

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR ENVIRONMENT

12TH FEBRUARY 2019

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. H.A.L. Evans	Environment

PROPOSED CONTRAFLOW CYCLING – CAERSALEM TERRACE, LLANELLI

Purpose: To consider the proposed highway measure along with responses received as part of the statutory consultation process.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the outcome of a statutory consultation for contraflow cycling on Caersalem Terrace, Llanelli to determine the outcome of the objection. To approve the proposals to introduce the contraflow cycling. (as per Option 1).

Reasons:

The scheme forms part of a wider series of measures that are designed to create and enhance active travel infrastructure throughout Llanelli. This scheme (attached in the appendices) will provide a link to and from Llanelli Railway Station without cyclists being forced to travel up to a busy roundabout when accessing our proposed spinal route (attached in the appendices).

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

DECISION MADE:**Signed:**

DATE: _____

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Llanelli masterplan aims to create and enhance active travel infrastructure around the town in line with our adopted Integrated Network Map. The creation of this contraflow will facilitate multi modal travel by improving links to Llanelli Railway Station and further afield to places such as Parc Trostre. The plan is to create active travel links to Llangennech (via previous works along the A4138) and down to the Millenium Coastal Path.

Welsh Government Active Travel Funding has been secured to deliver the contraflow and enhanced cycling provision on adjoining roads with the contraflow being the subject of this report. Additionally a funding bid has recently been submitted to complete additional works in the area as outlined on the plan attached to this report (Appendix 2).

The proposal would allow cyclists to travel against the flow of vehicular traffic along Caersalem Terrace (approx. 100m) and has been designed using Active Travel Guidelines. It would also prevent cyclists having to travel up Station Road to a Roundabout and back down Marsh Street in order to get to the same point (approx. 450m).

A statutory consultation exercise was undertaken from the 21st December 2018 to the 18th January 2019. Following the statutory public consultation period an objection was received on the 15.1.19 from Llanelli Town Council which states concerns over:

- The development by encouraging cyclist to travel in both directions along a one way lane, will bring bicycles into direct possible collision with vehicles travelling in the opposite direction. Vehicle drivers will not anticipate individuals travelling in that direction leading to increased accident likelihood. The road safety report provided as part of the consultation does not provide detail on consideration of this matter and has not decreased the concern of Committee members.
- There are businesses located along Caersalem Terrace who have loading and offloading in the area proposed for the cycling lane, vehicles parking will therefore encourage cyclists to take to the middle of the road increasing the likelihood of the problems noted above. It is also noted that attempted enforcement to prevent parking on the cycle lane would have a detrimental impact upon business and would not be supported by the Council.
- The proposal as set out appears unnecessary as alternative routes are available that should be considered in preference to Caersalem Terrace.

An email has been received from Carmarthenshire Cycling Forum as a direct response to these concerns and has been included in the appendices of this report (Appendix 3).

2. OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS

Following the recent objection and subsequent discussions within the project team two options are presented for consideration. The advantages and disadvantages of the proposals have been outlined below:

Option 1- Proceed with the introduction of contraflow cycling on Caersalem Terrace, Llanelli

Option 1 is to proceed with the contraflow measures as set out in the attached plan (Appendix 1).

Advantages of this option have been mentioned previously in this report but include:

- Fulfilling County Council duties under the Active Travel Act (Wales) 2013 to develop, maintain and improve infrastructure that encourages active travel journeys;
- Improving links between Llanelli Railway Station and active travel routes;
- Forms part of the overall Llanelli Masterplan;
- A shorter, safer link for cyclists.

Disadvantages of the introduction of the contraflow cycling measures are that it is contrary to the wishes of Llanelli Town Council.

Option 2 – Do not proceed with the introduction of contraflow cycling on Caersalem Terrace, Llanelli

Option 2 is to not proceed with the introduction of contraflow cycling. Advantages include:

- Heeding the wishes of Llanelli Town Council;
- No alteration or disruption to existing provision or businesses.

Disadvantages of option 2 are being forced to give money back to Welsh Government as the scheme will no longer be able to proceed. Additionally as it has been included as part of the Llanelli Masterplan it may jeopardise future bids.

It is requested that **Option 1** is considered for approval.

Each specific objection has been considered below and a response to each is set out in the appendices of this report (Appendix 3).

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO, the following appendices are attached: Appendix 1 – Caersalem Terrace Appendix 2 – Llanelli Cycling Masterplan Appendix 3 – Objections, Comments and responses
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: **S G Pilliner**

Head of Highways and Transport

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	NONE	YES

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Road safety is one of the seven key priorities of the Carmarthenshire Community Safety Partnership.
Improving walking and cycling links is highlighted as a policy in the Joint Local Transport Plan for South West Wales (2015/2020)

2. Legal

The County Council has a duty under the Active Travel Act (Wales) 2013 to develop, maintain and improve infrastructure that encourages active travel journeys

3. Finance

The proposed contraflow is due to be constructed via funding from Welsh Government as part of our 'Carmarthenshire Walking and Cycling Linkages' under the Active Travel Fund. These monies have to be spent in full before the end of the FY 18/19 or will be returned to Welsh Government.

5. Risk Management Issues

Risk of collision between traffic and cyclists during early adoption of the scheme.

7. Physical Assets

N/A

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: S G Pilliner

Head of Highways and Transport

1. Scrutiny Committee - N/A

2. Local Member(s)

Cllr. Andre McPherson and Cllr. Suzy Curry consulted via email on the 21.12.18. No response received.

3. Community / Town Council

Llanelli Town Council consulted via email on the 21.12.18. Objection received.

4. Relevant Partners - N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE