

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION
by
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PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT
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REPORT AUTHOR: Traffic Engineer North, Highways & Technical Services

REPORT TITLE: A4811 Llanidloes Road, Newtown - Partial Speed Limit Reduction from 40 mph to 30 mph

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

To introduce a permanent Traffic Regulation Order to modify the speed limit along the developed frontage of the A4811 Llanidloes Road in Newtown between the college/theatre site and the Pavillion Court housing estate from 40 mph to 30 mph.

2. Background

- 2.1. Powys CC has been awarded £200,000 grant funding to extend the existing shared use path on Llanidloes Rd to the college and theatre thereby completing on of the key arterial Active Travel routes through Newtown.
- 2.2. As part of the plans it will be necessary to widen the path under Nantoer bridge which currently presents significant safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists (particularly young people walking to and from the college).
- 2.3. The preferred solution is to use one of the existing traffic lanes to create the extra space for vulnerable users thereby reducing the existing live carriageway to one lane.
- 2.4. This will be controlled by means of a programmed traffic control system.
- 2.5. At present this area falls within sections of 40mph zone. To ensure safety on approach and through the traffic control it is felt necessary to extend the existing 30mph limit to include areas that currently have a residential and community facility frontage.
- 2.6. The proposed speed limit Order and the associated signage will be funded as part of this project.

- 2.7. The proposed speed limit modification proposals are attached to this report at Appendix A.
- 2.8. The proposed speed limit modification is compliant with the Welsh Assembly Government Circular No. 24/2009 "Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales", and the proposed speed limit modification is supported by the police, the town council and the local ward county councillors.

3. Advice

- 3.1 No other options are available for consideration at this stage of the Traffic Regulation Order proposal process.
- 3.2 The proposal is part of Powys County Council's activities to pursue the extension of the existing shared use path on Llanidloes Rd to the college and theatre to complete one of the key arterial Active Travel routes through Newtown. The Council is continuing to engage with local residents and stakeholders who will be affected by the proposal. The introduction of this traffic regulation order is required to safely facilitate these works and to address existing concerns regarding high traffic speeds along the A4811 on the approaches to side road junctions and past residential properties and community facilities along this route. The proposals support the CIP priority of improving our transport infrastructure by making it safer for people to use the highways within Newtown and to encourage active travel movements.

4. Resource Implications

- 4.1 All costs associated with legal consultation process, the implementation of the Traffic Regular Order and the manufacture/erection of the associated signage will be funded by the WG grant for the active travel scheme.
- 4.2 The Head of Financial Services (Section 151 Officer) notes the above and can support the recommendation.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1. The Principal Legal Assistant (North) has reviewed the proposals and confirms it is within our powers.
- 5.2. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

6. Data Protection

- 6.1. The proposal does not require the processing of personal data, therefore comments from the Data Protection Officer are not required.

7. Comment from local member(s)

- 7.1. The proposal affects that part of the A4811 class 1 county highway located within the Newtown Central and Newtown South wards. The local members have expressed support for the proposal, as have Dyfed-Powys Police.

8. Integrated Impact Assessment

- 8.1. An impact assessment is not required.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To resolve that the Traffic Regulation Order consultation procedure is initiated in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996; and if no substantive objections are received the proposal be implemented.	To reduce the speed limit along the developed frontage of the A4811 Llanidloes Road, Newtown from 40 mph to 30 mph to ensure safety on the approach to and through the proposed traffic control at Nantoer Bridge, and to set a more appropriate speed limit where vulnerable highway users can be expected to be encountered travelling along or crossing the A4811 on a regular basis.

Relevant Policy:	Welsh Assembly Government Circular No. 24/2009 – Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales		
Within Policy:	Y / N	Within Budget:	Y / N

Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllrs David Selby and Les Skilton, members for Newtown Central and Newtown South wards.
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Chris Lloyd
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	As soon as possible

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

- Appendix A – Proposed speed limit modification.