAVIES**  
**(PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HIGHWAYS, RECYCLING & ASSETS)**  
**FEBRUARY 2019**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Traffic Engineer North, Highways & Technical Services

**SUBJECT:** Access Only Traffic Regulation Order Hollies and Penlan Lanes & One-Way Traffic Regulation Order Bryn and Union Streets, Newtown

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The attached Statement of Reasons (see Appendix A) sets out the reasons for Powys County Council seeking to introduce the proposed prohibition of driving Traffic Regulation Order, which the Welsh Government have agreed to fund as part of the Newtown Bypass project.
- 1.2 The legal Order can only be introduced by Powys County Council, as the Welsh Government acting in their role as the Trunk Road Authority do not have legal powers to introduce traffic regulation orders on County roads.

**2. Proposal**

- 2.1 To introduce a prohibition of all motor vehicles (except for access) Traffic Regulation Order along the U2822, U2823 and U2825 County unclassified roads known as Hollies Lane and Penlan Lane.
- 2.2 To introduce a one-way Traffic Regulation Order along sections of the U4256 County unclassified roads known as Bryn Street and Union Street.
- 2.3 To revoke the existing 7.5 tonne amenity weight limit Traffic Regulation Order along Hollies Lane (see Appendix B).
- 2.4 The draft Traffic Regulation Order and accompanying plans are attached to this report for reference and information (see Appendix C).

**3. Options Considered / Available**

- 3.1 The option to introduce a stopping up Order to prevent all vehicular traffic (with no exceptions) from travelling along the lower section of Hollies Lane beneath the new bridge that carries the Newtown bypass was discussed with the Welsh Government as part of the Newtown bypass works. Whilst this option would have eliminated all rat running along Hollies and Penlan Lane and would be self-policing; the option was not pursued as it became readily apparent that the option would not be supported by local residents.

#### **4. Preferred Choice and Reasons**

- 4.1 The proposal is the only option to be considered.

#### **5. Impact Assessment**

- 5.1 Is an impact assessment required? No

#### **6. Corporate Improvement Plan**

- 6.1 Powys County Council has actively engaged with the town/community councils and local residents to identify highway safety concerns within the town of Newtown, and with the support of the local stakeholders and Welsh Government funding, are proposing to introduce a traffic regulation order to address those highway safety concerns. The proposals support the CIP priority of improving our transport infrastructure by making it safer for people to use the highways within Newtown and for residents and visitors to park and frequent the residential properties and local facilities.

#### **7. Local Member(s)**

- 7.1 The local members for the affected wards of Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn West, Newtown South, Kerry and Mochdre have expressed support for the proposal. The proposals will not have a significant wider effect on local members in other wards,

#### **8. Other Front Line Services**

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? No

#### **9. Communications**

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes

Have they made a comment? Yes

The report is of public interest and requires use of new release and appropriate social media to publicise the decision.

**10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)**

10.1 Legal – Legal services has reviewed the document and supports the proposals.

10.2 Finance - The Finance Manager Environment and Resources notes the contents of the report, the service has advised that this will be paid for as an individual scheme by Welsh Government via the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency.

**11. Scrutiny**

Has this report been scrutinised? No

**12. Data Protection**

If the proposal involves the processing of personal data then the Data Protection Officer must be consulted and their comments set out below. N/A

**13. Statutory Officers**

13.1 The Head of Financial Services (Deputy Section 151 Officer) notes the comments from the Finance Manager.

13.2 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) commented as follows:-  
“I note the legal comments and have nothing to add to the report.”

**14. Members’ Interests**

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If the Portfolio Holder has an interest, he/she should declare it, complete the relevant notification form and refer the matter to Cabinet for decision.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
<b>To authorise the local highway authority to commence the legal public consultation procedure for the proposed traffic regulation order set out in Appendix C to the report, and if no substantive objections are received implement the prohibition of driving Order in accordance with the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.</b>	<b>To introduce necessary traffic prohibition orders to eliminate inappropriate rat running along minor rural County unclassified roads as the result of the Newtown Bypass construction works, and to eliminate identified hazardous conflicting vehicle movements along urban town centre residential streets.</b>

<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Within Policy:</b>	<b>Y / N</b>	<b>Within Budget:</b>	<b>Y / N</b>

<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	<b>Cllr Mark Barnes, member for Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn West</b> <b>Cllr Neil Morrison, member for Newtown South</b> <b>Cllr Kath Robert-Jones, member for Kerry</b> <b>Cllr Karl Lewis, member for Llandinam</b>
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<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>	<b>Chris Lloyd</b>
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>	<b>As soon as possible</b>

<b>Is a review of the impact of the decision required?</b>	<b>Y / N</b>
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**Background Papers used to prepare Report:**

- **Statement of Reasons.**
- **Existing 7.5 tonne amenity weight limit to be proposed for revocation.**
- **Draft Traffic Regulation Order and accompanying plans.**